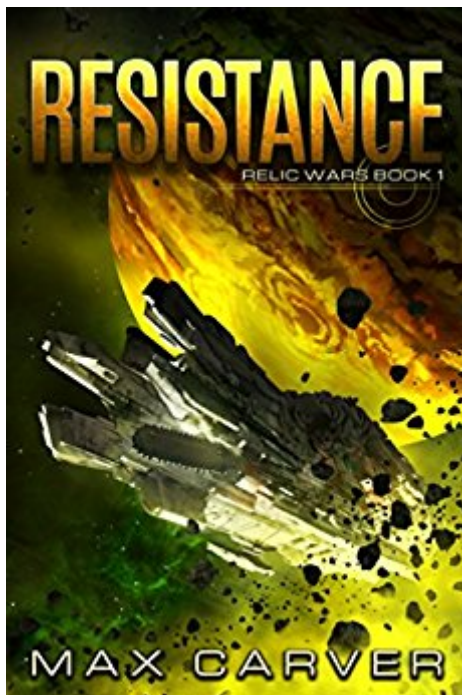


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DISCOVERY...INVASION...WAR...On a rocky, desolate planet, a small band of gold prospectors find themselves making a discovery they never expected--valuable and powerful relics of the galaxy's deep past. They also discover a hostile alien species: gigantic, hideous, ruthless monsters who wipe out all humans on sight. Humanity's first contact with intelligent aliens becomes a war for survival. The invasion has begun...but the beginning of the invasion is also the beginning of the resistance. "Resistance is a terrific space opera adventure. It combines mystery, heart-pounding action, and a good dose of humor. It's Aliens meets Tremors. I can't wait to read the sequel." -Daniel Arenson, USA Today bestselling author of the Earthrise series "Action, colorful characters, mystery, and aliens. A great read!"-Colin Taber, author of Red: Burning Skies

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Customer Reviews

"Resistance (Relic Wars Book 1)," authored by first time published writer, Mr. Max Carver, is an admirable, entertaining, and fresh, character-driven SciFi read. In a centuries forward future, humans

have colonized and spread throughout the nearby spiral arm of the Milky Way Galaxy, as a result of the discovery of an ancient, alien-created network of wormhole "Gates." Following a brutal, devastating war, between the Earth Alliance worlds, and rebel Colonial worlds, who broke away from the oppressive shackles of the Alliance government, an uneasy Armistice is in effect, as both sides slowly recuperate. A penny-pinching, cost-conscious, mining concern, in competition with others on a geologically active planet, "Caldera," has miners using low budget, rented, or leased equipment, searching for valuable metals. The planet, renown for both its abundant mineral riches and wealthy, tech-advanced, cosmopolitan city prior to the war, has become a barely life-sustaining, heavily polluted, post-nuclear strike, wasteland. A small team of the company's miners, while blasting a new underground spur, happen upon the preserved remains of an alien burial complex, and discover an artifact created by the ancient "Gate" builders. The miners themselves, are discovered by an intelligent, all-devouring, and genocidal alien race, who desire the relic, and cave-in the mine entrance, to trap the team. After a somewhat slow and discouraging start to "Resistance," [full disclosure: I almost bailed and DNF. To do so, in hindsight, would have robbed me of an very enjoyable read.] the author found his stride, and the character-driven story took off. The main character (MC), "Eric," is a young miner, legs crippled from result of a cliff diving accident, while a youth on his home planet, trying to impress his childhood sweetheart. Eric wears leg braces and has a "neural plug" that aids him in walking, while its spinal connection also allows him to operate a myriad of equipment. The MC had hoped to escape the shadows of his robust, war veteran, older brothers, get rich by making a mineral strike, and then return to his agricultural home world, impress his university coed sweetheart, and have her agree to his marriage proposal. Instead, Eric learns by innuendo from his girlfriend, that she is greatly enjoying the liberating freedom of university life ("wink, wink, nudge, nudge"), and finds himself trapped deep underground, running for his life from aliens. At the book's beginning, Mr. Carver's portrayal of Eric, came across to this reviewer, as almost YA, hence the near "DNF." Further reading of the story, showed the character to be more nuanced. Instead of being just a naive, innocent, rube, who is being "played" by his sweetheart, Eric is written as strong, internally conflicted, "never-say-die," kind of guy. He's not a yokel or at his core, unrealistic. He's just a solid guy, a survivor, willing to roll of his sleeves, get his hands dirty, and get the job done. The supporting and secondary characters are an eclectic bunch, not fully drawn as the MC, Eric, but nonetheless entertaining. There are bumps in the story and plots, such as over abundant repetition, curious lapses in narrative choices, and plot gaps, that warrant some filling in. Overall, these do not derail the full story read, and with a little seasoning, editing, Mr. Carver could easily smooth out the rough edges. The story is constructed as a stand

alone. It doesn't have the indie SciFi genre, serial writer "obligatory cliffhanger" ending. Instead, it just lightly teases that some outstanding mysteries will be answered in a Book 2. Fair enough. "Resistance," is highly recommended for those who prefer a character-driven story. It is a much better read than this reviewer is capable of describing. The book was fully read via Kindle Unlimited.

A Great read I loved it Numerous corporations and two military factions on earth all looking to control ancient alien tech and an another aggressive alien race of worms looking for the same tech Crazy Characters I recommend reading this book and continuing to read the rest of this series I AM!!! Well Done Max Carver

Hard hitting and fast paced action packed book with believable characters who have their own unique problems. A great read that makes you turn the pages just to see what would happen next.

From the "Look Inside" I expected mature characters, exchanging earthy banter while executing a high-tech "fight for survival" story line. Sadly, what I got was a truly pedestrian plot where the eponymous relic was essentially magic so kept saving the day through amazing abilities that just happened to be available. Our protagonist in this listless novel is Eric Rowan, the 'innocent abroad' who has joined a threadbare mining company to make his fortune and prove his worth to his love interest back home on the ultra-religious corn belt planet, Gideon. Eric and his fellow miners operate underground in dangerous conditions using barely-there equipment on a world inimical to humans. What could possibly go wrong? Well, everything and nothing it would seem. Eric is one of a number of stereotyped characters we are supposed to bond with and his lack of guile and straightforward nature makes him harmless enough at least. Bartley, the "slap your back and spill your drink because that's so funny" diamond in the rough is shallower than a puddle and the spoilt brat rich kids are cartoon cutouts. Their lack of depth was very annoying and coupled with the whole escape from underground thing, well, it tested my care factor. Throw a mystical Gatekeeper into the mix 'just because', and I was wondering why I should bother to finish. That escape from underground is the most impossible sequence I've read for a while, as the mining crew battle the hostile alien species hell bent on their destruction. OK, some of the characters do die, but the devastation wrought elsewhere by the aliens is at odds with the crews ability to hold them off. Not to mention the sheer numbers of aliens and their armaments. The battle raged for page upon page, chapter upon chapter, with miraculous escape from tight spot to tight spot...you get the picture. I've read heaps of

books where the action is unrelenting and loved it. Here, not so much. The scenarios made no sense, esp. when underground in unlit mining tunnels using equipment that seems to have infinite battery life. I'm not going to get into the issues I had with the latter part of the book because that would be a spoiler, but basically, if something needs to happen to get the core characters out of a jam, it will happen. Even if IT MAKES NO SENSE! The excuse is the unfathomable technology of the ancients, but vaguely waving your hands and going goggle eyed at amazing things does not a strong story make. I think this would be a good YA read. Eric has a moral compass and is sufficiently self-aware to question things going on in the backstory, so there is some depth there. But he's ultimately too passive for me - and I can see the emerging story arc as he develops into a bona fide hero, blardy blah - but I'm not going to purchase any sequels. The plot was ponderous, the battles improbably and the outcome too dependent on unlikely events.

Interesting new space opera. I look forward to exploring the universe with these characters, and sincerely hope humanity plus together soon in the series.

normally don't read this type of sf but following a recommendation from an author I bought the ebook and really enjoyed it, non stop action, good characters, definitely looking forward to reading next book

The book was written well and enjoyable with a story unlike a lot of space sci-fi books I've read so far. Worth reading and looking forward to more.

I really enjoyed reading this book via my kindle a good cast of characters believable plot when is the next one out please

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