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The Long Voyage Of The Little Fleet (Family Law Book 2)



Synopsis

In the first book of this series "Family Law", Lee's parents and their business partner Gordon found a class A habitable planet. They thought their quest as explorers was over and they'd live a life of ease. But before they could return and register their claim Lee's parents died doing a survey of the surface. That left Lee two-thirds owner of the claim and their partner Gordon obligated by his word with her parents to raise Lee. She had grown up aboard ship with her uncle Gordon and he was the only family she'd ever known. Him adopting her was an obvious arrangement - to them. Other people didn't see it so clearly over the picky little fact Gordon wasn't human. After finding prejudice and hostility on several worlds Lee was of the opinion planets might be nice to visit, but terrible places to live. She wanted back in space exploring. Fortunately Gordon was agreeable and the income from their discovery made outfitting an expedition possible. Lee wanted to go DEEP - out where it was entirely unknown and the potential prizes huge. After all, if they kept exploring tentatively they might run up against the border of some bold star faring race who had gobbled up all the best real estate. It wasn't hard to find others of a like mind for a really long voyage. This sequel to "Family Law" is the story of their incredible voyage.

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Customer Reviews

I would have given this book 4+ stars but for the editing. The entire story has large sections ruined by the use of homonyms, missing letters, misspelled words and miscellaneous typos. There are also sections that seemed to have been lifted entirely from other parts of the book and reused to fill out a word count. Ok, enough ranting. The story is just plain fun. I liked the first in the series to buy the second one, and all complaining aside, the entertainment value received was well worth overlooking any formatting errors. The characters are engaging, most scenarios are interesting, and I'd like to read another in the series. In spite of my less than perfect review, I will buy more from this author. I just hope he eventually finds a better editor.

To me it says something when I enjoy a book so much even though there's seeming holes in the ideas. One; no scientists or makers on a far distant explore, no corporations. Two; new ideas are not the main trade interest between different aliens. Three; even though the aliens are much like us (can breath the same air, eat each other's foods, and enjoy drinking alcohol) they don't share microbes or even apparent awareness of microbiological importance or information density of these most evolved life forms in (probably) any ecosystems. It's easy to overlook and fall into the author's story and enjoy as is.

When reviewing Mr. Chandler's two Family Law books, one is reminded of the classic works of Isaac Asimov, Robert Heinlein and Arthur C. Clarke. If the 'Big Three' are all 10's, then Mr. Chandler rates a strong 9. No, The Long Voyage of the Little Fleet is not a perfect story. As with any self-published book there are typo's and grammar issues that jar slightly the distinct pleasure I got from this book. But these speed bumps are more numerous than in the first of this universe, Family Law. Still, the issues are not numerous and can be overlooked. Although I would have preferred more details, the descriptions of the various societies is sufficient to understand their differences from our current (2014) technological and moral base. Others may disagree, but character development continues from Family Law and aids the perception that the main characters are personal friends. Family Law is the prequel and should be read before this one to get a better understanding of the universe that Mr. Chandler has created. I hope that there are further books in this series as I would love to follow Lee and Gordon as they work together to investigate other

cultures and societies. Highly recommend this book to those that like 'space opera'.

I was a little worried as I got into "the long voyage of the little fleet" as it felt a little slow to me. However as I got deeper into the book it picked right up and took off. I very much appreciated the humor built into the story. There are a lot of little jokes embedded in the story here and there that I really liked and wished there had been even more of them. I am already wanting the next story.. :) keep on writing Mr. Chandler and I will keep on buying and reading.

Having read Family Law, I had an expectation of a good read with this story. I got it. The continuity between the stories is excellent, and the interchanges between characters is believable and amusing at times. As others have mentioned, there are quite a few typos and misplaced punctuation marks, but nothing to disrupt the reading enjoyment. I volunteer to be a beta reader for the next one. No charge. The one thing I noticed several times was that I often caught myself ready to respond to a character's comments. I felt as though I was - not a fly on the wall, but a non-speaking character actually observing the rest of the crew as they did their duties. It's been a long while since a story allowed me to forget my surroundings so well. I've interacted with teens the age of the protagonist: while many are real dweebs, there are a few with mature, reasoned abilities to converse intelligently on a variety of subjects. So I find Lee's characterization quite believable. Heaven help the cosmos when she develops an interest in boys, though! But I think she'll be hard to please, and justly so. Of course, there won't be many guys wanting to face up to a 750 kilo 10 foot tall father. Especially with 4 inch talons! The only thing keeping this story from rating a full five stars is the typos mentioned. But don't let that stop you from enjoying a fine story.

Four and a half stars. It is hard not to compare this to "Family Law" since both books are part of the same series and by the same author. This is not nearly as groundbreaking as the first book and many of the new characters are not nearly so fully developed. There were also many more typos than in "Family Law". It felt a little just a bit rushed; as a new fan of Chandler's work I can appreciate the hurry but it does show. The few negatives aside; this was a great, fun read. Our characters go on a mission to explore deep space and make first contact a couple times over. It is well done even if 'first contact' stories are fairly common in sci-fi. It isn't often when I look up from my book and have to take a moment to realize that there won't be an intelligent grizzly bear looking over my shoulder, that is how good Chandler is at creating a believable universe with believable characters. This may not be considered great literature, but it was so good that I forgot to eat a couple times...

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