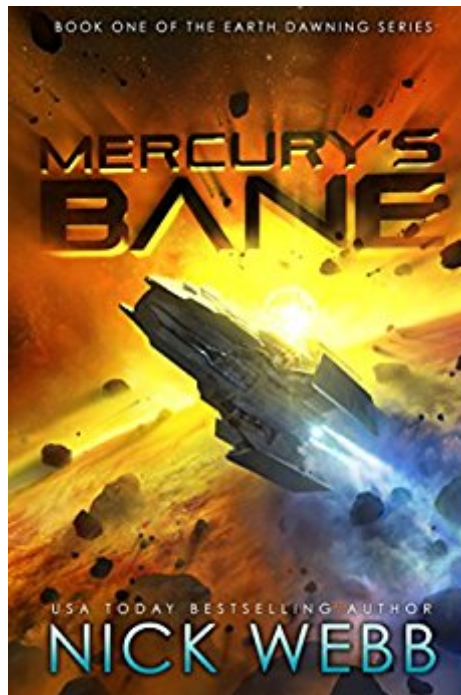




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# Mercury's Bane: Book One Of The Earth Dawning Series



## Synopsis

They're all gone. We remember them like yesterday: pieces of our stolen heritage. Things like NASA. Football. Parades and pies. Good things, comfortable things. We remember a time when we were alone in the universe, safe and oblivious. But it's all gone now. We called them the Telestines, and in the face of their ruthless invasion we were powerless. By 2040, all the world's governments and militaries had fallen, and the remnants of humanity exiled to the solar system. We looked down on our blue planet, so close to our birthplace, so close to our home. But the miles may as well have been lightyears. Our anger smoldered in the darkness of space. On Mars. On Ganymede. In the dank crowded filth of the asteroids. We swore: we will take our planet back. And today, it begins. Our fleet is ready. Our soldiers determined. Earth will be ours again.

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Earth was quickly defeated by the aliens. The war didn't last long as it was a massacre. The alien's technology was so advanced that mankind didn't have a chance. Most of humanity was slaughtered. The few remaining humans were either living in remote places on earth, spread

around the solar system or captured by the aliens and turned into drone slaves. The drones were genetically modified and are emotionless workers. Some of the remaining humans formed a rebellion and slowly gathered weapons and ships and trained for a revolution. They spread around the solar system to find places to live and plan their revenge. They wanted freedom! Others surrendered after a treaty was signed and submitted to the dominance of the Telestine aliens. The rebels are almost ready but they have been discovered by the Telestine military. It is now, or never. Fight and win freedom or die and see the end of the human race. Either way, the rebels want to make the Telestines regret that they didn't kill all the humans. The rebels want the Earth back, it belongs to them. This was a good book. I enjoyed it and found it to be a good story. I'll look forward to the next book in the series. I rated this one 4 stars.

This was the first time I read the work of Nick Webb and I found the storytelling spellbinding. It was really hard to put my Kindle down and walk away for any length of time until I reached the chilling conclusion of this first book of a brand new series (you might say I put my life on hold till I could find out what happened with each segment of the story). I was sad to see that I had jumped into the Earth Dawning series before book two is available so I immediately turned to the Legacy Fleet: The Complete Trilogy. Mercury's Bane is in the finest tradition of Science Fiction / Space Opera -- Nick Webb establishes a solar system of intricate characters that are interesting, 3 dimensional, and that compel the reader to care about what happens to them next. We are saddened by the losses and defeats, we are made hopeful by the successes and surprising developments. And I was fascinated by the abilities and capacities of the Human Species in success and in defeat as the story is told by the Nick Webb. Space Ships, Space Stations, Space Cannons, Space Battles -- a plucky band of survivors. I can't wait to see what cosmic surprises we will find in the next book.

Mr. Webb does a fantastic job with every outing, whether it be his very good Legacy Fleet and Legacy Ship trilogies and now with the opening to a new series, Earth Dawning. Once again, he gives us an interesting and realistic universe to explore--I look forward to see where this goes. The series starts with an occupied Earth and delves into what has become of humanity--working to survive at the fringes, whether the moons of Jupiter, Mars, or Venus. Should humanity strike at the aliens who have kicked us off Earth, potentially starting a much greater--and more dangerous--conflict, or accept our status as a defeated species? These are the questions asked in the book.

Another new series to get your teeth into, started with a bang, looking forward to the next instalment. Plenty of action and intrigue

It's not great, nor is it terrible. I like the characters but the story is disjointed and implausible. Read this while you are waiting for something really good to be released, or to kill some time. That said, I'm a sucker for a good ending which this book has. Sad that you have to wait for the last five chapters to get you really interested, but they were really good, and yes I'll buy the sequel to see how it all ends up. Maybe the author will give me maybe ten or twelve interesting chapters next time.

Nice plot, but I found it difficult to read and follow the characters and plot. With more than a few new ideas, I hope the next books have a more coherent style, since it's a good beginning for a series.

Just a setup book. Book 2 might actually go somewhere. But the plot was telegraphed well in advance. Nothing really bad, just rather predictable.

Really enjoyed the book. Multiple layers of plots and intrigue between both humans and alien conquerors - make it very interesting to read. Lot of development of Pike who is the main character and others. Good battle scenes and times of suspense and danger. Looking forward to sequel which I will buy.

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