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Stellar Fox (Castle Federation Book 2)



Synopsis

LEGENDARY AND UNTESTED Captain Kyle Roberts delivered one of the Castle Federation's few victories in the early days of the war. Even losing his ship in the process didn't prevent him being elevated as the hero "the Stellar Fox" his country desperately needed. His status with the public demands a worthy command, and he finds himself on the bridge of the Federation's latest supercarrier and headed to the front lines of the war. But the Navy sees his promotion as a public relations stunt. His subordinates and superiors alike question his lack of experience and enemies at the highest level of his own government manoeuvre to destroy him. As the war heats up around him, the Commonwealth may not be the greatest threat to Kyle Roberts or Avalon.

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Customer Reviews

This author has chops and has improved with each book. Book 2 has the classic list of characters found in Fleet action reads and is well done for what it is. The story line moves at a nice pace, the crew has a nice mix of personalities and there is plenty of action mixed with a little mystery. The

editing is wonderful and the book is well put together. If you are looking for strong character development, social science fiction or hard science--this is not your cup of tea. If, however, you like a somewhat predictable military sci-fi read, this book does not disappoint. I will purchase the next book in the series.

Classic military space opera. An unexpected attack by enemy, the experienced captain's death places the new officer in charge. After a surprisingly successful victory even though outnumbered, outgunned, and inexperienced what does the military do with this inexperienced officer. Got to give him a medal, but then what? Either place him somewhere so he can learn and season into higher rank or if he has enough public champions who want him rewarded and high ranking enemies who want him placed over his head so he will fail you give him command of the newest bad ass ship the navy has and send him off to do the impossible. But enough caution exists that an experienced Admiral is placed in charge. But the old admiral has his own buried secret and his chief of staff has even more. Rip roaring action if you like space battles. A little less clear on who is on the right side of this war. But defaulting to old adage if you started the war you are in the wrong. The motives of some involved areas a bit convoluted and suspect. But making the villains evil and perhaps a bit psychotic is an author's prerogative. Read the series in order the first book is slightly better.

I am not much given to writing reviews but I just could not put this book down. 1:00 am turned to 1:30 and 1:30 to 3 am with broken promises of just one more paragraph, one more page, one more chapter. If you decide to get this book, plan ahead. Drop your kids off at their friends. Gift your spouse or significant other a full day at the spa. Procure large quantities of comestibles and barricade yourself in your home for the duration. Then... Enjoy!

I read this novel when it first came out but neglected to post a review. I've gone back and re-read it (something I do often with novels I really enjoy) and realized I liked it better the second time. Glynn Stewart has two book series underway: this one (Castle Federation) and the Mage series (Starship's Mage and sequels.) This series is more of a military sf series, though not as hardcore "military" as Jack Campbell or some of the other recent military sf. The basic premise is that human space is divided into basically two federations, one centered on Earth and one consisting of former colonies which have banded together to resist Earth's dominance (the Castle Federation.) There are a few neutral systems but they don't come into play very much in the story. The protagonists are part of the Castle Federation space navy, including Kyle Roberts, a Space Navy Captain (the titular

"Stellar Fox".) Kyle is an intriguing character, a reluctant hero who is nevertheless an excellent leader and combat strategist. There is a strong cast of supporting characters, and the author does a very good job of telling the story from multiple viewpoints and weaving in secondary story threads without disrupting the flow of the action. One of the things I found most interesting about this second novel, is that the Commonwealth (the enemies) are not portrayed as necessarily evil or corrupt, just a different government with a different point of view and a bit more ruthless approach to combat. Once in a while it makes you wonder if the bad guys are really "bad" . . . and I look forward to seeing how Stewart explores this more in the next installments. If you enjoy military sf as well as stories with a human touch, you will definitely like this one . . . although I recommend reading "Space Carrier Avalon" (the first novel) before starting this one. Happy reading!

Who doesn't love a great story involving two interstellar powers clashing combined with great characters? In this instalment the general environment heats up and we see some fantastic plots develop. I wait with baited breath for the next piece of the story...

Superb action, interesting characters, great plot. Although the plot was telegraphed a bit, it was still very interesting. What wonderful characters inhabit this series and I can hardly wait until the next book comes out. Thanks for a fun and interesting read.

An excellent sequel to Space Carrier Avalon. Most of our crew is back, with a new mission, a new carrier, and sticky situations. I like that the characters solve problems through preparation and creative thinking more than "I have better technobabble than the bad guys' technobabble." Although it ends at a good logical point, this is clearly in the middle of a series, and the major conflict between the Federation & the Terran empire is still going.

I found the Ship's Mage series to be a better story, these two books kept me reading long past my bedtime. The heroes are strong but not perfect and the story has plenty of twists and turns to keep the reader interested until the last page. I did feel this series needed some more background to explain just why the two groups were fighting; set the stage a bit better for the reader. And as a personal preference, the details of ship size and missile range caused my eyes to glaze. Of course, I just skimmed those sections and left that part of the story for the military buffs. I will be looking for the next books from this author and this series.

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