#### Ascendant The Genesis Fleet Book 2

Admiral John "Black Jack" Geary may have saved the Alliance only to destroy it, in this thrilling and eagerly awaited continuation of the *New York Times bestselling series.* Geary believed in the Alliance. Even when he uncovered overwhelming evidence that the highest echelons of the government and fleet command were involved in secret programs and prison camps, he believed it was worth saving. And that his duty was to see that justice was served even though some factions feared that revealing the truth would cause the Alliance to crumble. But after narrowly surviving two assassination attempts when he brings evidence of

the misdeeds to the capital star system, Geary realizes that some have decided the easiest way to make the Alliance's problems go away is to get rid of him. He finds himself ordered to undertake a perilous new mission outside of the reaches of human-occupied space while the Senate clashes over the evidence. Geary's warships must escort a diplomatic and scientific mission across the dangerous, disintegrating remnants of the Syndicate Worlds empire. But even if he can make it to Midway Star System, the gateway to aliencontrolled space, Geary will face former Syndicate officials who have rebelled and regard the Alliance with deep suspicion. And that will be the easy part. . . .

New York Times bestselling author
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*Iack Campbell latest novel in the* Lost Fleet series continues the story of Rob Geary and Mele Darcy fighting desperately to defend their world. A young fleet officer and a Marine stand together to defend their colony in the continuation of the powerful and action-packed Genesis Fleet saga from New York Times bestselling author Jack Campbell. In the three years since former fleet officer Rob Geary and former Marine Mele Darcy led improvised forces to repel attacks on the world of Glenlyon, Old Earth and the Old Colonies have continued to shrink their military forces. But open warfare erupts once again when Glenlyon tries to force open a trade route. Isolated and alone, Glenlyon places its hope in informal agreements with other worlds also Page 3/53

facing attack. But fiercely independent worlds settled by people who wanted to escape higher authority don't easily agree to such commitments. While politicians try to bring some kind of formal alliance into being, Geary and Darcy once again find themselves fighting desperately to defend their world, hoping they can hold out until help arrives. If it comes at all... When the son of a wealthy, politically powerful family is found dead, London constable and sorcerer's apprentice Peter Grant investigates this case, which is linked to a roque magician known as the Faceless Man--and which takes him deep within the deadliest subway system in the world. Original. 50,000 first printing.

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Grand Pursuit. Destiny of Dragons The Lost Fleet: Valiant A Just Determination The Shape Of Things To Come From BSFA Award winning author Gareth L. Powell comes the first in a new epic sci-fi trilogy exploring the legacies of war The sentient warship Trouble Dog was built for violence, vet following a brutal war, she is disgusted by her role in a genocide. Stripped of her weaponry and seeking to atone, she joins the House of Reclamation, an organisation dedicated to

rescuing ships in distress. When a civilian ship goes missing in a disputed system, Trouble Dog and her new crew of loners, captained by Sal Konstanz, are sent on a rescue mission. Meanwhile, light years away, intelligence officer Ashton Childe is tasked with locating the poet, Ona Sudak, who was aboard the missing spaceship. What Childe doesn't know is that Sudak is not the person she appears to be. A straightforward rescue turns into something far more dangerous, as Trouble Dog,

Konstanz and Childe find themselves at the centre of a conflict that could engulf the entire galaxy. If she is to save her crew, Trouble Dog is going to have to remember how to fight... This fascinating book is the first volume in a projected cultural history of the United States, from the earliest English settlements to our own time. It is a history of American folkways as they have changed through time, and it argues a thesis about the importance for the United States of having been British

in its cultural origins. While most people in the United States today have no British ancestors, they have assimilated regional cultures which were created by British colonists, even while preserving ethnic identities at the same time. In this sense, nearly all Americans are "Albion's Seed," no matter what their ethnicity may be. The concluding section of this remarkable book explores the ways that regional cultures have continued to dominate national politics from 1789 to 1988, and still help to

shape attitudes toward education, government, gender, and violence, on which differences between American regions are greater than between European nations. Returning from survival hibernation and assuming the command of the Alliance fleet, legendary hero Captain John "Black Jack" Geary must retrieve the stolen Syndic hypernet key to save the Alliance from destruction at the hands of the Syndics. Original. Traces how the works of Charles Dickens and Henry

Mayhew reflected the poor majority in mid-nineteenthcentury London, citing the achievements of such influential figures as John Maynard Keyes, Paul Samuelson, and Amartya Sen. The Ancient City The Story of Economic Genius Four British Folkways in America The Lost Fleet: Beyond the Frontier: Dreadnaught Stark's Crusade After rescuing POWs from a labor camp in the Heradao Star System, Captain John 'Black Page 10/53

Jack" Geary discovers that the Syndics plan to ambush his fleet, forcing him to jump from one star system to the next in an effort to avoid the enemy.

**Ensign Paul Sinclair must** investigate the actions of Pete Wakeman, the captain of the USS Michaelson, a state-of-the-art warship, who has ordered the annihilation of a civilian research vessel - a crime that effects the entire universe. Original. With the United States ruling over the planet, a consortium of rivals has begun mining on the moon and Sergeant Ethan Stark is headed there to stop them. Original.

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Space opera blends with military science fiction—and Earth clashes with Mars—in this action-packed series opener from a Tom Clancy game franchise writer Captain Lincoln Suh died on a Wednesday. And things only got harder from there. Snatched out of special operations and thrown headfirst into a secretive new unit, Lincoln finds himself as the team leader for the 519th Applied Intelligence Group, better known as the Outriders. And his first day on the job brings a mission with the highest possible stakes. A dangerously cunning woman who most assuredly should be dead has seemingly returned. And her

plans aren't just devastating, they might be unstoppable. How do you defeat a hidden enemy when vou can't let them know they've been discovered? You send in the Outriders. Moon Over Soho The Prehistoric Origins of Ancient **Egypt** Earth Ascendant The Lost Fleet: Corsair #1 New York Times bestselling author Jack Campbell continues his "series of fast-paced adventure" (SFRevu) as The Lost Fleet: Beyond the Frontier continues... Admiral

John ?Black Jack" Geary and the crew of Dauntless have safely escorted important alien representatives to Earth. But before they can depart for home, two of Geary's key lieutenants vanish. The search for his missing men leads Geary on a farflung chase, ultimately ending at the one spot in space from which all humans have been banned: the moon Europa. Any ship that lands there must stay or be destroyed?leaving Geary

to face the most profound moral dilemma of his life. To make matters worse, strains on the Alliance are growing as the Syndics continue to meddle. Geary is ordered to take a small force to the border of Syndic space. But what he finds there is a danger much greater than anyone expected: a mysterious threat that could finally force the Alliance to its knees? The elite Anti-Revision Command, the ARC Riders, attempt to foil a Page 15/53

desperate plot to destroy the United States. Reactionary 23rd century conspirators have changed history, and the Vietnam War has spread to central China. A young fleet officer and a Marine stand together to defend their colony in the continuation of the powerful and actionpacked Genesis Fleet saga from New York Times bestselling author Jack Campbell. In the three years since former fleet officer Rob Geary and Page 16/53

former Marine Mele Darcy led improvised forces to repel attacks on the newly settled world of Glenlyon, tensions have only gotten worse. When one of Glenlyon's warships is blown apart trying to break the blockade that has isolated the world from the rest of humancolonized space, only the destroyer Saber remains to defend it from another attack. Geary's decision to take Saber to the nearby star Kosatka to safeguard a

diplomatic mission is a risky interpretation of his orders, to say the least. Kosatka has been fighting a growing threat from so-called rebels--who are actually soldiers from aggressive colonies. When a "peacekeeping force" carrying thousands of enemy soldiers arrives in Kosatka's star system, the people of that world, including Lochan Nakamura and former "Red" Carmen Ochoa, face an apparently hopeless

battle to retain their freedom. It's said that the best defense is a good offense. But even if a bold and risky move succeeds, Geary and Darcy may not survive it...

p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 12.0px Calibri} Jack Campbell, the author behind the Lost Fleet novels, is now bringing his best-selling sci-fi series to comics. The Lost Fleet: Corsair features all the engaging character

elements that have helped make the Lost Fleet novels such an incredible success - but this time, the series' epic space battles are brought to stunning life thanks to incredible visuals from Andrew Siregar (Sevara), complimented by color work by Sebastian Cheng (Orphan Black, The X-Files). Imprisoned by the Syndics, Michael Geary's one chance lies in Destina Aragon determined commander of a regiment of hardened

soldiers now caught up in a wide scale rebellion within Syndic space. Seeking to escape both their prison and Syndic space, will Geary and Aragon join forces to get home — or will the hatreds stirred by a decades-old war kill them both? Black Genesis Outriders Vanguard A Study on the Religion, Laws and Institution of Greece and Rome Whispers Under Ground CAMPBELL/LOST FLEET

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**COURAGEOUS** HE SWORE TO PROTECT AND SERVE NOW HE HAS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM. When the American Lunar colony was threatened, he served his country in battle. But when high ranking officers betrayed him and his soldiers, he had only one choice—rebellion. Now Sergeant Ethan Stark is in charge of a rebel organization he never intended to create, and the United States has just joined forces with its former enemy to insure his destruction. Stark has no intention of compromising his honor, even in the face of impossible odds. He and his soldiers have no desire to fight American forces, but they are willing to pay any price to defend the rights of the colonists they were sent to protect. Now Stark and his soldiers must fend off deadly aggression from their own country without igniting a full scale civil war.

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A young hero must harness her singular powers to save the world in the conclusion to the New York Times-bestselling author's Legacy of Dragons trilogy. Ancient weapons of mass destruction lie hidden under the city of Pacta Servanda. Remnants of the Great Guilds and rebellious factions of the Empire want to seize those weapons and regain control of Dematr. Only Jason, brought by the first ship from Earth since the colony failed, might be able to disarm the threat. But he also might know how to employ the weapons for his own ends, making him a danger to all sides. Standing between these threats is Kira of Dematr. But Kira, who somehow has both Mage powers and technical skills, is consumed by the mental conflicts caused by having both. As rogue Mechanics, Mages, and mercenaries attack with every weapon at their disposal, Kira suffers blackouts and begins to lose her

mind. The fate of her world rests not only on her survival, but also her ability to control her unprecedented abilities. "The wait is over. New York Times bestselling author Jack Campbell continues his action-packed spin-off to The Lost Fleet series as the Syndicate's civil war threatens to spread even farther into the final frontier ... President Gwen Iceni and General Artur Drakon have successfully liberated the Midway Star System-but the former rulers of the Syndicate Worlds won't surrender the region without a fight. The dictatorial regime has ordered the ex-Syndicate CEOs terminated with extreme prejudice and the system's citizens punished for their defiance. Outnumbered and led by junior officers hastily promoted in the wake of the uprising, Midway's warships are no match for the fleet massing and preparing to strike. But the Syndicate isn't the only Page 24/53

threat facing Iceni and Drakon. Another former CEO has taken control of the Ulindi Star System, the first calculated move toward establishing his own little empire. With Drakon's ground forces dispatched to Ulindi, Midway erupts in violence as Syndicate agents and other, unknown enemies stoke a renewed revolt against Iceni's power-leaving both her and Drakon vulnerable to trusted officers just waiting for an opportune moment to betray them ..."--

Against All Enemies Resolute Albion's Seed Cutter's Wars Steadfast

Presents proof that an advanced black African civilization inhabited the Sahara long before Pharaonic Egypt • Reveals black Africa
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to be at the genesis of ancient civilization and the human story • Examines extensive studies into the lost civilization of the "Star People" by renowned anthropologists, archaeologists, genetic scientists, and cultural historians as well as the authors' archaeoastronomy and hieroglyphics research . Deciphers the history behind the mysterious Nabta Plava ceremonial area and its stone calendar circle and megaliths Relegated to the realm of archaeological heresy, despite a wealth of hard scientific evidence, the theory that an advanced civilization of black

Africans settled in the Sahara long before Pharaonic Egypt existed has been dismissed and even condemned by conventional Egyptologists, archaeologists, and the Egyptian government. Uncovering compelling new evidence, Egyptologist Robert Bauval and astrophysicist Thomas Brophy present the anthropological, climatological, archaeological, geological, and genetic research supporting this hugely debated theory of the black African origin of Egyptian civilization. Building upon extensive studies from the past four decades and their Page 27/53

own archaeoastronomical and hieroglyphic research, the authors show how the early black culture known as the Cattle People not only domesticated cattle but also had a sophisticated grasp of astronomy: created plentiful rock art at Gilf Kebir and Gebel Uwainat; had trade routes to the Mediterranean coast, central Africa, and the Sinai; held spiritual and occult ceremonies; and constructed a stone calendar circle and megaliths at the ceremonial site of Nabta Playa reminiscent of Stonehenge, yet much older. Revealing these "Star People" as the true founders of ancient Egyptian

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civilization, this book completely rewrites the history of world civilization, placing black Africa back in its rightful place at the center of mankind's origins. When Dr Philip Raven, a diplomat working for the League of Nations, dies in the 1930s, he leaves behind a book of dreams outlining the visions he has been experiencing for many years. These visions seem to be glimpses into the future, detailing events that will occur on Earth for the next two hundred years. This fictional 'history of the future' proved prescient in many ways, as Wells

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predicted events such as the Second World War, the rise of chemical warfare, climate change and the growing instability of the Middle East.

BODY AND SOUL The song. That's what London constable and sorcerer's apprentice Peter Grant first notices when he examines the corpse of Cyrus Wilkins, part-time jazz drummer and full-time accountant, who dropped dead of a heart attack while playing a gig at Soho's 606 Club. The notes of the old jazz standard are rising from the body—a sure sign that something about the man's death was not at all natural but instead

supernatural. Body and soul-they're also what Peter will risk as he investigates a pattern of similar deaths in and around Soho. With the help of his superior officer, Detective Chief Inspector Thomas Nightingale, the last registered wizard in England, and the assistance of beautiful jazz aficionado Simone Fitzwilliam, Peter will uncover a deadly magical menace—one that leads right to his own doorstep and to the squandered promise of a young jazz musician: a talented trumpet player named Richard "Lord" Grant-otherwise known as Page 31/53

Peter's dear old dad. When the starship USS Michaelson is compromised after the South Asian Alliance opens fire on an asteroid, legal officer Paul Sinclair is ordered by NCIS to work covertly as a spy and expose a traitor who is selling secrets to the enemy. Original. Tiger By the Tail The Lost Fleet: Beyond the Frontier: Guardian Triumphant The Ramal Extraction The Lost Fleet: Courageous A young fleet officer and a Marine stand together to defend their colony in the continuation of the powerful and action-packed Genesis Fleet saga from New York Page 32/53

Times bestselling author Jack Campbell. In the three years since former fleet officer Rob Geary and former Marine Mele Darcy led improvised forces to repel attacks on the world of Glenlyon, Old Earth and the Old Colonies have continued to shrink their military forces. But open warfare erupts once again when Glenlyon tries to force open a trade route. Isolated and alone, Glenlyon places its hope in informal agreements with other worlds also facing attack. But fiercely independent worlds settled by people who wanted to escape higher authority don't easily agree to such commitments. The New York Times bestselling author of The Lost Fleet novels continues with a brand new military science fiction series.

View our feature on Jack Campbell's The Lost Fleet: Beyond the Frontier: Dreadnaught. The New York Times bestselling series that delivers "edge-of- your-seat combat" (Elizabeth Moon, author of the Vatta's War series). The Alliance woke Captain John "Black Jack" Geary from cryogenic sleep to take command of the fleet in the centurylong conflict against the Syndicate Worlds. Now Fleet Admiral Geary's victory has earned him the adoration of the people-and the enmity of politicians convinced that a living hero can be a very inconvenient thing. Geary knows that members of the military high command and the government question his loyalty to the Alliance and fear his staging a coup-so he can't help but wonder if the newly Page 34/53

christened First Fleet is being deliberately sent to the far side of space on a suicide mission. Jack Campbell returns to the world of the New York Times bestselling Lost Fleet novels with a new actionpacked military science fiction series that explores the founding of the Alliance . . . and the men and women who fought to create it. Earth is no longer the center of the universe. After the invention of the faster-than-light jump drive, humanity is rapidly establishing new colonies. But the vast distances of space mean that the old order of protection and interstellar law offered by Earth has ceased to exist. When a nearby world attacks, the new colony of Glenlyon turns to Robert Geary, a young former junior fleet officer, Page 35/53

and Mele Darcy, a onetime enlisted Marine. With nothing but improvised weapons and a few volunteers, Geary and Darcy must face down warships and armored soldiers--or die trying. As battles rage and pirates take an increasing toll throughout the colonies, the only hope for lasting peace lies with Carmen Ochoa, a "Red" from the anarchic world of Mars, and Lochan Nakamura, a failed politician. They have a plan: to lay the groundwork for mutual defense that could someday grow into an alliance. But if their efforts don't succeed, the growing power of aggressor worlds could turn regions of space founded on freedom into battlefields between the first interstellar empires... Admiral John "Black Jack" Geary Page 36/53

must battle dangers both within and without the Alliance, in this exciting continuation of the New York Times bestselling series. Geary knows that some political factions in the Alliance were just trying to get rid of him when he was assigned to escort a diplomatic and scientific mission to the far reaches of humanity's expansion into the galaxy . . . and beyond. But he views his mission as both a duty and an opportunity to make things better wherever he can. And when a crippled Rift Federation ship tumbles out of jump space, Geary leaps into action. But the survivors' story isn't completely adding up. As Geary investigates, he soon finds himself fending off spies and assassins while leading the fleet as it fights its way across space Page 37/53

controlled by the mysterious and hostile aliens whom humans call enigmas. Challenges arrive at every turn, including an unknown alien species that invites the fleet to visit one of their star systems. With little information to go on, Geary must weigh the benefits of potential new allies against the possibility of a trap. The fate of the fleet—and perhaps even the future of humanity—will depend on him making the right decision. If he can stay alive long enough to do that. The Lost Fleet: Victorious **Embers of War** Tarnished Knight Stark's War The Lost Stars: Shattered Spear NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLING MII ITARY ADVENTURE SERIES. A new addition to the Kildar military Page 38/53

adventure series created by John Ringo. Sequel to Ghost, Kildar, Choosers of the Slain and Unto the Breach. After saving America from Middle Eastern terrorists, even Mike Harmon and the Keldara could use a vacation. Of course, the Kildar s idea of a vacation includes taking down pirates in the Singapore Straits. But when he finds computer chips designed to run nuclear reactors in the pirate booty, Harmon has a new mission thrust upon him discover how bottom-feeding thieves got their hands on topsecret technology. The chips are headed for newly democratic Myanmar, a country vital to American interests in the region. Now Harmon finds himself in a desperate race to learn who stole the chips and why. From glittering

Hong Kong to the slums of Thailand to the swamps of Myanmar, Harmon and his Keldara team follow a trail of death and deceit across the glittering underbelly of Southeast Asia. And as the path winds through dark jungle and slave labor camps to the heart of newborn democracy, Harmon must devise a way to prevent the nasty overthrow of a nation s capital by totalitarian tyrants. But if there s one thing Mike and the Keldara specialize in, it s doing what it takes to give freedom a chance. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). [Ringo·s SF is] peopled with three-dimensional characters and spiced with personal drama as well as tactical finesse.Ó ¾Library Journal ...

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.explosive. . . .Fans of strong military SF will appreciate Ringo s lively narrative and flavorful characters.Ó ¾Publishers Weekly The interstellar skullduggery is thick, and the final action sequence ... is practically impossible not to read in one sitting. . .exceedingly impressive. . . executed with skill, verve, and wit.Ó 34Booklist Ringo provides a textbook example of how a novel in the military SF subgenre should be written. . . . Crackerjack storytelling.Ó ¾Starlog A young fleet officer and a Marine must stand together to defend their neighbors and their colony in this return to the powerful and actionpacked Genesis Fleet saga from New York Times bestselling author Jack Campbell. The recently colonized world of Glenlyon has

learned that they're stronger when they stand with other star systems than they are on their own. But after helping their neighbor Kosatka against an invasion, Glenlyon has become a target. The aggressive star systems plan to neutralize Glenlyon before striking again. An attack is launched against Glenlyon's orbital facility with forces too powerful for fleet officer Rob Geary to counter using their sole remaining destroyer, Saber. Mele Darcy's Marines must repel repeated assaults while their hacker tries to get into the enemy systems to give Saber a fighting chance. To survive, Glenlyon needs more firepower, and the only source for that is their neighbor Kosatka or other star systems that have so far remained neutral. But Kosatka is

still battling the remnants of the invasion forces on its own world. and if it sends its only remaining warship to help will be left undefended against another invasion. While Carmen Ochoa fights for the freedom of Kosatka, I ochan Nakamura must survive assassins as he tries to convince other worlds to join a seemingly hopeless struggle. As star systems founded by people seeking freedom and autonomy, will Kosatka, Glenlyon and others be able to overcome deep suspicions of surrendering any authority to others? Will the free star systems stand together in a new Alliance, or fall alone?

When Imre Bergamasc, the First Prime of the Returned Continuum, is kidnapped by an unknown entity,

which results in the deaths of innocent people, he is forced to return to Earth where saboteurs and dissidents threaten to destroy his empire. Original.

The Lost Fleet: Relentless found its wav onto the New York Times bestseller list... Now Victorious leads the charge again-and "Black Jack" Geary is in command... As war continues to rage between the Alliance and Syndicate Worlds, Captain "Black Jack" Geary is promoted to admiral-even though the ruling council fears he may stage a military coup. His new rank gives him the authority to negotiate with the Syndics, who have suffered tremendous losses and may finally be willing to end the war. But an even greater alien threat lurks on the far side of the Syndic occupied

space.
The Quantum War
Dawn of the Planet of the Apes:
Firestorm
Stark's Command
Ascendant
Arc Riders

-The New York Times bestselling author of The Lost Fleet series returns to the -strong saga-\* of a rebellion against a totalitarian regime, and the determination of two people to create a better future in the farthest reaches of the colonized galaxy... The Syndicate Worlds continues to splinter as more star systems pledge allegiance to President Gwen Iceni, General Artur Drakon, and the new government they're establishing at

Midway. But the toxic legacy of Syndicate rule undermines their efforts as the rebels encounter difficulty trusting one another and believing their new leaders' promises of freedom from tyranny. Before Iceni and Drakon can put their house in order, they must deal with another threat. An enigma warship has appeared and vanished near a Syndic colony. If the aliens are capable of jumping into other human-occupied star systems, then billions of people could be vulnerable to a hostile invasion fleet anywhere it chooses to strike. But an even greater liability lies with Iceni and Drakon as a once-trusted adviser turned saboteur plans

#### revenge ..---

The official movie preguel to the eagerly anticipated Dawn of the Planet of the Apes movie, scheduled for release in July 2014. No Planet of the Apes fan should miss out on this original Apes story written by New York Times bestselling author Greg Keyes, whose previous works include the Star Wars: New Jedi Order novels Edge of Victory I: Conquest, Edge of Victory II: Rebirth, and The Final Prophecy. Bridging the gap between the events of the box office smash Rise of the Planet of the Apes and the eagerly anticipated sequel Dawn of the Planet of the Apes, this movie prequel takes readers on a journey

through the build up that leads to the action on screen.

After being betrayed by the Syndicate, Artur Drakon and Gwen Iceni stage a coup for control of Midway in the first novel in a spin-off of the New York Times best-selling Lost Fleet series. 75,000 first printing.

HE STARTED A REBELLION. NOW HE'LL HAVE TO LEAD IT. United States military forces on the moon have overthrown the ranking officers and placed Sergeant Ethan Stark in command. Now, in addition to fighting a merciless enemy on the moon's surface, Stark must contend with the U.S. government's reaction to his mutiny.

The Moon's American civilian colony has offered to assist the military with food and supplies on one condition: that Stark's troops back the Colony's plea for independence. In order to survive, civilian and soldier must learn to trust one another, as one man's cause becomes a crusade...

The Lost Fleet: Relentless

**Boundless** 

The Lost Fleet: Dauntless

The Genesis Fleet

The Lost Stars: Imperfect Sword The war rages onward and the Union's premier fighter pilots, the Homo Eridanus, start encountering deadly resistance from strange pilots on the Congregate side.

Among wreckage, they find that new Congregate pilots are, in fact, Homo quantus, with strange wiring and AI connections. At the same time, the Puppets come to the Union with offers of an alliance for a dangerous price: the rescue of the geneticist Antonio Del Casal who is a captive on Venus, with over a hundred Homo quantus. Only one person might be able to break through the Congregate defenses at Venus, and he's a con man.

Admiral Geary's First Fleet of the Alliance has survived the journey deep into unexplored interstellar space, a voyage that led to the discovery of new alien species, including a new enemy and a

possible ally. Now Geary's mission is to ensure the safety of the Midway Star System, which has revolted against the Syndicate Worlds empire—an empire that is on the brink of collapse. To complicate matters further, Geary also needs to return safely to Alliance space not only with representatives of the Dancers, an alien species, but also with Invincible, a captured warship that could possibly be the most valuable object in human history. Despite the peace treaty that Geary must adhere to at all costs, the Syndicate Worlds regime threatens to make the fleet's journey back grueling and perilous. And even if Geary escorts

Invincible and the Dancers' representatives home unharmed, the Syndics' attempts to spread dissent and political unrest may have already sown the seeds of the Alliance's destruction... At the close of the 24th Century, a series of revolutions has caused the galaxy to descend into chaos. With the Galactic Union's Army stretched thin, mercenary units have arisen for those who have the need—and the means—to hire them... Captained by former Detached Guerrilla Forces Colonel R.A. "Rags" Cutter, the Cutter Force Initiative is one of the best. A specialized team consisting of both aliens and humans, the Cutters offer services ranging from

fight training and protection to extraction and assassination—as long as the target deserves it and their employer makes good on payday. When they're hired to find and rescue Indira, the soon-to-bemarried daughter of the Rajah Ramal of New Mumbai, the teams' first task is to identify the kidnapper. The obvious suspects are insurgents who want to overthrow the rajanate, but as other forces enter the game and an assassination attempt is made on Ramal, the Cutters realize that their in-and-out extraction job is about to get a lot more interesting—and a lot more lethal...