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PCress says

An appropriate end to a very creative series.

Christina Brummett says

[was completely unsatisfying, showing nothing more than Herzer and Megan finally having sex, but not saying

Lou says

I don't know if I'm ever going to pick this up again. I got *so* annoyed with it. If it'd been a paperback instead of in ebook format, I'd probably have thrown it clear across the room...

(Also, apparently there aren't any elves. Bah.)

Micah says

In both of the other books I've read by Ringo, he quotes the adage, "No plan survives contact with the enemy." Annoyingly, all of the battle plans in the other books proceed to go off without a hitch. In this book, rather than simply telling us that no plans go as they're meant to, he actually shows the plans going awry, and forces the characters to display on-the-fly ingenuity. It's much more satisfying.

Jan says

Major Herzer Herrick is back. Less sure of his role since the first book, he is now the fiance' of the key holder, Countess Megan Samantha Travante. What is his role as the side kick?

However, a major mission to seize the fuel needed to run Earth's power grid becomes a mission Herzer and Megan both need to be on.

The characters do not seem as rich a novel even though it takes 408 pages to complete the mission.

Carena Wood beimler says

When the book series started it was so amazing. And it just slid into unremarkable. However, I will keep

reading. They've not shaken me off the series yet.

Pauline Chamberlain says

Another good sci fi book, will have to try and read some more of his stuff

Samuel Jones says

Oh cool, Space Orcs!

Or so I thought.

This is, sadly, the least fulfilling of the Council Wars series.

Orcs. In Space. Space Orcs. What could possibly go wrong?

Well, the shuttle launch, naturally.

In a world where the technology does indeed exist to teleport our heroes to the orbital re-fuelling ship that powers the generators allowing the Key Holders to wage their hi-tech "Wizard War" devastating a former utopia, Ringo opts to launch his gallant commando team by shuttle.

Here, Ringo's penchant for logistics goes into overdrive, and there follow (I kid ye not sir) 150,000 words of astronaut training. This has been preceded by 50,000 words of character development while the Heroic Herzer Herrick picks his team. This first quarter of the book is right on par with Ringo's usual high standard. However, as the gruelling astronaut training proceeds, the reader cannot help become aware of the ever-slimming portion of the book remaining for the actual action, on the actual spaceship, which is the actual point of the book.

The final arrival on the refuelling ship is a confusing FUBAR on the part of both assault teams, Heric Herzer's squad slaughtered but the fuel captured and Earth saved nonetheless. This is not a spoiler; this is obviously what would happen.

However, Ringo's handling of the layout of the ship, the effects of microgravity and indeed the combat sequences, all but fall apart. The final battle consists of Herzer calmly giving orders or frantically racing to save his girlfriend, while the enemy screw up, scream at each other, and slaughter Herzer's crew.

All in all, this one was a disappointment, which I'm very sorry to say, being a big enough of fan of Ringo's work to have read the whole million-word saga straight from start to finish.

I can only blame the publishers, cutting the length of the series and screwing with the pacing so that we will never know the fates of the remaining characters.

Nix Gerit says

Council wars is a good saga with some cool ideas. I liked that the author concentrated on various aspects of war throughout the books and how creative he was about that.

I'd say some of the more interesting characters, e.g. Joie or Daneh's son, deserve way more attention and it's a waste that they didn't get more screentime. I also found the relationship of Megan and Herzer kind of strange - it seems to be so deep yet there isn't exactly a lot of description or hints of things and bonding that could lead to that. But otherwise the book was okay and I can't claim I haven't enjoyed it.

I very much hope that the Ringo will finish the next book and that it will be soon as I'm impatiently awaiting the end of the story which I expect will be worth it.

Jim says

From Booklist

The possible conclusion to the postholocaust series *The Council War* is a rouser in Ringo's best manner. The New Dynasty warlords are bringing in a shipload of fuel that could give them a vital edge; their opponents have planned to hijack it. Unfortunately, the first Team Icarus has been destroyed, and Herzer Herrick and Megan Travante have to improvise a new one. The sequences in which the new team trains show Ringo's military background, and since many of the new recruits are female survivors of New Dynasty harems, motivation isn't a problem. Sex may be a problem for some readers, but Ringo has the rare knack of showing it as tragic, comic, zany, and lustful all at the same time, depending on who's having it and when. The eventual conclusion of the book is one of those page-turning action scenes that are a Ringo specialty. The question remains, Is the bioengineering of the New Dynasty out as well as down? Probably not, since the book's orcs have started thinking for themselves. *Roland Green*
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Al Lock says

Not quite as good as book 3, but still fun.

Well, we've had ground battles and sea battles, so let's top it all off with a space battle. Somehow, I think John Ringo had a bit of a talk with an 18C before figuring out the battle plan. Fun read.

Heidi says

"Fourth in the series (and currently last, though the ending implies another installment), this installment was

fun and fast-moving. Ringo specializes in military scifi, and he has the military part down pat. His interpersonal relationships are really poorly drawn (and ridiculous, and sometimes downright offensive) but he makes up for it with his depth of understanding about how the military operates, even when battling orcs in space. I wish there had been either a clearer description of the ship where the major battle takes place or a map, because the action is intricate and hard to follow in the absence of either. Also, I just took a master's level class in bioastronautics, and I'm pretty sure there are some important technical details that are incorrect. But there is a battle, in space, with orcs, so who am I to complain? Men will like this better than women, but I liked it too."

David Andelin says

This series is good, but the plot seems to have gone astray in the end as the author seemed to have want to finish over wanting to provide a quality conclusion.

Courtney says

Although this book all but centers around Herzer and his assignment I think this is my favorite of the 4 books. I really missed the "main" cast of characters that the past 3 books centered on and the sudden change made it more difficult for me to really get into the story. Once I did though I couldn't put it down. The mission seems to go wrong at every possible moment and the team really has to think on its feet. Some of the minor characters from the past books did come together in this one and play a much larger role, somewhat replacing the past main characters absence.

Ron says

The most sci-fi of the bunch. Imagine Space Cadet with swords and orcs.

Not the best of the series, but still solid. Ringo also shows his male character actually have heart and understand the difference between love an sex.

My big problem with this book was it didn't have any elves in it. I expected it given how the elf plot ended in the last book. Hopefully we'll see more in the future.
