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Awakened: Age Of Expansion - A Kurtherian Gambit Series (The Ascension Myth Book 1)



Synopsis

In the Future, Even the Broken Can Make a Change...When a nascent AI hacks her holo device, Molly Bates has to think fast and get out of the military before anyone discovers what has happened. The only problem? The swiftest way out is also the most embarrassing. Mortifyingly embarrassing. Ever the underdog, Molly refuses to stay down. What follows is a rough and tumble adventure that takes Molly, and her team of change makers, up against an enemy with power they had not considered. Regrouping off world they set up base on an asteroid that has its own mysteries to uncover.--- PLEASE NOTE ---Inside this book is cursing, amusing cursing, but cursing nonetheless. If bad language offends you, perhaps this book is not for you. Set on the foundation laid by the Kurtherian Gambit Series, Awakening tells an entirely new story in the Age of Expansion--when the Etheric Empire is fast becoming the Etheric Federation with all of the trials and tribulations that come with bringing together different peoples, systems, and ideals.

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Customer Reviews

I am looking forward to where the characters go in the future. This was a great first book for a series, and IMO an exceptional first book for an author (even if MA helped). I would have really enjoyed reading more science, but let's face it, I am a geek. The violence in the book is pretty basic, (in terms of graphic), which is nice, and the "sexuality" is simply acknowledgement of certain physiological responses the human body has. About the book: Good references to the "universe" through out. This is far enough down the timeline that BA would start being seen as either a "boogeymen" or a myth, so I am glad that none of the "regulars" were shoe horned in. The "big fight" came a bit too early into the book (about 60%), but the remainder was the set up for the rest of the series. I am torn between feeling that this was well done and being upset that the climax happened so soon. I am also upset that this book is only the first in the series and I have to wait for the next. That's what I get for reading it the first week it was released. Also very happy to see some profanity that isn't "gottverdammt". I am curious to find out more about Molly in the future, and why the trust fund is so off limits.

Am I weird when I say I love the brilliant but broken characters? Molly is one. Joel, though, balances her well. As a team, they are unstoppable....of course, that teamwork does have some bumps and wrong turns...but that is all part of the growth pattern. There are enough hooks here to take us into the next set of books. Let's see where they take us with Molly, Joel, Sphinx, and the rest of their growing team.

I have finished reading this book and have to say that I am really looking forward to the next book. If you have not read other books in the Kurtherian Gambit Series I don't think that you would have any issue with reading this book as while it is part of the overall universe it does not use any existing characters from previous books. The reason that I give this book a 5-star rating is the story was engaging and kept me wondering what was going to happen with the characters. I personally would like to see some more action but as the first book in a series I am willing to be somewhat flexible. I would be willing to challenge anyone to read this book and find it not enjoyable if you do then I am willing to read almost anything in the genre you would like to understand what you find enjoyable as I enjoy reading.

So what if Sheldon and Amy had a kid? She might end being like the star of this book Molly: who is so very smart, idealistic, wanting justice, socially and sexually wonky, and really really trying to be a

better human. This is not exactly a traditional space opera, Molly is too flawed for that. But it is those flaws and her working towards growth that makes her more appealing. There are a few first time author less than smooth spots, but they are few and far between. Highly recommend.

Ell Leigh Clark enjoyed, laughed out loud, and read at a furious pace. I love the snarky comments. The KGB universe is a great fit! Hard to believe it's your first book. Can't wait to see the character development of Molly and Oz. By the way, is the mark on the wall what I think it is? Hope you write a lot more!!!!

Ok, let me just state that I am a huge Michael Anderle fan. I have literally read every book in his rapidly expanding universe, and I am beyond thrilled with Awakened: Age of Expansion. I think it has great potential to be my favorite series in the Kurtherian Universe except for the main/ original arc. I really enjoy reading a book where the MC doesn't have all the answers and shows great potential for growth in all aspects of his/her life... Even better, she's a nerd! So, Ms. Clarke, I am very eagerly awaiting the next book in your series because I literally read your first one in ONE sitting. I couldn't put it down to even eat. Thank God I didn't have plans for tonight because nothing got done except your book. Keep up the amazingly good work!

I like the quality control that is being exercised in the Kurtherian collection. This novel maintains that quality, providing the reader with all the action he/she may want. The heroine is introduced nicely and the development of the story line to be (at least for a while) is laid out well. It's nice that the Ms. Clarke takes the character evolution slowly. It leaves you anticipating the next novel. The action is excellent and the novel leaves plenty to do in later stories. If you like the Kurtherian setting and are looking for another branch to follow, this one works!

I like the writing style, and it was fun reading. Looking forward to reading anything else she writes. Can't wait!

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