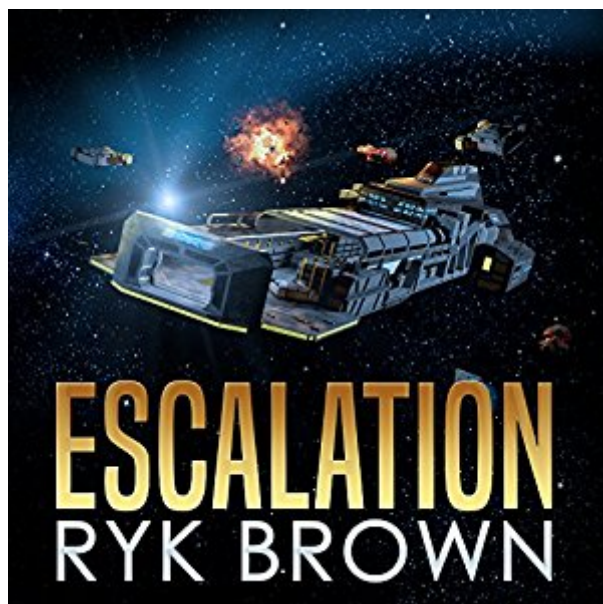


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Escalation: The Frontiers Saga Part 2: Rogue Castes



Synopsis

A cease-fire that has lasted seven years. Worlds half-destroyed that have been rebuilt anew. Friends and crewmates scattered light-years apart. New leaders that would be kings. The Jung threat has been renewed, in ways not imagined. It will take a new savior to inspire the masses, and once again lead those willing to fight against oppression. But who will the new savior be?

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Customer Reviews

When the last book written was completed and read I wasn't going to read anymore of them. But I guess I'm addicted couldn't resist reading this one. I am glad I did, although it did jump around quite a bit I understand that the plotting had to be completed to be able to continue. This is going to be an interesting second part of this series. Wonder if Tug will reappear.

This is the first in the 2nd part of the Frontiers Saga "Rogue Castes", making it Part 16 in the overall series. Escalation was a good title for the book when you finally get through it and understand all of the nuances of the story. 7 years have passed since the end of the first series, since Humanity brought an end to hostilities with the Jung. This was achieved by the sacrifice of Nathan Scott, offering himself up in return for an end to the war. Episode 15 had a fairly startling ending, one that was very well done, not only ending "Frontiers Saga Part 1" on a high note, but leaving it open for the next part of the Saga. And this is where we start, 7 years on. The story (no spoilers!!) covers a lot of the original characters, Jess, Cameron, Vlad, Deliza and her team, Josh

and Loki, President Scott and Miri, Dumar, Lucius and the Ghatazhak, they are all accounted for. Things on the surface seemed to have moved on. Earth is trying to re-establish itself after its near total destruction. Galiardi (yes he is still around) is trying to get the Earth Defence Force up and running again, and everyone else is trying to rebuild their lives after the devastation of the first 15 episodes of the series. I won't go into individual details of stories as I don't want to give too much away, but needless to say, Ryk Brown has done a fantastic job of capturing the feel of a system (all the various planets that you visit in the opening chapters) that have been ravished by war. All the characters are doing a bit better, but a lot of them are still going through the motions, they show signs of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from the war. Jess is particularly well done, in her usual bravado style, but with so much sadness over Nathan and other losses. Even Cameron, the Captain of the Aurora, who was originally so annoyed at not being chosen for what she thought was her rightful place, now realises she was never the right person, and you get the impression she will always live in his shadow. The book moves forward, but there is a distinct feeling that someone is missing in this series, felt by the characters, and that seems to reach out to the reader as well. Ryk Brown has done a very clever job of bringing this across. However, the galaxy just cannot stay at rest long. As per the blurb of the book, the Jung are back. I don't want to say too much and give anything away, but needless to say, this is the opening salvo in what is sure to be another brutal set of books. With Earth poised over numerous KKV's aimed at Jung population centres, including their homeworld, this can only go badly for both sides. There might be some criticism about Escalation for it being a little slow, in that Brown took the time to build a solid base for the remainder of the series. This first book was about letting us know what has happened in the last 7 years, bringing us up to speed so to speak. As such, there is a lot of time spent on character development. That said, the book does not lack for action scenes either, he never disappoints with his descriptions of combat both on the ground, in the air or in space. I am always amazed at the level of detail that goes into the combat descriptions, how well written they are, without being overly drawn out or ridiculously complex. This is an excellent start to Part 2 of the Frontiers Saga, and only affirms that this is an exceptional series that you just have to read. CAN'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE!!

This is the first installment in the second segment of Ryk Brown's Frontiers Saga series. His books are more like chapters in a meganovel, so consider this the first chapter in book 2. This book jumps ahead in the future, catches you up on some main characters and immediately breaks the peace. I'd wait until book 2 comes out so that you aren't left wondering what just happened and left hanging

quite as much.

I have been waiting on this one for a while, so when it appeared on my weekly search I was thrilled. 5 hours later I'm finished with my first read through and am on top of the world. This book is a serious page turner, and full of happy (and sad) surprises. Anxiously awaiting the next installment. Very well done!

22% into it and sadly it's not hitting on all cylinders yet. I'll revise as I feel like but without Nathan, the Frontier Saga Universe is flat--- I have a feeling we haven't heard the last of Nathan Scott. Pretty much a slim book here. Hopefully it'll pick up and make up for the lack of length with a good story--- I've always liked Mr. Brown's stuff; hope this isn't an exception. Ok, 88% read; could Josh and Marcus's Captain Tupelo be Nathan? (Back when I'm done) So, okay, I finished it and dagnabbit, just as there was some decent action kicking in the dang thing was over: I won't throw any spoilers here--- this was kind of an ongoing review as I read the book, I'll summarize my thoughts without spoilers: 1. Slow start, I guess Mr. Brown had to recap parts of the series for new readers 2. Book was too short by at least 1/3rd. 3. There was defiantly a void, it was flat without Nathan. 4. There is a lot of room for the next chapters, lots of ways this can go and I will (basically) patiently wait for the next book. I originally gave this 3 stars, I upped it to 4, if it didn't end just as we were finally getting some action, I'd have said 5 all day long.

Yea, Episode #1 of Part 2, Escalation. Starting out a few years past the peace accord with the Jung brought a fresh perspective to these characters, whom I cannot help caring about. Once again, Mr. Brown adds small refinements in his descriptive writing of the Frontiers Saga that feels like I am physically experiencing the entire scene as it unfolds. Rather like being in now time, instead of second guessing the author's intent, this has more moments of "Well, I didn't see that coming." But, I am getting quite greedy and want to chain Mr. Brown to whatever generating device he uses for writing to finish the next installment. Where is my whip...

To say much of this book risks being a major spoiler. When I thought the series was as good as it gets, it gets even better! ----with a whole new direction. You **MUST** read the series in sequence, for no other reason than they are great. Epic on a scale of Star ----- (fill in the blank)! Better be sitting when you read cause there is one shocker after another!

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