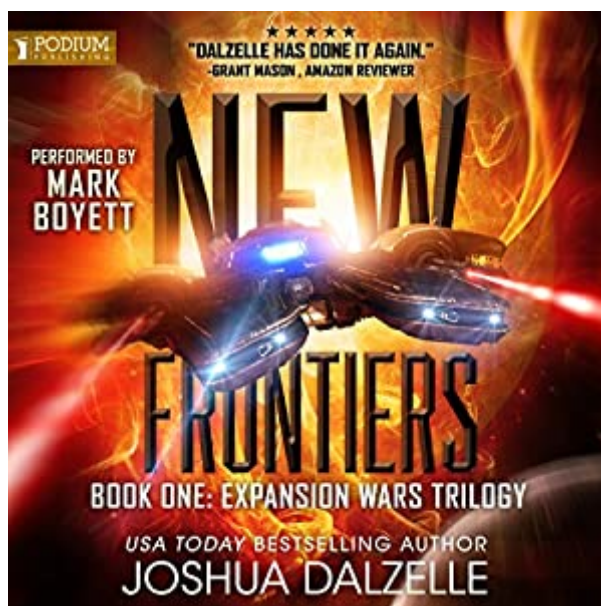


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# New Frontiers: The Expansion Wars Trilogy, Book 1



## Synopsis

The Phage War had been a devastating conflict for the Terran Confederacy. Even with the destruction of their terrifying, implacable foe, humanity is still reeling. Political alliances are crumbling, and their mighty fleet is in tatters. There is nothing to celebrate, even after such a complete victory. They soon learn that there are other stellar neighbors - and they've been watching the conflict with great interest. One species comes with an offer of friendship and alliance, but humanity is weary and distrustful, their only interactions with aliens having resulted in the near eradication of their kind. Before the ashes of war have been fully swept away, Captain Celesta Wright is dispatched to the Frontier with a small taskforce to investigate a mysterious signal while the Confederacy struggles to hold itself together. A partnership with this new species could help accelerate the recovery effort, but is the offer too good to be true? Can humanity risk another fight with an advanced alien species right on the heels of the bloodiest war that had ever been waged? *New Frontiers* is the first book of the *Expansion Wars Trilogy*, an all-new adventure in the *Black Fleet* universe.

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## Customer Reviews

I greatly enjoyed the first trilogy based in this universe he has created and was not disappointed with his decision to continue the saga. What like the most is how he weaves some slight Space Opera aspects (i.e. technology that does not exist;yet) in with what real warfare in space would entail. Specifically the vast distances involved and how they enforce strategic moves that require

hours and sometimes days to play out. His characters are just as believable in this new book as they were in his first set of three. I highly recommend this book (and his first three also) to anyone who enjoys military science fiction that is fast paced and well written.

Always a good book no matter which series it is. Mr. Dalzelle has a knack of making the book he writes exciting while giving you characters you can understand and enough technology that it does not get boring. I am waiting for the next in this series as I am waiting on the next in his other series Omega Force

Good start to the new series (which is a continuation of the Black Fleet Trilogy). I like the first series and was happy to see that the author has started a new series in the same universe. This first book sets up the new story line well - I really enjoyed reading it and will be waiting on the next book in the series. In the back of this book, the author talks a little about where this series is going and it sounds as if it will be as good a story arc as the previous series.

This is a very good Sci-Fi military story and it is my favorite genre to read. I liked this book a lot as it is full of action, science and strategies. Humans have just won the war against the Phage, just barely. Now they are meeting two new alien species. Are they friends, or foes? Joshua Dalzelle is a good author and he writes entertaining books. I like his quality of character development and his use of science. It makes the story more interesting for me as I get involved in the characters and learn to love or hate them. I enjoyed this book and I look forward to the next book in the series. I rated this one at 5 stars.

Interesting developments. This book follows in the "Black Fleet" universe. It helps to have read the first series but is not necessary. Wolfe is retired and much of this story focuses on his former XO now Senior Captain Celesta Wright. I like the change of perspective and the politics behind the war. Dalzelle says in the afterword that he tried not to interject his political views into the story but it does make room for thoughtful consideration. While I enjoyed the 'end of humanity' desperation of "Black Fleet Trilogy" the not so desperate challenge of the "Expansion Wars" leaves a lot more opportunity for characters to develop. There is still plenty of action, but a lot more interaction as well.

Dalzelle had a lot to live up to with this series after the exceptional quality of the initial series "The Black Fleet Trilogy"™, with each of the books in that series being brilliant in their

own right. Warship was outstanding and is still one of my favourite books for its gritty realism and depiction of combat in space and the terror of facing off against an unknown enemy of such incredible power. There are many stories about with a ragtag crew and a grizzled Captain, but none like Warship. As such, there were high expectations for New Frontiers, especially as Captain Wolfe would not be at the helm. Dalzelle does not disappoint. This is a fascinating awakening for the Human race of this particular "Universe"™ that have just come to realise that they are not only "NOT ALONE"™ after their horrific war with the Phage, but that there are many other species out there. More to the point, they are about to learn that they are a lot closer to several of them than they thought. A lot of the main characters from the original series are back, Capt Wright is back, along with her bridge crew, Admiral Marcum and most of his staff, and it wouldn't be right without Pike (easily one of my favourite characters) and his President. The Human Collective is still reeling from the impact of the last series, the loss of Haven, and the collapse of the Fleet Structure that stood for all that time. Without giving away spoilers, this book is a wonderful exploration of not only how the political scene unfolds around these events, but also how things unfold around the discovery of new alien races, and the impact on a fragile humanity, fleet and political system, still recovering from the Phage war. Celesta will have her work cut out for her this time as she has to negotiate between two alien races to avoid yet another conflict for humanity, but it will be a difficult task, and one that may not be all that it seems. As with all of Dalzelle's books, there are some brilliant, creative and very clever plot twists to leave you wondering what is going to happen. There are also some other "well I said no Spoilers, so I will stop there." Dalzelle does an amazing job of bringing all these elements together, as well as giving us some incredible space battles, and his unique explanations of interstellar and intersystem travel that not only tells a story, but also makes you feel like you are sitting on the bridge of the ship, engaged in the action as it is happening. There are times, when reading his works, I feel like I'm looking out the view screen, watching the events unfold, looking at the clock and counting down the seconds, when, TIME, "launch the shrikes, shrikes away from tubes 1 and 2" Captain "and you can swear you are looking from the view screen to the display to see images of missiles pulling away from the ship. Dalzelle does a masterful job of creating tension, suspense and creating an atmosphere that just makes you want to read more. New Frontiers is a thrilling and captivating continuation to an already outstanding series, and should not be missed.

This series of books has such a refreshingly different take on space battles compared to the usual Star Wars/Star Trek battles where everything happens at point blank range. This series realistically

portrays the huge time spans it would take for missiles to reach an enemy ship at relativistic speeds and the complexities of gravity wells affecting the speeds a ship can travel at. Trust me, it's not as boring as that sounds, the time delays all help to ramp up the tension. Also, it's great to have Jackson Wolfe from the first trilogy back! He's such a great character that I'm glad we're getting more stories with him in. If you haven't read the first trilogy, I can definitely recommend it too!

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