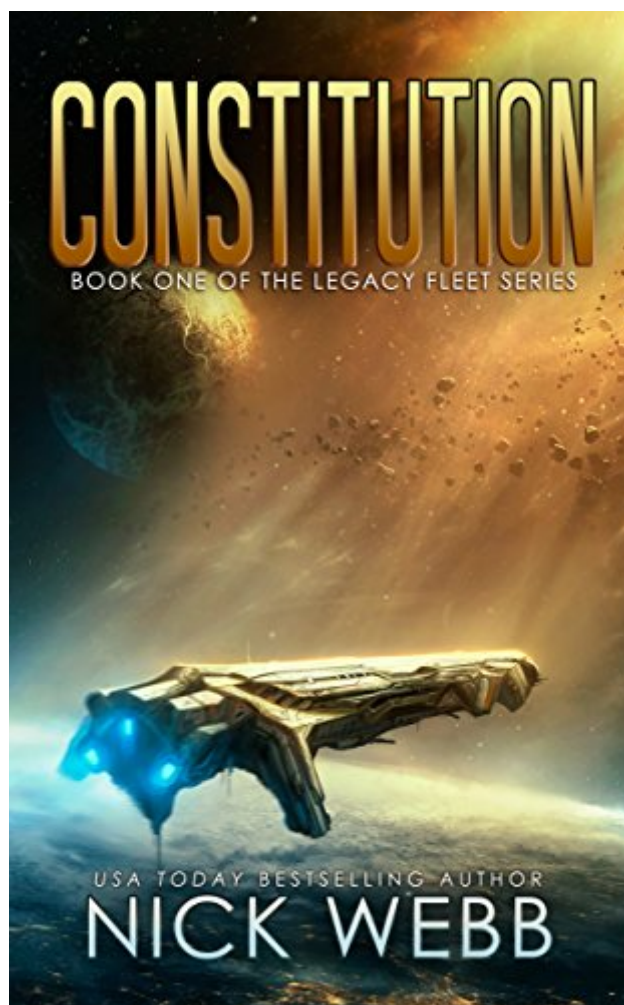


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Synopsis

The year is 265075 years ago, an alien fleet attacked Earth. Without warning. Without mercy. We were not prepared. Hundreds of millions perished. Dozens of cities burned. We nearly lost everything. Then, the aliens abruptly left. We rebuilt. We armed ourselves. We swore: never again. But the aliens never came back. Until now. With overwhelming force the aliens have returned, striking deep into our territory, sending Earth into a panic. Our new technology is useless. Our new ships burn like straw. All our careful preparations are wasted. Now, only one man, one crew, and the oldest starship in the fleet stand between the Earth and certain destruction: ISS CONSTITUTION

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Customer Reviews

I greatly enjoyed this book, I notice a few people have drawn parallels to books by other authors, but fair go, you could do that with quite a few books! But haven't we all read a book and thought to ourselves, "Gee I wonder if such and such did this different or what if this character went this way, I could make the story better!" Look at "Star Wars", parallels have been drawn to "Lord Of The Rings" and other fantasy stories by past masters, where do you think ideas for stories come from? You

can't write a book without reading anything in the years leading up to the writing of it! But back to the book in question, being in the wrong place at the wrong time as punishment and being able to make a go of it and survive is a great start. Being able to continue is admirable and that is what Constitution does! The characters are developed well, with some surprises, and it will develop into a great series if the story-line and "Microcosm" of the story universe is allowed to develop and fill the blanks further. No honestly, a good start with a new direction for this established author and the pace, characters and scenario are great. There will of course be some detractor's, but not everyone reads properly. Didn't get bogged down in technical descriptions, just wedged what was needed in as a by-blow within characters narrative or thought. Well done, only thing missing was a rough idea of what the fighters looked like? My brain kept inserting a mismatched picture of an x-wing fighter blended with a y-wing fighter, from, star wars! Disconcerting to say the least!

Agreed with other reviews that this is a somewhat familiar story, but it works well. Action sequences are good, development of the characters is good, and the story moves along. Unlike other stories in which the entire history of a character is brought up immediately, in this story you are introduced to a character and learn a bit about that person - enough to carry you through that chapter - and then later you learn a bit more. For example, the main character has trouble with a staff member. Instead of dressing this person down, the main character seems to work around the problem. Later you find out that they are old friends. Even later you find out that they each owe each other a favor. Further along, you find out other items and each contributes to the story. This is the way you would learn about people in a normal setting as such people don't walk around with their resume on their foreheads. The slow development of a character in this book makes for good reading as you are guessing at why one character does things in one way or the other and then you are rewarded with yet more clues about this person's background. This also helps develop tension amongst characters and keeps your interest in why they do the things they do. Yes, it is science fiction and while the scientific anomalies aren't explained yet, they too develop over time. Not to give away any points, but something major happens towards the end of this book and is picked up in the next book and while it hasn't yet been explained, you just know that it will be, thus setting up a tension while keeping your interest. Indeed, some major characters disappear with the idea that maybe they'll return. This, too, will keep your interest. Overall, an enjoyable read and having started the next book in the series, the tension and writing style continues and I am still happy with the story line. Thanks for the enjoyment, Mr. Webb!

This plot line was ripped straight from the Ark Royal series by Christopher Nuttall, who actually did it slightly better. But the plot is still entertaining. Disgraced captain sentenced to a holding career waiting for retirement. Placed in charge of an obsolete technology warship. But an alien race attacks with overwhelming force and the latest technology falls like butter to a hot knife. Only proven brute force old ship technology and a disgraced captain stands between the invading alien fleet and Earth's destruction. It is a workable plot and the details make the story. So this was an OK fun read but I do wish it was not so derivative and predictable. A few open issues are left - how compromised are the Russians? What happens to pilots who fly into a black hole forming... This book wavered between three and four stars. I finally gave it four because of the pricing and (particularly if you have not read Ark Royal) an exciting albeit slightly predictable plot line.

Great book and I love the way the Author handled the space battles. The end of the first book left me with many questions and I had to buy the next book and the audible tracks for both. If you like space opera and heroes that you can understand and feel... this is your read. It's interesting to note, that while none of us have ever served on a spaceship... or at least anything like the old bird... there is enough similarity with the wet navy... Terran... USA, to make it easy to understand. The author isn't trying to bury you with the way orbits work and C and gravity and all that. You won't need to be a rocket scientist to enjoy this book,

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