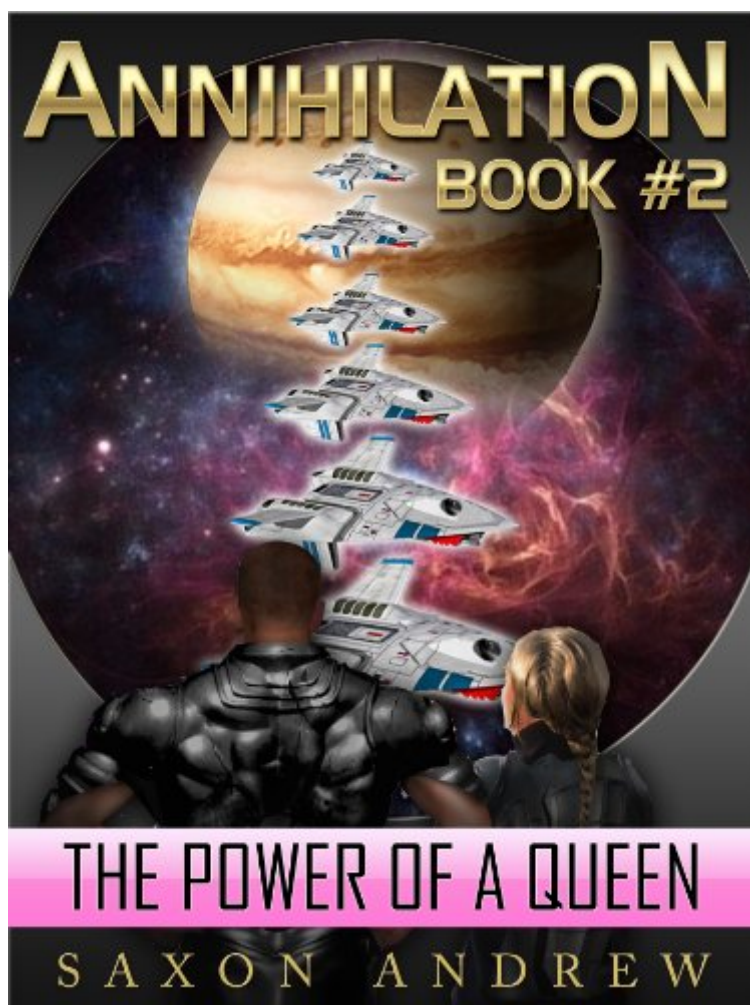


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The Power Of A Queen (Annihilation Series Book 2)



Synopsis

The Humans have destroyed 2,000 Alliance Warships and now they are taking the war to the worlds responsible for attempting to destroy Earth. The Alliance still has more than 48,000 Warships but the way things are going, they may not be enough. A new Queen has come to power and her impact on the struggle will be monumental. The Annihilation Trilogy continues in the second book and the adventure intensifies as the forces arrayed against humanity are coming enmass. Hang on. The ride gets more intense. Excerpt from Power of A Queen

“Warleader, we are in position.”

“Start your acceleration now.” Lt. Minishe said, “Sir the ten ships have turned and are accelerating toward our fort.”

“Attention all fortresses; this is Colonel Taz. We are going live weapons. Target the ships around our screen. Hold your fire until we eliminate the ten suicide ships. The four fortresses on this side of the planet are to target their zones. As the other forts rotate into position, move your zone with the rotation. I think they will run directly from the planet, but stay alert in case they try to run around it. We will fire in 30 seconds.”

The ten Vgrig ships were accelerating at their maximum speed and were 80 miles from the surface of the screen when a bright white light 5 miles wide erupted from the fortress and hit the ten ships. Nothing remained when it turned off.

“Holy Groad, what was that?”

the Warleader said. Then he saw more than a hundred of those beams fire through his ships.

“Get out of there!” he yelled into his com; but it was no use. His fleet was sitting still and it took a few moments to get under way. Those moments proved fatal when those beams moving at light speed hit his ships. Out of 800 ships hanging above the planet only 10 were able to start moving but they were hit before they could move out of range. Where those beams hit, nothing remained.

“War leader, the screen has reduced to 87 degs thickness,” the sensor officer said, “and all of our ships have been blown out of existence.”

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Customer Reviews

The Power of a Queen is a story continuation of Thomas Gardner (Tag) and Danielle Gardner and the rather amazing happenings between them, the other people of Earth, and several alien races in an organization known as The Alliance. It deals with relationships and abilities about 800 years in the future of Earth. As the story goes on, we see psychic powers coming to the forefront in many situations. By this time, any discussion of what is happening on Earth, as there was in Book 1, is long gone. This book, and those following it seems, deal with relationships and interactions on a galactic scale. The voice and style in this book still seems to be aimed to the younger set. There is a lot of action, but very little depth of explanation on how something works or doesn't. The laws of physics are at least bent throughout this series, but I for one still do not have a huge problem with the ships and weapons developed. It is, after all, more than 800 years into the future. In addition, some of the technology the earthlings supposedly "created" actually came from an ancient race, now thought to be extinct, so in my opinion believability is not stretched beyond tolerable levels. The increased dealing with psychic powers does stretch things a bit; Tag is supposedly now the greatest fighter ever known on several worlds because of his ability, and his wife Danielle is a human lie detector and diplomat. It just makes many of the sticky situations come out a little less sticky, and can occasionally be considered to be rather convenient in solving a problem in the story. In this book, as in volume 1, the good guys always win. Now I like it when the good guys win in the end, but it seems like this society never loses. Nobody is that good. Every thing that Tag (the hero) or his compatriots plan comes off without a hitch. So now we have read two books where the Humans have not tasted the agony of defeat against multiple societies that seem much older, aggressive, and space-talented than the Humans. In addition, the pace of technological development is still

unrealistic. It is almost like conception to creation to construction to field use takes a matter of weeks. These Humans are pretty sharp. Another factor of "the good guys always win" is what happens after they defeat an alien race. Immediately after that happens, the heroes talk to the alien enemies, and instantly the alien leaders see the error of their ways, most often those errors being involved in the fact that they are warrior races, known for their aggressive behavior and fighting prowess. After one discussion with the victorious earthlings, those aliens are ashamed of themselves and immediately adopt a more "Kum-Ba-Yah" pacifist attitude, and entire worlds abandon thousands of years of their history within a few days. This general process continues on an ever larger scale, at least through the first two books. Spelling, grammar, tenses, homonyms, and noun/verb agreement are still a problem. Actually, it seems like volume 2 is a little worse than volume 1. Some examples: (thanthat, throughstthrust, pinpen, wherever, excellentlyexcellency, though through, compliment complement). Some of these are occasional, a few are consistently incorrect. A couple of other issues involve extraneous quote marks where they don't belong, and strange use of the question mark and exclamation point, where it is put at the end of sentence rather than at the end of what the person said. Example: "What color is your parachute", Danielle said?. In this volume, we also have the amazing situation where the aliens are familiar with sayings of Yogi Berra ("... Deja Vu all over again"), ("it ain't over till it's over"). Now I know that this baseball player from the mid-20th century was widely quoted, but I never thought that his malapropisms made it out into the cosmos. My overall rating follows what I said about volume 1: "Between the physical writing issues and the general frustration that these guys never even break a sweat, let alone lose, I rate the book at a low 4-star level. However, that being said, I love the general story line and concepts. I enjoyed it so much that I did what I RARELY do; I bought the next book in the series. Your opinion may vary, but if you are looking for a fun, swashbuckling space adventure without a lot of depth to drag you down, Saxon Andrew has written an excellent series for your enjoyment." The only difference is that I read volume 2 in ONE day rather than two; I enjoyed it that much. I must congratulate the author, Saxon Andrew, on getting me to do what I have done only once before over several years of Kindle book reading - I bought the whole set. As cheap as I am, that is tantamount to an 8.3 earthquake.

I enjoyed this book, the second in a series. It builds well on the first book. This is a feel good, Humanity comes out on top, fast moving story. There is little doubt or suspense developed, which was a welcome change from some of my recent reading. It does promote the "everybody is essentially good" and "shown their error they can/will adjust for the good" philosophy. While not

realistic, it still makes for a decent read.

I've read both books 1 and 2 of the Annihilation series so far. I love the concept and the story line. However, the implementation just falls short. That's the reason for my mediocre rating. The characters are just too unbelievable in their character changes. The villains when confronted by their faults immediately change from incorrigible and evil to pure-hearted and benevolent without any wavering in-between. And, we're not talking about an occasional alien or two but the cultural behavior for entire alien races! Sure, people/aliens can change but the writer just stretches it to an extreme that makes it difficult to suspend disbelief. I'm not sure if I'll continue reading. I'd love to see what happens next but it's difficult to move past the naivete in the writing.

Overall, this was a nice continuation of the series and it was interesting to see what happens with Tag, Danielle, and the Alliance. It was hard to put the book down and I stayed up too late completing it. While the overall storyline was entertaining, there are quite a few grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors in the Kindle version that are just annoying and make you lose your concentration that take away a star in my review. I would suggest taking a fresh look at this and correct these mistakes - most of them are glaring - and get a corrected copy out to the public.

Another well written book. I would recommend this book. The story develops nicely and the characters evolve. I am very happy with this series so far. The next book is downloading as I write this review.

Great series! I'm about to start book four! Can't help but get sucked into buying the entire series!

The concepts lift your spirits because they show the best that humans, or aliens, are capable of being. Peace, caring, friendship win over hatred, evil, jealousy and other negative traits.

Andrew has an excellent talent for science fiction. One of the best series I have read in a long time. Plenty of action and intrigue that will hold your attention all the way through.

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