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Synopsis

A silver pyramid in space ten thousand years old—The secrets of the mysterious New Men—A war like no other—Starship Victory—Earth's ancient, alien spacecraft—has won a smashing victory against the New Men, driving them from the "C" Quadrant. On their way home, Captain Maddox and his crew run into a vast machine trapped inside an ion storm. Maddox doesn't know it yet, but the meeting isn't an accident. There's a traitor aboard ship, implementing a secret plan, threatening to destroy everything Star Watch has achieved against the New Men. Now begins a deadly race as Captain Maddox, the crew and Galyan are pitted against the masters of a centuries-old conspiracy. Human existence lies in the balance. THE LOST DESTROYER is the third book in the LOST STARSHIP SERIES.

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Customer Reviews

Just when it seemed our heroes may have a slight reprieve from the New Men, another threat manifests itself, one that threatens the utter extinction of humanity. Captain Maddox and his team are hard pressed to stop the threat, as they struggle with obstacles close and far. I especially

enjoyed the layered mysteries in this series, which are revealed by increments in each book. We learn more of the New Men, Swarm, Adocks, and another race in this book.

The best thing about cracking open a Vaughn Heppner book for the adventure reader (and that's what I consider myself) is that it will deliver. I know this because I believe I've read them all. While Captain Maddox isn't my favorite character. To tell the truth, he's a little dull. You know the type, half New Man, half human. Smarter, faster and stronger than the average protagonist. His lone flaw is that he doesn't really know who he is or whether he's more aligned with the enemy or the human race. But that's incidental. Heppner writes like he's got a head full of Hendrix (pardon the Lords of the New Church lyric) and he's just tapping a vein of intense creativity that explodes as the progression builds. It must be working. As I write this, *The Lost Destroyer*, the third novel in Heppner's *Lost Starship* series, already has reached more than 400 reviews. Obviously, he's got the fans. He's connecting. Maddox learns more about his crazy ship, and he comes exceedingly close to losing the battle to keep mankind from becoming vapor. Heppner introduces an entirely new threat, the Builders, a race that has left weapons of destruction on a scale a nuclear engineer could only dream of. And he also takes one of his chief antagonists and humanizes him. He leaves this for the climax. Heppner's kind of the Karl Malone of the sci-fi section, the Mailman. He delivers.

This is yet another good adventure in *The Lost Starship* series. It is fun although fairly light reading. But then, to me, a good adventure story should be fast flowing and not too deep. The book blurb is somewhat of an exaggeration though. A smashing victory? They won by a very thin thread in the last book as far as I remember. Anyway, the victors start the journey home and, of course, another calamity befalls the crew of *Starship Victory*. The enemy, by the help of some nasty surprises left by the mysterious professor Ludendorff manages to divert the ship straight into a electrical storm and inside this storm lurks something very big and very very bad. The humans thought the New Men and their star cruisers were bad. Little did they know what was to fall upon them. In this book the author unravels quite a lot of the story behind the New Men, the conspiracy and plotting that led to the creation of these nefarious evolved humans and the current situation. Naturally Maddox and his friends are forced through one hair raising adventure after another to combat the new threat. *Starship Victory* does indeed, eventually, get back to Earth just in time for Maddox to face a number of assassination attempts not to mention the possible destruction of the planet Earth. Naturally the arrogant and hugely annoying professor Ludendorff makes his best. even then, to twist events to fit into his own agenda. As I wrote, it is a good book. Plenty of adventure, twists and revelations.

Galyan, Victory's computer AI, is developing by quite a few orders of magnitude I would say. They also get the weapons in working order although, sadly, they do not really get to use them much. There are some hints thrown around about how much more capable Galyan and consequently Victory have become though. In the end a battle is won but certainly not the war. I have to say that I would not mind seeing another book in this series being published.

I have to admit, I thoroughly enjoyed this series to the point I am really anxious for the fourth book! The characters are well developed and compelling, the story takes a couple of unexpected twists, and the mysteries of not only who the "New Men" really are, but who the Adok, the Builders, and others are, where they came from, and what they want all pull you into the story. If you like Space Opera style Sci-fi, I hardly think you can go wrong with the Los Starship series.

Very well thought out plot, strong character description, believable situations and decisions. Dynamic, flowing action scenes, very professional writing style. Less interesting in nuanced character description and in romantic scenes the style becomes really deficient. All in all, is worth the time and money.

This series is good. So good. But his 3rd book in the series in particular was great! The characters have developed and it feels like they can just be who they are and you don't need a ton of back story. So things just happen and the movement of the book is non-stop. I read this whole thing in a weekend because I kept wondering what was happening. The writing is smart and you care about the characters. The story isn't come convoluted terribly hard to follow story like some space opera's I've read. It's simple, to the point and fun! The Captain and his crew have to save earth from multiple threats and it seems every time they are outgunned our outsmarted. Somehow they pull through and it's a great ride. I can't wait for the next installment.

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