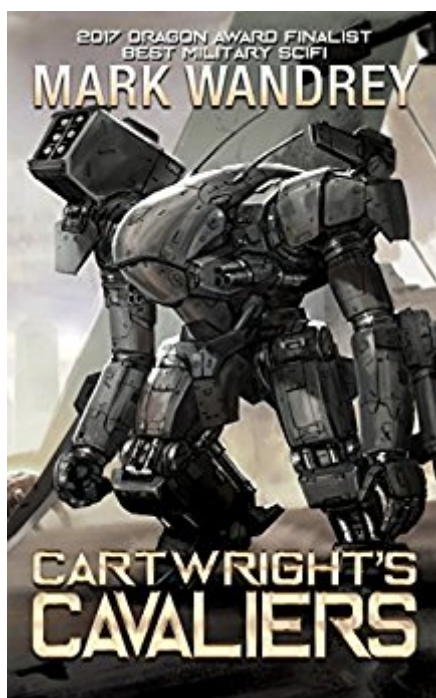


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Synopsis

Heir to one of the leading "Four Horsemen" mercenary companies, Jim Cartwright is having a bad year. Having failed his high school VOWS tests, he's just learned his mother bankrupted the family company before disappearing, robbing him of his Cavalier birthright. But the Horsemen of eras past were smart—they left a legacy of equipment Jim can use to complete the next contract and resurrect the company. It's up to Jim to find the people he needs to operate the machinery of war, train them, and lead them to victory. If he's good enough, the company can still be salvaged. But then again, he's never been good enough.

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Customer Reviews

Excellent story line, keeps you on edge of seat, and puts you into the story right there with the Cavaliers,

Great read. Loved the development and major turn around of the main character. Cant wait for

more.

Enjoyed it. Kept you going and it was tough to put down. I hope you find it to be as much fun as I did.

Even though you spend a lot of time in space and on other planets the characters are believable and you really get wrapped up in the story.

I really wanted to like this book when I picked it up, and have been so often disappointed in the past. Not this time. I loved this book, and see a great military science fiction/space opera series in the future. The hero, Jim Cartwright, is unusual in the genre. Smart, tough, tortured by the fit kids all his life for being overweight, he revives the mercenary company that has been in his family for generations, after his mother has foolishly wasted the family fortune. Cool tech, a great setup, and intense battles, with lots of different aliens. I can't wait for the next book of this series. I stayed up last night past my bedtime reading the climactic battle scene, and I never do that. Recommended for anyone who is a fan of military science fiction.

Earth has joined the other races in the galactic civilization. Earth needs something to trade with other races and planets. It turns out that Earth has one very hot export commodity, men willing to fight and die. Most races in the galaxy can't or won't fight. To settle disputes, non warring races hire one of the few races that will fight as mercenaries. As a result humans are in high demand. Our hero is the heir to one of the first 4 mercenary companies that went off planet, call the 4 horsemen. He falls heir to a bankrupt, nonexistent company and sets out to rebuild it and reclaim it's rightful place. As I mentioned he is not 7 feet tall and bulletproof. In fact he is out of shape, and well fat, when he takes over the Cavaliers. This makes him much more realistic character in my opinion, The book reminds me a lot of some of Robert Heinlein's books from the 1950s and 1960s where an average guy grows into a leadership role that was thrust on him. The book is well written and I can't wait for the next installment. I was a beta reader on this book, and I got to read an early copy, I sure that has been some editing that has improved it since I read it.

In Earth's future, our planetary economy depends on mercenary companies fighting across the galaxy. Of those companies few are as famous and storied as Cartwright's Cavaliers. But after the death of his father, and the financial ruination of the Cavaliers by his mother, Jim Cartwright,

blessed with intelligence but cursed with a body that would not normally meet the standards for service, inherits little more than the Company Museum. But what a Museum. Armed with out of date, but still lethal equipment, and some of his father's former troops, Jim sets out to rebuild from the ashes. This is the first of a four book arc, with more possible books being hinted at, and Wandrey has written a rollicking good tale here. The characters are well developed and believable, and the action sequences are outstanding. I enjoyed it thoroughly and I am looking forward to buying the next books. As a side note, I will probably never say no to a well written book that promises fights between great big robots, and huge monsters.

Disclosure: I was given an Advanced Reader Copy to review for free. However, all comments are mine alone and without any influence or review from the author or others. Cavaliers is Military SF, but with an interesting twist. I think everyone has felt like the main character at some point (eating too much pizza and thinking what the **** do I do NOW!), and yet he still acquits himself in surprising ways. The diversity of different worlds, aliens, and battles keeps things interesting, and the story rolls on nicely. It's an entertaining bit of space opera, somewhat in the vein of the Miles Vorkosigan series (and yet quite different). Highly recommended.

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