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James McGill is sent to the Core Worlds!

In an unprecedented first, Earth sends a message to Mogwa Prime. Unfortunately, the messenger is not met with enthusiasm. Misunderstandings soon threaten all of Humanity. Forced to prove Earth can serve the Empire better than any rival, McGill does his best.

Eager to prove our worth to the Galactics, the frontier war between Rigel and Earth is expanded to Storm World. Circled by six moons, the planet is ravaged by wild storms and tides. Battles are fought in raging hurricanes, and death stalks the soldiers on both sides.

McGill grimly fights and dies in the mud until the job gets done, but will it be enough to satisfy the angry Mogwa?

STORM WORLD, the tenth novel in the Undying Mercenaries Series, is the longest and most thrilling book yet.

Storm World Details

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Plamen Nenchev says

Brian Larson shows a remarkable talent for uneven writing in his *Undying Mercenaries* series: for every book that is a hoot, there are two or three that are as dull as mud. *Storm World* fails to even qualify as mud: it is more like sticky brown drizzle.

The series has a promising premise, depicting the rise of humanity from mere servants to the advanced galactics to a true regional power, usually thanks to the infamous exploits of womanising hothead mercenary James McGill. However, whether the author can actually use this premise to put together a coherent and intriguing story in all of his (perhaps too many) novels is a wholly different matter.

Storm World starts with the main plot thread for God knows how many instalments now (the book of the Eaters of Lotus, with its recipe for exterminating mankind's direct superiors in the galaxy), makes a U-turn for a couple of completely meaningless battles on a completely meaningless planet, and then another U-turn to deliver us back exactly where it started. Nothing accomplished, nothing gained, (yet) another book sold.

I am well aware that no one expects Brian Larson to bedazzle us with mind-blowing, award-winning epics, especially considering the rate at which he churns out new books (once every three months or so). His tongue-in-cheek, action-packed novels are a bit like junk food—good for a solid laugh and relaxation without thinking too much. But getting from point A to point B, while being at least moderately entertaining is still essential, even for this type of literature.

And this is what the series has not been able to deliver for quite some time now: none of its main plotlines is going anywhere, old plots just keep being recycled with new aliens on new planets, and any comic relief seems to have been left stuck in the mud of some unnamed planet ages ago. It is arguable if creativity and quality can be anything other than an abstract concept in a series that now spans 10 books. But if it takes such an effort to write something even remotely coherent and entertaining, then it might be time to pull the plug of the series altogether.

Matt Hawkins says

A storm is comin'!

I thoroughly enjoy reading the adventures of McGill. Storm world is another great ride with action, twists and challenges only McGill can get out of! The strange technology and culture of the natives had me giggling. I could hazard how a scenario could play out, knowing McGill. Especially when his legion was only one of two the natives contacted. Old connections were a neat tie in especially after watching this relationship with Turov develop over several books. The Wur are always fascinating. Claver! I never expected that. But its hilarious to see some of the things McGill pulls out of his a** NOT be entirely fiction. As always I'm left with wanting more and cannot wait for the next story. Especially given the premise set by floramels return, and what that could mean for whoever McGill gets close to in the future. I dig it. 5 stars.

Matthew says

The series has become caricature of itself. Many parts read as if Larson copy and pasted from his previous books and keeps flirting with being self-aware at times. McGill puts himself in a bind for no logical reason but to simply cause mischief for the sake of the story and hypocritically flies off the handle when the tail he wasn't chasing is taken by someone he despises, more than once. The intrigue simply isn't there and Larson puts McGill through the same bit of hijinx in each book without McGill growing as a character or leader. No one learns from their many disastrous encounters with McGull and everyone that opposes him throughout the entirety of Storm World reads like they are the same character despite being different species and genders. You could literally swap a Mogwa with a Rigellian with a Nairb and not tell the difference. They all walk, talk, and breathe the same when McGill's "dull" mind goes into hyperactive mode and he successfully outsmarts them or gets lucky for the umpteenth time. It was cute, for lack of a better word, for the first half of the series, but with the stakes rising with each book, I think it's time to see less McGill continuously shirking his growing responsibilities where his "stupidity" is glossed over and constantly given a pass by those around and above him.

The last few books had been teetering in absurdity and this books goes all in. I'll probably keep reading to see how it ends, but Undying Mercenaries is wearing out its welcome, which is a shame. It had replaced Star Force as Larson's shining work of fun and action, if a bit silly on occasion, but it has become repetitive and less appealing.

Robie Trites says

Claiver reminds me of Multiple Man, but now he is at war with himself! Legion Varis now has internal issues! The Wurr and the Rigellians are both threats. Etta is getting to know her grandfather! Her grandfather gets to experiment with McGill! XD This series is starting to get thick with directions. You could almost have many books that follow different characters at this point! Keep adding the worlds! Honestly, B.V. Larson could borrow from Larry Niven, or talk about a system with more space infrastructure. Multi planet systems like Dust World! (A planet that looks like Stargate Atlantis S4, E20) This series has so much opportunity! Honestly B.V. Larson should hire a bunch of ghost writers at this point and just feed them ideas start editing their results. I'm not against a star map being produced at any point either.

It does subtly bug me that AI isn't used enough, especially by James. Honestly, this series is so under tapped. Plus, we haven't had any interactions with stars (1:20) since Machine World. In fairness this book is from the perspective of James McGill and as funny as it can be. I'm finding it starting to limit its development. I really hope Cooper gets a boost in the next few books. But, honestly B.V. hire some ghost writers. You've dabbled in Space Battles (the Wurr boarding an Empire ship) somewhat similar to the Nakai boarding Destiny in SGU. This series has a much more casual feel than The Expanse. For anyone who needs another read on top of The Expanse with a lighter feel I recommend Steel World and Dust World.

Only 12 more months until B.V. Larson comes out with another? Grrr

Ziv Unger says

Though Storm World follows the tried and true formula which made the rest of the series so great, it is getting somewhat long in the tooth. While McGill's antics and the great cast of supporting characters and varied alien species are still entertaining enough to warrant the rating, I do wish the author would stray

outside of the series' usual boundaries to inject some much needed variety to the plot.

Al says

review of the audiobook:

When I saw book 10 of the Undying Mercenaries series was up for pre-order, my credit was spent instantaneously. I downloaded my book copy just after midnight on the release date and started listening right away. I wasn't disappointed.

This is another home run, "just one more chapter", edge of your seat James McGill adventure. Larson also continues the fine character development of the last few books as the usually playboy McGill may be finally growing up and seems to be getting closer in his one real relationship.

This relationship is a real highlight of the series for me since it feels realistic and has developed so naturally. Another author might take the quasi-cartoon villain, Turov, of the first few books, and keep her that way, never really moving anything forward.

Instead, Larson fleshes her out. He doesn't proceed along the cartoon-villain route, but over the course of these 10 books makes Turov the most interesting, rounded out character outside of the MC himself!

I can't wait for the next one!

Lars Vanderbur says

Possibly the best of this series

The Undying Mercenaries series has continued to be entertaining, but some books are definitely better than others. I think this might be the best of the series with that said. This book had a more twisted and unpredictable story line. Character development was better and just possibly the main character is starting to be less of a caricature and more of a person of interest. I hope the next book is as good.

robert kaliski says

Good old Jim McGill.

Again Varus is sent to another butt hole of the galaxy to try and expand man's importance in the Empire. Jim McGill is at the heart of the action spreading chaos and good old redneck whooping to the bad guys. It's nice to see McGill growing up....somewhat. One of the longest of the series, well worth the read.

Nestor Coronado says

Excellent! McGill is Back!

Undying Mercenaries is a series that, surprisingly for a person who gets bored quickly, I never get tired of reading or listening to on Audible ever since the first book. I think eventually the Galactic Empire is going to fall apart completely. I've been anticipating this since the first book. However, I didn't want it to happen quickly. I'd love for the fight to be taken to Core World though!

unknown says

James McGill is The Man!

Of all of BV Larson characters McGill is by far the best. One of the best things about Larson is his ability to create characters that you want to be around. McGill is absolutely addictive you never know what kind of trouble you're going to get into when you're with him but you know it's going to end up interesting! Keep up the series Mr. Larson you've got a winner.

Leather says

Times are hard for the Earth, threatened with eradication at regular intervals by Aliens as bad as funny. McGuill once again holds the fate of humanity (and other species) in his irresponsible hands in this novel. He also dies three or four times (nobody count them anymore), plays the Doctor with Galina and the clever with Claver and his clones.

In short, as usual events follow each other at great speed, in a great whirlwind of battles, antics and laughter. Some regressive, clever, repetitive but mostly very funny Space Opera.
Already ten volumes in this saga that will probably never end, to the delight of his fans.

jeffrey ross says

McGill Storms On

Love these books reminds me a little of the Stainless Steel Rat,(Harry Harrison), but are fresh and original. Again McGill is on an alien planet using his charm, intelligence and luck to win wars save planet Earth and basically interfere where/when he shouldn't. The story maintains it's fast pace characters have depth and intelligence and all I can say is where/when is the next book to all read and enjoy.

Msew says

Storm World storms hard!!

The life of McGill and humanity as whole is upended once more!

This has it all more aliens, crazy battles, old foes returning, more details about the core worlds, more political intrigue, and our favorite friend Claver!

Oh and James has a new side kick who is just as crazy as he was when he first joined Varus.

The stage is set for the next book and I can't wait to shake my head while laughing wondering how James will get out of yet another crazy situation!!! And if humanity will survive.

DR IAN C CAMERON-MOWAT says

Keeps getting better and better

Lotsa action but the characters inside the action are becoming more real and true to themselves. Protagonist is more human with a strong daughter. The evil Empire shows some weakness and arch villain Claver becomes more than a cardboard baddie. Women's characters show up.

Plot developments grow.

Can't wait for the next episode.

Aortali2 says

I really enjoy each of the undying mercenaries books, and this one is an excellent addition to the series. The characters have grown, and they show the results of their life experiences. They have learned from past experiences and especially McGill shows some restraint in several situations that would have been absolutely unthinkable in the early books. I mention this because in several other longer series I follow the main characters seem not to learn from past experiences (the Stephanie Plum series is number one in this failing.)
