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The Legionaries of Moros have been annihilated by an evil force known as the Deathwing. The only survivor was Keill Randor, a young but highly skilled warrior, who embarks on a quest to find the unknown being who leads the Deathwing. This is the first book in the "Last Legionary" series.

Galactic Warlord Details

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Mark says

I picked this up from the Bookworm club at school and really enjoyed it, though it took me several years to discover it was part of a series. At the time, I was a massive fan of Star Wars, Battlestar Galactica and The Black Hole and this slotted in perfectly.

A great read, good fun.

Gav451 says

This was the first book I was ever allowed to buy. Its not long or complex but I am re-reading it for old times sake.

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As an 8 year old this book was a revelation. I am re-reading the series because they are quick little books and just to mark the fact it has now been over 35 years since I read them for the first time. As a child we were not rich and my Mum and Dad giving me the right to buy my first book was a MASSIVE thing for me. I was so pleased and after reading it the famous Five could never meet up to the expectations this raised again. Here was the purest and most amazing adventure and it felt like it was all mine.

The book actually stands up even now. There is no frippery or purple prose, the story begins, it rocks along then it stops at a satisfying point. It is a small book and rather than trying to put too much in the author has kept the plot succinct and focused so I never felt like there was a lot missing.

Yes its only a couple hour read but it is a fun 2 hour read now. The 4 stars are not just a nod to my childhood but to the fact the book may be brief and not overly complex but it is not some twee childrens book either and it has some proper darkness and decent action.

Its still a fun read. Re-reading did not diminish the memory.

T. Bakutis says

Galactic Warlord is the first in a series of short sci-fi novels I remember absolutely loving as a young boy, some of the first books that inspired me to write. Even reading it as an adult, the book has aged very well. The writing is tight, clear, and easy to follow, and does a great job of immediately making you root for its central character, veteran soldier Keill Randor. The way Keill is introduced and the plight he faces are an instant hook, and the start of this book ranks among one my favorite introductions to a character.

Despite its short length, Mr. Hill managed to tell a great deal of story in a surprisingly short time. He wisely keeps the character roster light and uncluttered, focusing on Keill and his new "partner" instead of complicating the story with extraneous or underdeveloped characters. If I were to voice any complaint, it

would be that the tremendously solid hook is invalidated almost too quickly upon the arrival of the "Overseers" - but I can forgive that fault in a short YA novel, where the story must move ahead at a brisk pace. There's certainly enough story after that to keep my interest high, as the mystery introduced tangentially at the start comes to the fore.

The action in the book is one of its greatest strengths. The scenes are detailed enough that you can visualize each strike, block, and kick, yet tight enough that they never overstay their welcome. Keill is an incredible fighter not only because of his peak mental conditioning but also because of his intense calm and acute grasp of strategy. Every move Keill makes to fight what seems like overwhelming odds is plausible and easy to understand due to the way it is written, and the book's final confrontation is both nail-biting and memorable.

Unfortunately, the book seems out of print (I'd had a hard time finding any copies that aren't unreasonably expensive) but if you do come across it, you would do well to pick it up.

Alexander Draganov says

A thrilling beginning to a YA scifi series. It has everything a scifi fan needs - cool main character, member of an elite warrior group, big scale planetary action and an extremely evil villains. Although short, this book is told in the grand tradition of STAR WARS and I really can't wait for the sequels.

Derelict Space Sheep says

42 WORD REVIEW:

As an introduction to Hill's 'Last Legionary' series (or to MG/YA SF in general) Galactic Warlord is hard to fault: the main character is austere but morally unambiguous and easy to cheer for; the threat is serious and the story clearly told.

Richardkyser says

Great book, read as a child, intergalactic space drama!

Stacey says

I read this over and over again as a child. Was one of my favorite books. If I could find a copy of this I would read it now. Was a lot of fun.

Dirk Grobbelaar says

I came across a book titled Dag van die Sterrewind which I recalled from my childhood days. What I **didn't**

know way back then is that it is just a translated version of Day of the Starwind and that it is, in fact, book three in a series of four. I'm not sure why the other three instalments weren't translated into Afrikaans. Seems kind of silly.

*[Edit: after advertising my ignorance so freely I should just set the record straight. The other books **were**, in fact, translated as well.]*

Anyway, since I had good memories of the book I decided to go back on my tracks and start with book one (*Galactic Warlord*), albeit almost a quarter of a century down the line. Now, these books were obviously written for a reasonably young audience, nevertheless I can't remember when last I had so much unadulterated **fun** reading anything (I subtracted one star because the characterisation was somewhat lacking, which isn't too much of a surprise considering the target audience). I **HIGHLY** recommend this to all you adult readers out there who have forgotten why you started reading science fiction in the first place. This will take your memory places...

It's really great and it reads extremely fast. Cracking Space Opera / SF adventure reminiscent of the best of the golden age. Unfortunately, it is also out of print and extremely difficult to get hold of. You're going to have to trawl the second hand book stores. There's also an omnibus edition that collects the whole series: The Last Legionary Quartet: "Galactic Warlord", "Deathwing Over Veynaa", "Day of the Starwind", "Planet of the Warlord".

Karijean31 says

Thank goodness for journals. I apparently read this book when I was 13. I really enjoyed it then but 30 years later I can't remember the story. :)

Robin says

Keill Randor: Hardest Bastard in Science Fiction. I read the Last Legionary books literally to bits as a kid (I threw up on my first copy of *Deathwing over Veynaa* in the car, I was totally carsick and I should have looked out the window or something but I couldn't stop reading. Good times.) The series is pure pulp executed perfectly, full of kick-ass fight scenes and spaceship battles and man, I want to go read them all again right now.

Scott Goldie says

Loved these books as a child, read them again as an adult and enjoyed them. My 11-year old just devoured them too!

Devin Simpson says

This book changed me.

I still remember the librarian stamping the card when i checked this book out of my grade school library. I was in 5th grade at the time with the attention span of a gnat, I mean Choose your own adventure books were a challenge for me to finish. We had library day once a week, as a class we all trooped to the library for a short presentation of any new books by the librarian and time to find books to check out and read. Honestly i'd have rather been out at on the playground, but on this day just weeks before school was out i slid this book off the shelf to read the dust jacket. I had to checkout at least one book that usually sat at the bottom of my cubby for the week might as well be this one was likely my thought. Now, it only took minutes to grab that book i had at least 20 minutes left before heading back to the classroom, i went right for the reading fort playhouse thing and unknowingly truly opened a book for the first time. I read this book not once but twice that week, the next week we had to return our books, I couldn't check out more because of summer but there were more! The librarian told me to go get a library card from the public library, ya ya not for the first time but this time i did. I read all 4 of this series that were out that summer and many more. Since I read every douglas hill book released over the years even when i was getting into high school and had to check the kids section for new ones at the public library... hell, writing this has made me want to go find these books and read them again.

Wealththeow says

I loved this book when I was a child. Now all I can remember is that the main character is a tween-aged badass, last of a famed training technique that churned out the greatest warriors the universe had ever known. The Legionnaires are betrayed and the main character alone can avenge them, I think?

Jose Brox says

Leído en español, publicado como "El señor de la guerra galáctica" por Altea.

El protagonista de la novela, el legionario Keill Randor del planeta Moros, es una especie de James Bond, pero más centrado en las artes marciales y el entrenamiento espartano. La trama no deja de ser un encadenamiento de aventuras del tipo infiltración/lucha/huida, al más puro estilo de las partidas de rol básicas. Es similar a las obras publicadas antiguamente como novelas de a duro. Sin embargo también es algo más: los personajes poseen su encanto, la ideología del planeta Moros no es la típica de un sistema militar (aunque Keill Randor es inconsistente a la hora de seguirla, uno de los fallos de la novela), los combates cuerpo a cuerpo están narrados con detalle y de manera realista, y la historia no termina tras las escasas 180 páginas, sino que continúa en otros 4 libros (3 de ellos publicados en español, el último una precuela), lo que sin duda va a permitir un mayor desarrollo de la épica. No me extraña que aquellos que la leyeron siendo niños se emocionaran tanto con esta novela.

Aaron says

Bought a whole pile of douglas hill books, which I remember enjoying as a young person. This is the first in a series.

