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Here are four stories, derived from the Universe of the Koban series. These are tales involving the Kobani people and Koban. Reading the series is NOT required to understand and enjoy these stand-alone tales.

### Australian Krall: (Novelette)

A fully gene enhanced Kobani woman finds herself trapped in total darkness and underground, pursued by hundreds of slavering, semi-sentient, maniacally aggressive and hungry aliens. Let's take a walk on the dark side!

### Bats of a Leather Flock Together: (Short story)

The wolfbat Flock Leader takes his colony to an unexplored Koban continent to set up a nest in virgin territory. The wily leader uses his cooperative experience with humans to forge similar alliances with other native creatures. Not everyone wants to play nice.

### Kobani Kiddie Capers: (Novella)

How do Kobani parents cope with children that are born with the contact telepathy gene, and have eidetic memory? Adults who think teenagers act like they know everything never had an overconfident four-year old super child, with a ripper cub as his partner in crime. Living to reach his teens seems doubtful.

### The Smuggler and the Crime Lord: (Novelette)

When you land a known smuggler's ship in a ruthless Crime Lord's city using false registry, it's hard to convince a platoon of armed thugs that you're only shopping, that you don't owe the boss his cut of your take. If the Kobani captain is buying drinks for friends in a spaceport bar, spoiling his evening and making threats is ill advised, and could prove fatal.

## Koban Universe 1 Details

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## From Reader Review Koban Universe 1 for online ebook

### **Jim Kratzok says**

Excellent! This is a fantastic series!

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### **Kristoffer says**

I enjoyed this book but nowhere near as much as the full length books in the Koban series. It had four stories I think, and I really enjoyed the first one.

The first story was about Maggie exploring an abandoned dome on an unexplored Koban continent. It was really enjoyable and actually featured some developments that could affect the future actions of people in the Koban series.

The second story was about some wolf bats exploring a little explored Koban continent and trying to establish hunting partnerships with other species. That story was okay but didn't stand out.

The third story was about the first TTG child and a little hunting excursion he goes on with his ripper companion when he is not quite four and the ripper is less than a year old. That story was fairly entertaining, and I would enjoy hearing more about this character later on in the series.

The fourth story was about the Chief and his encounter with a criminal organization on a planet where he acquires general goods for Koban. The story was fairly entertaining but didn't seem to be of much consequence unless that planet becomes important in the future for the Koban series of books.

As much as I love the Koban series, I would give this book only three and one half stars. I would probably give the first story four or four and one half stars, but the other two stories lower my rating. The second story I would only give two and one half stars. The third story I would give three or three and one half stars. The fourth story deserves around four stars I think.

I would recommend this book to fans of the Koban series but definitely not to anyone unfamiliar with or familiar with but possessing no favorable view on the Koban series. I feel like this book may have been a fun experiment for the author, and I am glad that he tried this. I am looking forward to more Koban Universe books and hope to see improvement on what made this book weaker than it could have been.

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### **Mark says**

Good short stories in a good verse.

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### **Andrew says**

I really enjoyed this short book, it was made up of a few short stories filling in an amazing universe with a little more detail helping it come even more to life. It gives you a different view of the worth that the author created and is a welcome chance to see through others eyes.

The first of these stories is a nice little tale of telling what happened to Maggie when she decided to take a trip for her hundred and twelfth birthday and how a little sightseeing and turn deadly on Koban.

The Second of these stories is short little look at a wolfbat flock leader and how a new flock was set up on a different island and trying to convince the other life forms there that cooperation would be the easiest way to survive for all.

The third story is about a young kobani and his new brother where they try and sneak out to go for a hunt. It's an interesting little story and worth a read giving insight into what it's like to be born a kobani.

The forth story is a nice little underground crime tale, it was a fun story with the Chief as the main character and it was good to see him and is smuggling getting a main story as I always thought he was a great side character. Overall this is a good book and I would recommend it to anyone that like the series and sci fi in general.

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### **Scotts Kindle says**

#### **Awesome Series**

I have enjoyed this series. I can't wait to see what's next. This was a worthwhile read. This volume gives you insight into some scenes that aren't covered in the other books. Good job.

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### **Aaron Anderson says**

A few short stories. Not horrible, not great. Only read if you tend to enjoy short stories. Most will include characters from main series.

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### **Lloyd Dewolf says**

Two good stories. Two predictable ones.

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### **John says**

Tedious, terrible, and taxing.

Four somewhat related stories, none of which I found interesting.

Some ideas and concepts were cool, but not cool enough to make up for the lack of story.

Of the four stories, the one that tells how Kobani parents cope with their kids who possess contact telepathy was the only one that held a shred of my attention. The kids were basically trading images, information,

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ideas, memories via contact telepathy like contraband.

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### **Bruce Griffin says**

A collection of short stories that fills in many of the gaps and the "how did they develop that" type questions for the other books.

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### **Billie says**

Do not let the cover of this book put you off. It's a fun, scifi romp, and well written.

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### **Moop says**

great read adds a lot to the koban universe

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