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Aunque la reconquista de la Tierra parece perdida, la Resistencia sigue luchando contra los ilyrios, una raza alienígena que posee una tecnología y fuerza militar muy superiores. Paul Kerr, uno de los jovencísimos protagonistas de esta trepidante aventura, está ahora no sólo muy lejos de su casa, capturado por los ilyrios, sino también de su amada Syl Hellais, la primera ilyria nacida en la Tierra. Porque ambos han sido castigados al exilio. Sin embargo, la invasión de la Tierra no es lo que a simple vista parece. Y es que hay otra especie, la de los Otros, y los ilyrios matarían por mantener su existencia en secreto. Syl y Paul, separados por distancias insalvables, harán lo imposible por revelar a todos la horrible verdad que se esconde tras el Imperio. Pero antes tendrán que sobrevivir.

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Roberta says

I haven't read the first installment of this, but looking at this as a stand-alone, it was pretty good. The characters and the world-building are rich, there is plenty of intrigue and complex character relations to keep the reader busy, and the writers don't shy away from brutal murders and planet destruction. The writing is engaging and varied, and the short chapters mean that even younger readers with shorter attention spans will remain hooked until the end. I might get the third book to see how this grand space opera ends.

Cynde says

Fabulous sequel , I can't wait for the third book in the series!!!!

Adrielle says

YA/SciFi

It has everything: war, space travel, worm holes, special powers, love and intrigue.

I am quite enjoying this series. This book starts better than the first. There isn't as big an info dump and the description picks up nicely.

Charlotte (Escapades of a Bookworm) says

Reviews can also be found on my blog Escapades of a Bookworm

So in the last book had left us with a surprising ending. I wasn't expecting to it to end up that way and now we start with the consequences of that event. We also get to experience the vastness of the empire and the importance of the wormholes. This is different to Conquest where all the action was set on Earth. In Empire it is spread out through various universes and on different planets. There is also new characters to love and even more to hate.

Empire starts with a brief history of the Sisterhood and we learn more about the other planets and the civil war that affected the Illyri. I loved how this gave the background to the story and explained why the Sisterhood is the way it is.

Ani and Sly find their friendship tested and their loyalty changes. Can they trust one another? Is the sisterhood all bad? And where can the secrets of the Sisterhood be found? Will Sly and Paul be reunited?

And will they find out the history of those mysterious aliens from Conquest?

Empire is a brilliant book, perhaps even better than the first one. Everything here is expanded and all the good bits for Conquest are intensified. It will be interesting to see how Connolly and Ridyard resolve all the issues and plot lines in the next one. There is so much going on in this book. You think you have your questions answered only to find more questions.

If you loved the first one then you will definitely enjoy this one!

Conal says

The second book in the YA space opera series The Chronicles of the Invaders begun in Conquest. This continued the story as we follow the current settings of the main characters Syl and Paul in the previous story. Syl finds herself in the sisterhood trying to keep a low profile while Paul finds himself in the Brigades as a soldier fighting battle for the Illryi.

4 stars for a continuing fun read. You will want to pick this one up if you enjoyed the first book in the series.

diana marcela Ballestas says

Imperio es la continuación de la saga Crónicas de los Invasores y para poder comprenderlo debes necesariamente haber leído el primero, habiendo hecho esta aclaración acá está mi reseña:

Syl se encuentra recuida en La Marca, la hermandad secreta de las Nairenes, donde se dedican a cultivar el profundo conocimiento del universo y todo cuanto les rodea, o , al menos, esa es la fachada que pretenden mostrar a la sociedad Iliryia, pero en verdad planes más oscuros se forman en su interior.

Parte de esos planes esta en la formación y desarrollo de Las Dotadas, iliryas con poderes mentales superiores, capaces de manipular la materia en diversas formas o nublar mentes y Syl está determinada a averiguar cuales son estos secretos, y a descubrir la forma de acabar con la hermandad para poder rescatar a su padre y a La Tierra.

En medio de esta busqueda no solo descubre el alcance de sus propios mentales, sino que encuentra un pasado tan oscuro y tan siniestro en el corazon de la Hermandad que puede poner en peligro no solo a su planeta natal o a su raza, sino a todo el universo conocido.

Por su parte Paul fue destinado a las brigadas, obligado a combatir en la conquista ilirya contra su voluntad como unico recurso para salvar su vida; es en medio de una de sus misiones en un planeta aparentemente inofesivo que su batallón se ve atacado por fuerzas desconocidas, dejándolo al final como capitán de una nave avanzada y de una escasa pero fiel tripulacion, con la que descubren el secreto mejor guardado de la comunidad ilirya, uno que cambiara el destino de la guerra.

Adicionalmente, tenemos algunos capítulos desde el POV de Meia, quien usando sus habilidades de ocultismo ha descubierto los desafortunados planes que el Cuerpo tiene para La Tierra, y aun fiel a su antiguo señor, Lord Andrus, decide enfrentar una mision suicida para tratar de salvarle y de salvar el destino

de la Tierra.

Poco saben ellos que cada cual de una manera diferente ha logrado conseguir una parte del rompecabezas de este complot intergaláctico, poco saben el destino que les espera.

Este libro está lleno de intrigas, acción y suspenso, hasta el punto donde definitivamente vuelas sobre las páginas deseando saber que va a suceder a continuación, dejandote al final ante la expectativa del tercer y último libro, donde (o al menos eso espero) podamos descubrir el final de esta maravillosa historia.

Liz Barnsley says

I was a huge fan of book 1 in this series – Conquest – so to say I was excited to read Empire would be putting it mildly. The great news is that Empire is brilliant – taking the initial imaginative concept and expanding and even improving on it as things move forward for Paul, Syl et al, this was a magnificent read, utterly compelling, beautifully written with some visionary world building and totally cool characters.

Syl and Ani are with the sisterhood, Syl determined to find out Syrene's secrets whilst Ani begins to find herself feeling at home. Paul and Stephen are off on enforced service within the Illyri military – separated by distance but working towards the same goal, all of them will make frightening and horrific discoveries about the conspiracy at the heart of the Illyri empire.

This is a series aimed at Young Adults – it is intelligent, superbly done and could equally have been written for adults – in that sense it defies a genre tag or a “target audience”. Realistically speaking, anyone who enjoys fantasy, science fiction, adventure or almost anything reading wise for that matter, could get a lot out of this. There are some thrills and spills, mystery elements, a gorgeously drawn romance, extravagant and ingenious worlds to explore and bang at the heart of it simply a darn good yarn.

I am in love with all the characters, the good, the evil, the downright enigmatic and one of the best things about both Conquest and Empire is the intricate weaving of interpersonal relationships between all the players – in the case of Empire, the slow but sure downturn of the previously solid friendship between Syl and Ani is one of its strengths – a “coming of age” arc where the heart and soul of that particular pact is threatened by outside influences and I was totally absorbed by it. Emotionally speaking all the character arcs pack a heck of a punch – Syrene is such a compelling and wonderful character, to pick at random one of the many others you will find here, she is so terrifically evil and yet absolutely engaging.

As for the Universe they all inhabit, it is magnificently drawn. Whilst Conquest was set mainly on Earth, Empire goes beyond the horizons and takes the reader on a fast, furious and brilliantly engaging rollercoaster ride around the galaxy – brought vividly to life and often horrifically scary, right there is another element to the story as a whole that will often have you on the edge of your seat.

I was considering baking John Connolly and Jennifer Ridyard a cake for writing such a fun, sometimes dark, always thrilling yet deeply emotional fantasy tale but then I read the end and realised I had to wait. WAIT for more. Not on. So instead they get a glare from me, all be it one with a hint of a smile, plus this review. Consider me one happy reader. Mostly. Ok, completely then.

Sparkling stuff. Highly Recommended.

Emi says

What a great read! I don't say this too often when it comes to aliens, but I loved this book. It has all what I had liked in Conquest and duplicates it. It has more political intrigues and the mystery around Illyr just gets better and better. There's almost no romance here and instead, the authors create a thick plot of conspiracies and secrets, where every character gets tangled, between the many threads of this world.

Syl, Paul, Ani and Steven follow different paths (even to different planets) to get to the truth beneath the Illyr conquest and the Sisterhood. The different storylines have a lot of action and the intrigue just grows with every page. I can't say much more without giving away some spoilers, so I'm just going to end this saying: a 5 stars book...! That's not new to you John, so you might need to make some space to add this to the other 5 stars reviews that I gave you. I know it's a bit crowded category.

Koeur says

<http://koeur.wordpress.com/2014/12/22...>

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Rating: 4.2/5

Publisher Description: Empire continues the journey of Syl and Paul as they fight to regain planet Earth from a ruthless alien species, in this next installment of a stunning new science fiction trilogy that "should not to be missed" (The Guardian).

Review: Syl is now residing with the sisterhood while seeking answers about an alien parasite that may infest the Illyri. While the other gifted sisters develop their powers, Syl does so in secret, in order to hide her immense psychic ability. Meanwhile, her human love, Paul, is out there blasting space aliens light years away and generally being a swashbuckling mercenary and all that.

I didn't want to like this novel, at all. Why? It started with a hiccup where the broad history of the Illyri is recounted along with humanity's struggle under their yoke and the résistance therein. Also there is some stilted dialogue here and there, coupled with gurl cliques and constant shaming. Then this novel just takes off with great movement and unexpected turns. There are great alien life forms and the planets that house them. Mechanized androids (Mechs) that are self-aware that believe in a Creator. There is also an ancient race whose only mark of existence are the scattered and aging remains of monuments spread throughout the galaxies. New story line developments occur at a consistent clip as each scene shifts. Wormholes enable the story-line to move in fascinating directions with characters that continue to develop as new ones are added.

Really, a fantastic and entertaining read.

Victoria says

Last year, I read the first book, *Conquest*, in Connolly's newest series for Young Adults in just one sitting, so needless to say, I have really been looking forward to this one. The authors offer a brief refresher on the action from the first book, though with my faulty memory, I do wish that I had time to re-read it... The first section, "Apart" alternates between our two characters in exile - Syl in a convent-like school, and Paul as a conscripted soldier to the farthest reaches of the universe. This separation disjoins the book somewhat, as Syl and Paul's stories are so different. Syl's story, and her struggles with her best friend, Ani, feels like a more typical YA fantasy novel while Paul's side is pure science fiction, with battles, creatures and guts - and an overall more adult feeling. I actually prefer Paul's parts but unfortunately his sections have more distracting inconsistencies in the perspective.

The second section moves to Meia, the Mech ally who played such a pivotal role in the first book. The last section, "Together," finally propels all the characters - along with their grim discoveries - back to one another. The pacing really amplifies and this one, like the first, ends on quite a cliffhanger. I haven't heard any news on when the next book will be released, but I hope it isn't a full year from now. This series doesn't have quite the polish of Connolly's solo books, but it is certainly an entertaining and unique read and one that I am looking forward to reading these again before the third book is released!

Vicky says

This is a terrific sequel to *The Chronicles of the Invaders*, Book 1. The author deeply extends our understanding of the universe in this second book, combining all of my favorite things: space travel, wormholes, magic, extraterrestrial beings, and several very big mysteries. Unlike a majority of sequels, this one kept me thoroughly entertained and eager to keep reading (i.e. I finished it in two days).

There were a few rough spots here and there, particularly some of the plot and character development. The plot issues didn't bother too much, but the character flaws were a little awkward. I wished it had a touch more realism in certain areas as it often felt like the character's quality was sacrificed in order to advance the plot.... alas, I suppose I can't have anything.

Excited to read the third book!

Kate says

I thoroughly enjoyed this! It takes all the considerable strengths of the first book, *Conquest*, and intensifies them - packed with action and plot, great characters (good and bad), all set on strange new worlds. It's a great length, too.

Arika says

A second book that's better then the first describes Empire. Filled with action, suspense, adventure and a little sneaking around. Such a great book that traveled across space to bring the reader a great adventure for the second part of the invader chronicles. This series just keeps getting better for me! I'm so excited for the next series!!! The ending is keeping me in suspense!

Alisha Tarran says

Syl has been made to live in the Marque with the rest of the Sisters, but nothing is as it seems, something is going on, and when a Sister disappears and a hand looking surprisingly like hers is found in a creature, she starts to investigate in earnest, but what she finds is shocking. Not to mention the fact that the Sisters are being trained to hurt rather than to help, and Ani is pulling away from her.

Paul has risen to a high position of command thanks to his exile, when he and his crew rescue an important Illyri, they are not only thrust in to danger, but they're on the path to discovering another secret about the Empire, and when it's dealt with, there's no going back. Syl and Paul are once again brought together, and they can't forget what they've learned.

Join Syl and Paul as they continue their fight against the strange creatures destroying the Illyri.

Sooooo, I loved this book, and it surpassed the first book in my opinion, as you can see from my rating! I was drawn in from the beginning, I loved the pages at the beginning that where taken from the Chronicles, and detailed what had happened before, sort of like a "previously on..." thing, but then there's one line at the end that makes you so excited to read on, and you know somethings going to happen! I also loved the "property of the Marque library" stamp, and the other touches that made it look like it was from this ancient, separate book! There was always something going on, if it wasn't action, it was something that was adding intrigue, as I tried to work out what was going on, what Syl was going to discover and so on. I couldn't put this installment down, and I never found my attention wandering or being bored.

I loved all the unique things in this book, the aliens, the history and so on, so I was excited to learn more about it in this installment, we got more history about the Sisterhood, we learned more about the world, and the other planets, and the Civil War and everything. I loved seeing more of the unique creatures, even as terrifying as they where, I loved trying to picture them, and with the authors words, it wasn't that hard!

I continue to love the setting, while we didn't see Edinburgh this time, we got to see space. And it was awesome, and so well described, you could picture everything clearly, you felt like you where just hanging out with the characters, wherever they where. The atmosphere was very well done as well, the Marque had a different atmosphere to wherever Paul was, but both could be felt, and both surrounded you, the mystery, the danger, the tension, and so on. I loved seeing more locations in the world the author has created, Marque, other planets and so on, each was well described without so much detail that the pace and flow where disrupted.

I was sad to leave the Resistance behind a bit, there was an entire part that was all about Meia, and she was

meeting with the Resistance, because a power change was happening which is going to be interesting to see seeing as Ani has now changed, and her Dad knows the truth you know? But anyway, you saw a little bit of it for that part, and the Green Man again, but I'm sad we didn't see as much of it before, because I thought it was so awesome and WW2 like, and I'm hoping to see more of it in the third book. I think, while I was sad there wasn't much of it, it still fit in it's part, and the absence wasn't at all odd, because this was more about the aliens than the first book was, and the aliens upcoming war.

I'm still loving the characters, particularly Meia, I'd missed her and when it got to her part I was so excited, and there was a nice twist that I didn't see coming and I was like "AAAAAHH" and yeah. The characters are all well written with depth, and in this book you see them develop more, particularly Paul and his brother, considering their training and the situations they know find themselves in. I felt like Paul's brother came in to his own more, he was the pilot, he was more sure of himself and everything. Paul was less "eesh" for me this time. He was less bland, he was more interesting, there was more to him, he developed for the best I think.

Syl I wasn't too sure of in the first book, but ultimately I'd enjoyed her development over the book and I was excited to see what would happen next for her. She continued to be underestimated by everyone, and I loved Syl even more in this book, I connected to her better in this one, and I loved how badass she was. Her powers have developed a lot more, and she's a force to be reckoned with, along with Paul and the others, the third book is going to be interesting.

I actually really liked Ani in the first book, but in this one I was disappointed with how easily she allowed herself to be manipulated and how immature she was, I mean she had no loyalty to her supposed best friend, she dumped Syl every single time and went off with the others, didn't believe a word she said, and when she saw with her own eyes, what the others had been up to, she went off on Syl for killing them, even though they'd just murdered loads of people. Ani's gone off not wanting to see her again and blah blah, and I think she went from a potential interesting character, that paired with Syl, could have been an incredible duo in the upcoming fight, to a kind of incredibly pathetic and petty character. Do not like at all. Hopefully in the third book she'll get her act together because I was getting so annoyed on Syl's behalf.

So, I think this installment was better because there was stuff going on from the go, stuff to be worked out, action and so on, and there was none of this misleading information, and the romance wasn't in your face with all it's oddness and just not really working. Paul was back to being true to himself and his character, as was Syl, and the romance was still there a little bit, they're thinking about each other, but I think after the odd romance blooming from nowhere, them being apart with the little mentions of it, worked to re-establish the characters on their own, and helped you get to know them both separately and come to love them, so when the romance kicks back up in the third book, I think it's going to work better than in the first book!

The narrative was engaging, I loved the ominous comments, and the fact it wasn't from any of the characters perspectives. I liked how it gave you little tidbits, and how more information about the history wasn't just stated, it was given to you by conversations, or characters researching and so on. I liked seeing more of the political struggle going on with the weird alien things that were attached to the Illyri. The third book was set up subtly, and it's set to be an explosive installment, I'm really excited for it because there's going to be so much going on it, and so much coming together and kicking off and eee!

The plot is complex, there's two plot lines going on, three actually, Paul, Syl and Meia, and all three are woven together perfectly. You're kept guessing, you don't know what's going to happen next, there's plenty of plot twists that you don't see coming, and it's always nice to be surprised when reading, and I couldn't put the book down at all, I was totally engrossed and sucked in to the world by the plot and the characters and everything. There were so many threads going on with the Marque and the thing going on with Paul and the

stuff happening with Syl's dad and back home, there was mystery and intrigue and action everywhere.

Empire has surpassed the first book, it's everything I hoped it would be and more, and the lack of romance barely had time to be noticed as there was so much going on, and so much for you to try to piece together and work out, but you end up being surprised anyway! I'm so excited for the third installment!

Shazina says

Okay, so the start of October going on to December-ish I knew it was going to all about Empire, the second book in The Chronicles of the Invaders. SO around mid-late October - I have such a bad memory - the UK cover was revealed by the Chronicles Champions and I am simply lost for words, **ESPECIALLY** for the UK cover. It's very rare - and I have personally experienced this myself - for the UK cover editions to be, well, better than the US. BUT this cover is gorgeous, just look at how amazing it is. I always see covers to foreshadow what the book is going to be about and I know it's not always true, but in this case it kinda is. Come on, it clearly shows Syl - of course - in another Illyr planet, BUT wait, not just any planet in another weird-ish wormhole, it's the MARQUE...The Sisterhood. And that is how the journey for Syl and Paul begins.

From the way Conquest had ended, leaving us all on such a shocking and totally unexpected cliffhanger, it was a great relief for Empire to pick up from there. Though not exactly in that time frame and location, but no other than Syl getting in a bit of trouble with the "Elite, or Gifted" at the Sisterhood, those amongst the Novices. Conquest had simply provided us the pieces to the puzzle, Empire gave us a chance to find those that were missing or could they have been hidden from mankind? And the Illyr? In Conquest a huge discovery was made with the parasites that fed on human and Illyr life source, but that was just the discovery, what is the true purpose of those organism to be amongst mankind? And what does the Sisterhood, more like Syrene have in mind for Ex-Governor Andrus? All these questions pooling in my mind from just the first couple of chapters. Guys, this is going to be one helluva ride.

Syl and Ani thrust into the sisterhood, embrace it or be wary of what is hidden from the naked eye? Their friendship, sisterhood was being tested, changing course of their loyalty. It killed me seeing both of them changing, evolving to different people into different worlds though they shared living quarters together, they became unaware of each others emotions, and that is what hurt the most, seeing them inseparable in the first book to seeing them so different, and that is something that was risky but it was needed, nothing is perfect. **AND THAT ENDING GAH.** Paul and Steven given no choice but to be taken from the resistance - an organisation hell bent on defeating those who conquered there world - and sent to the brigade to work amongst those who they once fought against.

What I loved about Empire was that even in this novel, all supporting characters that were introduced in here played a big part in making Paul and Syl in to who they are now. Thula, one crazy and quite humorous guy who trust Paul but not so much of Stevens piloting - oh did I say piloting *hehehe* - Peris, a familiar face who will do anything to save his people, Rizza, one bad-ass shooter and that says it all. Tiray a Illyr who motives are unclear but sooner or later we all find out. We also got to meet previous character who still kicked ass uhmm Meira, boy was I glad we saw more of her, got to know more about her. And she didn't fail to save Syl and Paul at a certain time. No matter how far, or how many planets Syrene the Archmage and Vena the head Sectruit have between them and Syl and no matter how many appearances they have in Empire, they NEVER failed to make Syl's life a living hell. Oh Vena has big plans for Syl Hellias and let's not forget Meira. Oh boy.

There were a numerous amount of amazing parts in Empire, and some very interesting characters who I thought couldn't make themselves reach the list right next to Vena and Syrene, and we all know what kind of list that is. None other than Oriel, lets just say she has not got a soft spot for Syl or anything to do with Syl. And Dessa, sweet sweet, cunning Dessa, GAHHH that was very unexpected, though I was very wary of her and at points shouted at Syl to not trust her. Oh and Tanit, and Sarea ugh SO MANY. Throughout most of the novel there was a lot of information to remember and reference back to make sure you were right, though at some point the information was amazing to read about, again John and Jennifer have done an amazing job added a hint of fantasy to somewhat parts of reality, and it was awesome. But at other parts it was too much to remember.

I loved how Empire didn't focus on Syl and Paul love life, didn't make the bases of this book around that. But much more, which you don't see that often. Though at times, yes they did think about each other but it wasn't every single page. And I like that, they prioritized what was important and the time. Syl uncovering the truth behind the Sisterhood and discovering the First Five, which was somewhat unexpected to what she found and a lot was COMPLICATED than EVER. And Paul, discovering unknown locations and going on suicide missions to find out what Aregeon really is, and what really lies behind all these wormholes and what link it really has with the Sisterhood. Oh how the Sisterhood has taken over and have so many undercover links with the Military, the Corps and how Syrene is about to make one more link to someone who Syl has the only connect left to family. Will Syl be able to save all those she loved from death and destruction? Will Paul be able to save Syl from the hands of the Sisterhood? and what is behind the wormhole that leads to the unknown Derith? I guess they're all about to find out.

Empire - John Connolly and Jennifer Ridyard 4.5 Stars
