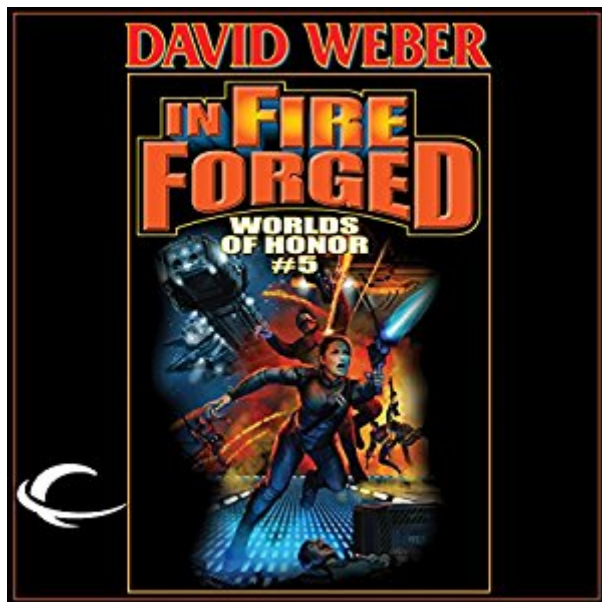


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Customer Reviews

In Fire Forged edited by David Weber Worlds of Honor 5A collection of stories and articles set in the Honor Harrington universe. Started out well with the first two stories, then fell flat with the rest of the book. 3.5 out of 5 simply due to Lindskold and Zahn. "Ruthless" by Jane Lindskold While speaking to a woman from Human Services outside her apartment, Judith Newland's daughter disappears. The child is being used as leverage against Prince Michael Winston. Lindskold gives us a look at one of the more important refuges of Masada as well as advancing the relationship of Judith and Michael. The search for Ruth also introduces Alice Ramsbottom, an intriguing new character with great potential. 4.5 out of 5. "An Act of War" by Timothy Zahn Sequel to "With One

Stone's from PROMISE OF THE SWORD. Charles Dozewah, aka Charles Navarre, is on the People's Republic of Haven to arrange a sale of something that could help with the war against Manticore. Before he can complete the deal, Charles is arrested by State Security. As even when Charles is involved, everything isn't as it seems. It was nice to see some of the back story that was happening when Honor Harrington first was revealed to be still alive. Charles is truly an extraordinary person. As most conmen and spies go, he's definitely one of the best. 4 out of 5.

"Let's Dance" by David Weber

Commander Honor Harrington is contacted by John Brown Matheson of the Ballroom while visiting planet side. The local Ballroom members believe Manpower has a hidden slave base in the Casimir system. Sadly, this was the weakest story in the bunch (I don't include the technical piece as, frankly, I usually skip them). Set pre ON BASILISK STATION, I was so looking forward to early Honor, not to mention the involvement of the Ballroom. It was terribly slow, even during the action scenes. Definitely not a short story. I was vastly disappointed. 3 out of 5.

"An Introduction to Modern Starship Design" by Andy Presby

As I said, I don't read these. It isn't my field and doesn't interest me, so no rating.

I loved the stories, but... the piece on armor would be better served in a coffee table book on ships and Honor-verse tech for those of us that would like that sort of thing. I felt that it was just used as filler for lack of a better story.

Jane Lindskold has a natural voice for story telling, and in "Ruthless" sets the stage for the characters as we see them in later years.

Timothy Zahn has created an intriguing character, Charles (Last Name Here) that we have met twice now, and I think will make an appearance in the the main line stories of the future. Charles is dancing a fine line in interstellar politics, with multiple agenda's, the obvious ones being the least important. Who is he, really?

Weber's own addition, "Let's Dance" is an important addition to Honor's back-story in that it reveals things alluded to in past volumes, but also takes us back to her early career in Hawkwing and her appearance on the Admiralty's radar. It also shows how the military takes care of it's own, balancing the future of a promising young officer with political realities. The story I would love to see, and it must be out there, is the story of Chief Harkness' courtship! If I don't find it soon, I will have to write it just for my own entertainment. Just thinking of it make me howl!

Kevin T. Bendall.

Ok. I have read all of the criticism for this book. The one thing I will agree on is the objection to the inclusion of article on armour and armament at the end. I think it was useful to the overall series, but

not helpful to the book. This should have been included in a separate book that was dedicated the background of the stories in the Honorverse, an anthology of short stories. That said, the article was well written. The other 3 stories were delightful. Overall the stories were all 5s, but the book got a 4. I really enjoyed the Honor story, because I have heard about in other stories I have read in this series. Please enjoy this book for what it is, and I think you hard science readers will especially enjoy this.

Love David Weber.

More Honorverse is always a good thing in the world. I love the story. I love the people. I love the science. I love the compassion. I love this.

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