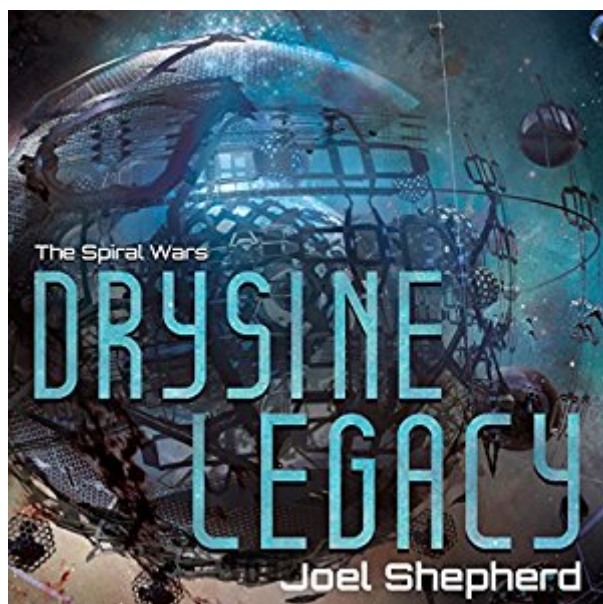


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Synopsis

The legendary battle-carrier UFS Phoenix is on the run in Outer Neutral Space. Lieutenant Commander Erik Debogande and Major Trace Thakur are determined to use neutral territory to broker a peace between humanity's warring factions, away from Fleet's strong arm. But as machinations in Fleet Command send a legendary warrior from Trace's past on a sworn path to kill her, there arises in the territory of an insectoid foe an ancient enemy from the nightmares of Spiral history, bent on Phoenix's destruction....

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Customer Reviews

This read has a little of everything -- Fleet/ground pounding action, AI's, Aliens, a twist of social science fiction, mystery, plot twists, interesting tech and a long list of likable characters. The depth of the story line requires some effort but the length of the read rewards the investment. This series is shaping up to be a great ride and I will certainly purchase the next installment. If you are looking for a well written sci-fi saga, this read will not disappoint.

What a brilliant way to begin the Christmas break. The action was intelligent, non-stop and convincing. Character development and world building appeared more sophisticated this time round and yet did not get in the way from the rocking fight scenes....Marines appeared to outfight the spacers this time round... not sure if that is because the author is more comfortable writing those particular scenes or just realizes marines kicking it is more convincing. As for the AI

reveals...WOW!...My only criticism is that because of the similarity in names sometimes I forgot which AI faction was scaring me the most

The Spiral Wars series so far has been one of the best written and imagined series that I've read in the last couple of years, and Drysine Legacy did not disappoint. The story took me by surprise in that I expected it to follow the development of the brewing Worlder/Spacer conflict, but then went off in a new direction (one whose groundwork was laid out in the first novel, I can see now). It's a very compelling story and one that constantly sucked me back in, wanting to read just a few paragraphs more. The world-building is fantastic, with the various species and locations that are scattered throughout the novel. You can tell that the author really took the time to think through and flesh out the history, culture, and design of the people and places that are encountered, which really kicks it up a level for me. It's one thing to imagine a space station or some new species, but it's an entirely different thing to come up with why that station is designed the way it is or why that species is motivated to do what it does (without resorting to tired clichés), and the writer accomplishes this feat with flying colors. I have to complement the author too on how he writes his characters. He really hits all the right notes with them in that they never fail to seem "human". Some writers fall into the trap of making their characters flawless and too perfect, which in turn makes them impossible to relate to and lessens the dramatic appeal of the story. But this author does an excellent job of having his characters act and think and err and overcome hardship the way real people might, which for me makes the story so much better. Highly recommended, and I can't wait for the next installment in the series.

This is such a well written and imaginative series and book 2, The Drysine Legacy, does not disappoint. The writing is glowingly excellent, the action/battle scenes, while not comprising the entire novel, are intense and well conceived. Plus, in an unexpected twist, the direction of this novel takes a turn in another exciting direction. Although hinted at in book 1, nevertheless a pleasing and thought provoking direction. The character development and maturity remain excellent, the plot and world's political development (worlder versus spacer) outstanding, I've concluded it's actually better than book 1, Renegade, which is quite an accomplishment. Joel Shepherd can write and I'm eagerly awaiting the next entry in this excellent series.

A great second book in a very promising series. I am a hardcore sci-fi fan and have literally read hundreds of sci-fi books and this series ranks near the top of my favorites list (next to the forever

war, the Ender books and Ready player one). It has excellent character development and a great story line with plenty of realistic action. I was lucky enough to only pick up the first book in this previously unknown series about four weeks ago (and read it in one sitting) and after finishing it, actually walked to my computer straight away in order to check if I could download the next book immediately, only to find I had to wait a few more weeks. But this wait was certainly worth the time :)

Joel Shepherd delivers again. I am not sure that another writer is able to deliver on quite the same combination of speculative fiction elements at the same time. The universe of the Drysine Legacy is engaging and fully realized in the first book, and yet somehow grows and gets bigger in this book. His characters - likable in the first novel grow and change in this one. This includes changing their goals and motivations - their entire quest if you will - and it MAKES SENSE. The interactions between people and between alien cultures are believable and interesting and reflect, a lot better than most authors, how different cultures might actually interact. They aren't just different shaped humans, and they all (humanity included) have their own prejudices and world views. And action. Boy, does Shepherd do action well. His books are the total package, and this book delivers it all again.

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