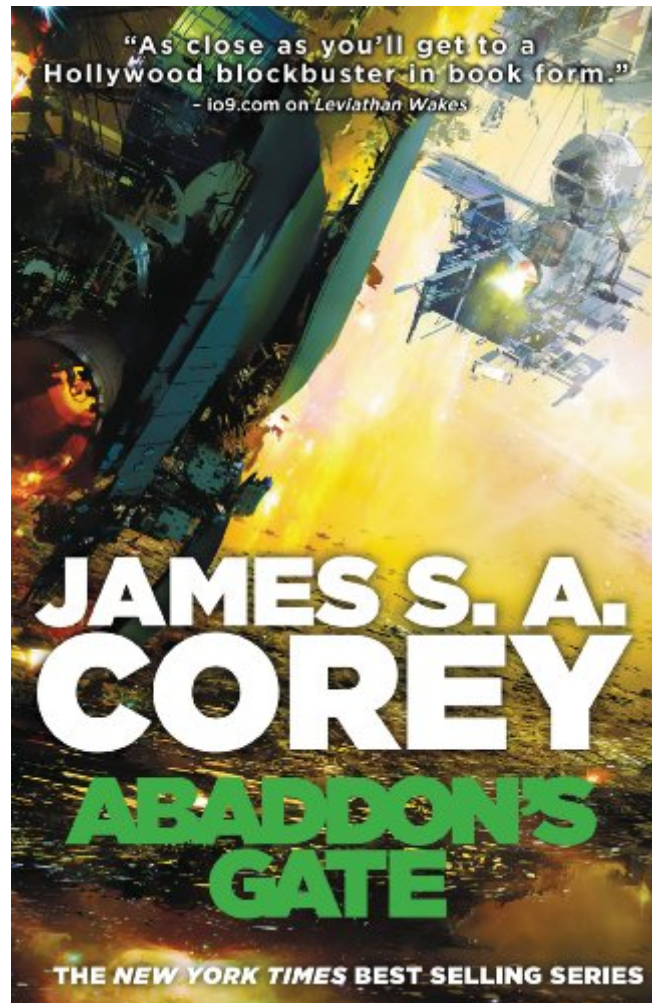


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Synopsis

The explosive third novel in James S.A. Corey's New York Times bestselling Expanse series. Now a major television series! For generations, the solar system -- Mars, the Moon, the Asteroid Belt -- was humanity's great frontier. Until now. The alien artifact working through its program under the clouds of Venus has appeared in Uranus's orbit, where it has built a massive gate that leads to a starless dark. Jim Holden and the crew of the Rocinante are part of a vast flotilla of scientific and military ships going out to examine the artifact. But behind the scenes, a complex plot is unfolding, with the destruction of Holden at its core. As the emissaries of the human race try to find whether the gate is an opportunity or a threat, the greatest danger is the one they brought with them. The Expanse (soon to be a major SyFy Channel television series) Leviathan Wakes Caliban's War Abaddon's Gate Cibola Burn Nemesis Games Babylon's Ashes The Expanse Short Fiction The Butcher of Anderson Station Gods of Risk The Churn The Vital Abyss

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Customer Reviews

When I was a kid I used to read voraciously. I was never without a book, dog eared, halfway finished but never lasting long enough. It's been quite a lot of years and of late it seems like anytime I get time to sit and read it's moments before I'm dozing off, exhausted. Well, these books have me reading like I was 15 again. Instead of browsing the web, I'm reading, when it's time for bed, I'm reading, on breaks during the day, I'm reading! It's a pleasure to have my old love and excitement to read back. Hats off to the authors, thanks!

After reading the first three books, I thought they were excellent adventure stories, with some good thinking going into the plots - and was surprised to find that the fourth book takes the story into some new territory without missing a step. I was thinking that it would be sort of the same kind of scary stuff, dominated by the characters we already knew - but it is a very neatly done development of this adventurous tale. I still think the books are better than the tv series.

This books left me disappointed at the end. Leviathan Wakes and Caliban's War kept my interest rising all the way to the end, but somewhere in the middle of this book, my excitement just evaporates. The last half of the book felt overlong and poorly paced. Essentially the book climaxed too soon and then failed to rebuild any excitement and tension for me. It didn't help that two of four POV characters (Bull and Clarissa) were not as interesting as the other two (Holden and Anna). Clarissa's chapters in particular becomes tedious in the second half, and her role in the outcome was predictable. Still, it was not a bad book. I just except more based on the first two books in the series. I hope Cibola Burn will be a return to form for the series. The Expanse series has so far been a great balance of action, character development and political tension and I would highly recommend it to anyone who like smart character driven science fiction, with enough scientific explanation to move the story without it feeling like a dissertation.

This entire series is incredible. Very believable human characters. Every plot arc has put me on the edge of my seat. Several new POV characters are introduced at the beginning of each book. When this happened in the first couple of books I thought, "Good luck getting me to care about these characters. Just get back to the main crew." That was naive. I end up caring about every character. This series is a fantastic exploration of what it would be like if our highly flawed species finally ventured out in to the universe. At times, that exploration is depressing; at other times it's hopeful. It never fails to be exciting and engaging, however. Read it. You'll be glad you did.

I read the first two books and then the user reviews for Abaddon's Gate. I finally decided to take a chance and get #3 in The Expanse series. I'm not going to tell you it's bad because it is just OK. Like a lot of other reviewers I missed some big characters from #1 and #2. The Roci's crew is still here but not nearly as prominent. My main gripe with #3 is that some really stupid, arrogant decisions are made by the new main characters. Faced with a greatly advanced, unknown alien technology any person with half a brain would Proceed With Caution!!! Not in this story. When you start with the inevitable conclusion and then shoe-horn a plot to fit - it comes off as just ridiculous. Oh well, so much for third times a charm.

Game of Thrones in space. Book 3. The pace of events was a bit more even in this book. Solid read but a little bit of patience is in order. Not everyone makes it out alive but the deaths serve the story well here. The incarnation of Miller in this book answers a lot of questions lingering since the beginning, but like most everything else in this series, the answers lead to more disturbing questions. 4/5 stars because a lot of the characters were cardboard in the sense you could predict their role in the end by first introduction.

Could only give this one of the series three stars. I was debating two. A few new characters are introduced and get their own chapters and the entire thing is more about human conflicts and personalities and views than anything related to the Sci-fi situation that the series is about. A bit disappointing in that respect. On the eve of offering so much it felt more about human drama than science fiction.

This series has pulled me in. Each book has built on the previous one and taken the reader on an amazing journey. After finishing Abaddon's Gate I immediately downloaded the next book. I love that the books are long. In my opinion this is excellent sci-fi. I really hope the tv series lives on. Not 5 stars only because it's hard to believe there can be full on gun battles on spacecraft.

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