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Customer Reviews

This small library has some very good selections, and, of course, others I didn't like as well. I generally don't read fantasy/horror and skipped most of the volumes from this genre, so I can't speak to their quality. I did discover authors I hadn't read before that I would like to read more of. Most of the volumes had been well proofed (a pet peeve) and were smooth reads. Worth the cost and time.

K.J. COLT: first book of the 23 and it's a page turner. Great story line. Bad girls win and becomes Queens. The healers use sex to heal. They can only heal men. But the story is so much more than that. Wars are fought, people are killed and women become rulers. Great writing. I will follow Ms Colt.

Every book, except one, was exceptional!!! Now, Margo Bond Collins you need to learn to at least learn to use grammar check on your computer if you are not going to edit your work. I almost skipped your story because I got tired of rereading every 3rd sentence in order to grammar check it myself!

I've only read one of the 23 novels so far (Ann Christy's 'Girard the Guardian') and I absolutely loved her fresh take on vampires - using evolution rather than mythology. That book alone was more-than worth the 99c I paid.

This is a wonderful box set! I have already Sorcery and Science and loved it! Honestly, anything Ella Summers writes I am going to read. However, this also gave me a whole new set of authors who write my kinda novels! Reading the other stories now and I have not been disappointed yet :-). So happy I spent the 0.99 cents on this. This is a great addition to my library.

I really enjoyed how Marilyn three vastly disparate characters together and spanned centuries of time but still maintained the characters relatability! I'd actually like to read more about these characters! (Hint! Hint!)

Dominion Rising does indeed bring a galaxy of talented authors, and these are not just run of the mill writers we are talking about but rather a pantheon of many of the best publishing today. Buying this anthology was one of the easiest book-buying decisions I've ever made. That's because it has contributions from a group of authors who have more than proven their worth, consistently writing stories and series that are among my favorites. It's a real treat for me to find S.M. Blooding (book 1 of a new series, *The Kalamatra Rebellion*), Melanie Karsak (a retelling of *Alice in Wonderland* set in a steampunk world, as only she can do), Erin Hayes (*Touching Infinity*, book one of another new series, *The Rogue's Galaxy*, pirates vs the mega corporations that rule the galaxy), Anthea Sharp (her first full-length *Victoria Eternal* spacepunk novel), Samuel Peralta (the debut of his *The Zoo at the End of the World* novel), Marilyn Peake (a new novel, *The Other: terrorist violence and North Korean missile threats, plus aliens and virus etc in a near version of our world gone wrong*), Margo Bond Collins (another new book, with a novel adventure of rift magic), JC Andrijeski (the novel length story *New York*, a prequel to her fantastic *Bridge & Sword* series that you can only find here), Felix R. Savage (*The Incurables*, which is a monster of an epic fantasy / alternate history saga) and a co-authored story by two authors I've always enjoyed: Gwynn White & Erin St. Pierre (*Fae warrior investigates soul reaper murder; mystery, thrills and romance ensue*) in one anthology, and then to top it off with a book jointly written by faves SM Schmitz and Lisa Blackwood is simply too much (star empire, rogue AIs vs a noble AI navy ship, vengeance for presumed dead, telepathic humans who can link to AIs - whew: simply too much here, but it's all great). There's even a bonus, an unfinished work by Tom Shutt who died far too soon. Having read the contributions of all of these authors I am astounded by how good they are, and in some cases how important they are for series I've really been enjoying. I would've kicked myself if I had missed the opportunity to read these novels. Their presence in this one low priced anthology already makes it the steal of the decade. Now I'm about to start on the other story contributions. While I've not read anything from most of the authors of these stories, based on the company they're keeping, I fully expect myself to thoroughly enjoy these as well. "Highly recommended" is an understatement.

If you had told me that there would be a specially priced ebook filled with twenty-three original novels that had never been published until now, I would have told such a thing could not exist. But here it is, featuring twenty-seven award-winning, best-selling, notable authors of a very high caliber. But you might be thinking, can a box set with this many novels in the science fiction and fantasy genres be any good? The answer is a resounding YES, as I have read five of them so far. Here are my thoughts and what I enjoyed about each of them: *Blood for Stone* by Logan Thomas Snyder

ƒŒŒ Œ œ In a world filled with paranormal inhabitants like humans, gargoyles, werewolves and vampires, they all co-exist in one large city with smaller suburbs devoted to their respective species. To keep law and order in all the different territories, Inspectors Cato and Smiley are specially appointed to police them all in cases that cross jurisdictions. But then there is a heinous murder of an underworld boss that sparks the simmering tension lying underneath the veneer of the fragile peace theyŒŒŒ Œ œve tried to maintain. Can Cato and Smiley solve the crime and prevent the city from erupting into a full blown war between all the different species?IŒŒŒ Œ œve enjoyed this authorŒŒŒ Œ œs novels before and I must say, this is probably one of his best to date. ItŒŒŒ Œ œs a feast of the imagination filled with unpredictable alliances, strange creatures, nefarious conspiracies and simmering tensions. ItŒŒŒ Œ œs also a hotbed of intrigue with a rich history that has only begun to be explored. Cato and Smiley are almost polar opposites of each other yet with their experiences, they are the perfect duo to investigate this murder and the ripple effect it has on the city. Their dialogue, one of the authors many talents, is brilliant, imbued with personality, wit, and intelligence. The final third is a powder keg that explodes and the action becomes a train running full throttle, making my reading relentless until I can finally take a breath when itŒŒŒ Œ œs all over with a truly satisfying ending. And every major character we meet gets a spectacular spotlight thrown on them and is given a chance to shine and heroically act when the novel goes into overdrive. And when it does, thereŒŒŒ Œ œs a very good reason that the battle cry ŒŒŒ Œ œ “we fight till we fall!ŒŒŒ Œ œ is used here and itŒŒŒ Œ œs fantastic. Overall, this is a fast-paced adventure that becomes more unpredictable the further you read. Spectral Shift by Daniel Arthur Smith ŒŒŒ Œ œ Abby is a man retired from the special operations team at the Homeland Security Bureau. A man of unique talents, he is a special agent who also specializes in archeological antiquities. When his past and his present collide, heŒŒŒ Œ œs paired with agent Leta, an Umbra from another plane of existence, to solve the case. However, what he must find is a long-lost artifact only rumored to exist, an artifact that in the wrong hands, could change the world for the worse!WeŒŒŒ Œ œre immersed in the intriguing mystery surrounding this artifact while the history of this existence and its many planes are woven into the first third of the novel. While itŒs sumptuous world(s) building and different environments are being established, the characters like Abby, his friend Jazz and Leta are also fascinating people, with rich histories, extraordinary abilities, and deep personality. When the novel combines these components together, it swept me into its absorbing world, captivating cultures, and spine-tingling adventure. The possible directions the story can go (and does go) in are truly limitless. ThereŒŒŒ Œ œs plenty of

surprises in store for the reader to discover, as there is so much innovation and imagination here. Together, it perfectly meshes all of these pieces together into an adrenaline-fueled, unpredictable finale with consequences for the entire universe. And the ending just blows this already compelling story wide open.

Ultras by Timothy C. Ward
The Osuna empire has grabbed hold of the galaxy and dominates it with an iron fist. Resisting them is a ragtag group with different agendas, but united with a common goal and an audacious plan. A group of bounty hunters, led by Cullen, is contracted to help a family get to a mysterious jungle planet. What's on this planet? The secret to accomplishing their goal to defeating the empire! Accompanied by Ehli and her son Emmit, they realize that their past is intertwined with the galaxy's future. But can they survive the jungle of predators that lurk between them and their goal? The ambitious plot is something out of space opera but keenly focused on these characters, as each of them is distinctive and interesting. Cullen is exiled from his home planet with a mysterious past that only begins to touch on what fate holds for him. Ehli and Emmit lost a loved one to tragedy but he left them a hidden and enormous legacy to live up to. All of their dilemmas and struggles throughout the novel make them real people whose fates you invest in. The jungle holds many surprises, especially with the allies (or is it enemies?) that they meet there. It is hard to tell whom to trust here, as Cullen, Ehli and their friends are being tested by sinister forces for a grand plan they are gradually becoming aware of. The complexity of this plan, how it's implemented and utilized was suspenseful and unpredictable, as I literally didn't know where the story was going to go next with each devious twist and turn of its plot. It kept me guessing right up through to the end.

The Zoo at the End of the World by Samuel Peralta
As Gabriel Comet travels on its long interstellar journey, it's eventually going to collide with Earth and extinguish all life! As this story is told, we see the world through the eyes of Zara Harbridge, a sensitive soul who has a strong affinity for animals since a very young age. As Zara grows into an adult, the impending apocalypse draws ever closer with the comet and its impending arrival. As Zara weathers all the life changes and challenges thrown at her, what is her purpose now that the end of the world is near? The science behind the comet and its path towards Earth make it that much more terrifying and more plausible. It's authenticity constantly made me question what would happen to me if this became a reality in my lifetime, enhancing the anxiety and sense of doom that pervades it. The beautiful counterpoint to this is Zara and how she tenderly cares for her family as well as the animals in her care. Zara's humanity is magnificently illustrated throughout this story, with delicate and impactful characterization that provides plenty of heartaches, sorrow and more than anything

else, hope despite the impending darkness. This is the authors longest written work to date, filled with his signature style blending science and breathtaking storytelling with a heart into a story that pulls no punches. The finale is both unexpected and epic that masterfully pulls your heartstrings with every cinematic moment, imbuing it with a poetic finality that felt like agony and ecstasy together.

Girard the Guardian by Ann Christy is a Guardian vampire who is investigating a school that burned down. One of the missing bodies from that school has now been reanimated by a very dangerous and crafty vampire named Thalia. Hiding out in her mother's estate, she looks innocent enough at first. However, her arrival heralds the reigniting of an ancient war between humans and vampires with a master plan to decimate the world. Girard and his compatriots, fighting to protect their kind and humanity as well, must gather the resources of their entire species to stop Thalia's nefarious plans from coming to fruition!

This is a fantastic novel that blends in both a sensational plot line about two factions of vampires, one wanting to protect humanity and one trying to harm it. It then weaves them together masterfully that tells a full story brimming with thoughtful and delicious world-building as well as lush characterization. It's a difficult balance to strike between the two and have them both be spectacular but one informs the other perfectly to make for a riveting read. One of the authors greatest strengths is her characterization. Girard's best friend Lila is a vampire historian, Borona is a whiz with technology and Marcus, who's delightful and welcome comic relief as he experiences this modern world with old eyes. All of them are distinct individuals who are imbued with an accumulated wisdom due to their lifespans. In particular, Girard carries the weight of the world on his shoulders with a palpable weariness and wisdom that comes with being so long lived. The science and biology behind the vampire, its history and connections to world events are just as engrossing, as they're a hidden culture behind the scenes as the world evolved around it. All of these ingredients together make for an impressive novel that kept my rapt attention right up to the emotionally powerful and completely unexpected ending.

All of these authors put their heart and soul into crafting extraordinary stories for this collection, showcasing their best work and it is ably demonstrated by the sheer imagination and innovation evident in each novel. They've also made each of their novels standalone, taking place in brand new universes of their own creation. Their individual stories in this collection are the first in a series of planned novels that will be published in the future. It's a good thing they are, as they all beg for continuation with such strong storytelling possibilities!

I've read five novels out of the twenty-three presented in this set, about 22% of it to date. If these five novels are any indication, the rest of this collection will positively

knock your socks off. There are more novels here that I can't wait to dive into as well. Get in on the ground floor of some superlative new universes with this insanely bargain-priced collection and prepare to be invigorated and mesmerized by these stories from some of the best authors in their genres. It is a tremendous collection filled with a plethora of choices for any fan of the science fiction or fantasy genres, or any kind of mash-up of these genres together because you will find those as well. I challenge you to read all of them and not find at least one novel here that you will love. This set is a book lover's delight and one that I've thoroughly enjoyed so far.

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