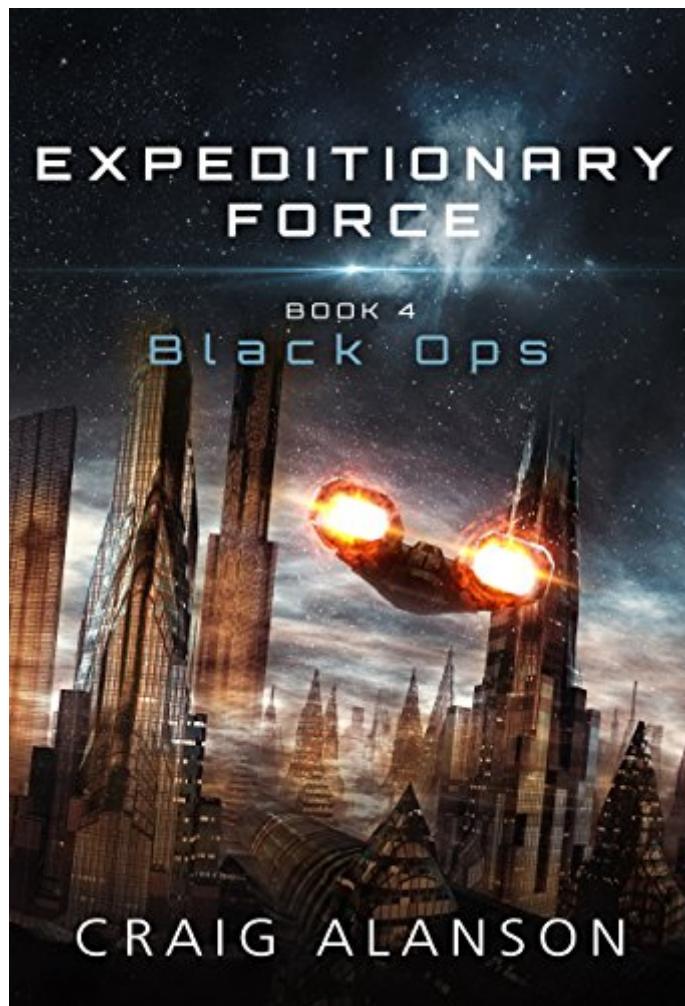


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# Black Ops (Expeditionary Force Book 4)



## Synopsis

The elite crew of the pirate ship UNS Flying Dutchman had a simple mission: determining whether the Thurarin are sending another starship to Earth. Along the way, they became sidetracked by securing a future for the UNEF troops on the planet Paradise. When asked whether Earth was now safe, their ancient alien AI responded 'Not so much'... now they have to deal with the consequences.

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## Customer Reviews

It's a "what if" story of earth today, coming in contact with two space faring races and having to deal with both of them and their patrons in one way or another. Just to realize how ineffective we'd really be to such advanced aliens. To me, it's a more believable story of how we would be if such a thing would happen. Our real lack of understanding of technologies that would have been created by other races to cross galaxies. What ends up happening is a chance discovery of a wise cracking alien AI that strikes a bargain with an army officer. The story takes off from there as the alien AI is the only thing that gives humanity a fighting chance. The only draw back I have, is not the story. It's

the way the author will explain a "thing or scenario" in the story. A "fact" will be stated, then that fact will be restated in the characters point of view, or a different combination of ways, and at times, again in a different way. It's tiresome and in most cases an unnecessary retelling of what was said, happened, happening or stated in a prior sentence, making a paragraph/chapter longer than it should be. All that being said, I'm looking forward to the next book.

Joe and his crew are still aboard their modified transport, but now they have to steal a couple junk ships to look as if the kristang are trying to get away with something. At the same time they're having trouble with the transport ship they've been living on. Well the plans don't go well, so they go to plan B, plan C, etc. With amazing luck, not all because of Skippy, they get out of tight situation after tight situation. Book reads well and is intense with drama. Skippy seems less abrasive in his repertoire. It's more of a game now between him and Joe. They seem to play according to a set of rules now. Skippy realizes that human thinking can be better than his, and goes to the humans for advice now. Yeah, you gotta see that! So the band of pirates go in under cover, and eventually come out with what amounts to good results more or less. Grammar? Meh, same o same o, same mistakes repeatedly.

No doubts for those 5 stars, every page has been worth reading. Team's mission accomplished - meaning no disturbing sudden end of the book - and the author left some very interesting openings to the as yet untitled sequel. Awesome indeed!

I hate being kept in the suspense as a brave and daring group of Earth's soldiers, scientists, and an ancient, sentient artificial intelligence traverse the galaxy secretly aboard a stolen alien starship with the intentions of furthering planet Earth's safety and absence from any and all extraterrestrial danger and warfare while the ancient ruins of an even greater but now absent alien civilization looms about the galaxy, raising more questions for them and their AI ally as their mission continues. What amazes me too, and props to the Author(Mr. Alanson!) is how our (human beings) notions of the theories of physics are creatively slotted throughout the series as wormholes are torn open for quick space travel using stolen alien tech, and also as the AI becomes so humorously annoyed as he tries to explain how it all works with Earth's scientists which is a near impossible task for his near unlimited processing power. The role of Earth's special forces aboard the ship even captivated me in the 4th book of the series so far as they face challenges even their own advanced combat training could not have prepared them for sooner as they face off against bigger, stronger, and

genetically engineered foe of entirely different species of far away worlds. I'm hooked, 100%, and gripping my chair as to find out what the fate of their crew, their home world, and their sarcastic AI friend, 'Skippy', will be in the upcoming book.

The Expeditionary Force series is one of the most entertaining series I have read. The "norm" for the Sci-Fi genre tends to be dark, and some manner of dystopian. Craig Alanson brings a very fresh and enjoyable perspective to the genre. I have read and listened to the entire series so far, and it's one I have definitely added to my multiple read/listen list. I highly recommend this series to anyone looking for a fresh, entertaining, romp through a sci-fi book.

Though the entire Kindle version of this book is riddled with typos, making it somewhat awkward to read, the book was enjoyable. It is my least favorite so far in the series, but it had its moments. Book 5 cannot come soon enough!

I absolutely love this series. It is amazing how the author can go from intense very well written action sequences ,to making you laugh out loud in a packed airport. Mr Alanson has done it again with the fourth book in his series. This title certainly did not disappoint . I especially like the fact of the length of the book. You certainly get your money's worth.

I love this series. It is both funny and exciting. I am devouring this and now am waiting for the next book to see how the cliffhanger turns out. I want Skippy to return and get things going again. Thanks for the super great entertainment

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