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✝ St. John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



AC BOOKS
The Exo Project
The Earth is dying. The average daytime temperature is 120 degrees. Crops are dying, animals are starving, water is drying up and soon the Earth will be a dry desert wasteland.

Mankind is barely hanging on. Millions of people are dying from the sun's radiation and those that do survive are forced to wear protective suits to stave off the heat.

Before long mankind will cease to exist. But, there is hope: the stars. A large fleet of spacecraft has been prepared to send hundreds-thousands of people to the stars in search of habitable planets.

Although faster than light speeds have been obtained it will take at least 100 years to reach what is hoped to be an earth-like planet capable of sustaining human life.

As the air grows increasingly stale and food and water diminish a brave group of volunteers prepare to go into suspended animation in the desperate attempt to wake up on a new world and thus save mankind.

There are no guarantees and it is certain a large portion of the volunteers will die.

In 'The Exo Project' by author Andrew Deyoung and published by Boyd's Mills Press/Highlights, seventeen year old Matthew must make the hardest decision of his young life.

Several years previously Matthew's father died leaving his mother, younger sister and Matthew to fend for themselves.

When Matthew's mother contracts cancer and must be put in suspended animation until a cure is found Matthew decides to volunteer for the one way trip to the stars in order to get the money to cure his mother.

He is chosen, leaving his mother, sister and his home behind him. Or so he assumed.

Meanwhile on a distant planet a young alien girl (Kiva) experiences a vision of visitors from space.

Are the fates and lives of Matthew and the girl intertwined?

Are things as they appear? What of 'The Exo Project'?

When Matthew and Kiva meet what will become of their lives and their worlds!

'The Exo Project' surprised me. The end of mankind is no new concept or fodder for literature.

But, author Andrew Deyoung managed to take what would appear to be a cut and dry 'end of times' story and throws in a number of surprises for a remarkably fresh perspective.



AC MOVIES DVDS
F8: The Fate of the Furious
OK, true confession time. I am probably one of a few people who have not seen ALL of the Fast and Furious films from Universal Studios. I sort of turned my nose up to what I considered little more than 'fast car' movies.

Several of my friends and acquaintances encouraged me to watch some of the movies-but I held off until my curiosity got the best of me and I watched clips on YouTube.

Wait a minute! Sure there are car chases, explosions, fights and all the usual action movie clichés but I started to notice some interesting things beginning with F&F #6.

They are actually well acted and directed movies with interesting characters and killer storylines.

Instead of the movies primarily concentrating on action alone there is actual coherent storylines that lead into each other as the films progress.

F8 The Fate Of The Furious is the ultimate culmination of action, adventure, Intrigue, character conflict and resolution and so much more.

Things have calmed down in the F&F world. Dom and Letty are married and the rest of the crew have gone about their exonerated lives.

When a mysterious woman somehow convinces Dom to take on a criminal mission and betray his old crew red flags immediately pop up.

What exactly is going on and can Dom be stopped? The F&F cast of characters have a mystery and a situation on their hands and they need to solve it in their own high-speed, over-the-top and amazing way.

The new Blu-Ray/DVD/Digital HS Combo Pack also includes lots of bonus features including featurettes, extended scenes and commentary.

What makes the F&F franchise so appealing is that it has evolved over the series and manages brilliantly to keep things fresh.

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Chasing Secrets

I read a lot of books. Over the years I've read a lot of crime and mystery novels.

After awhile they all pretty much read the same and I usually figure out the plot before I finish a book-if I finish a book.

Very seldom do I read a book and find myself surprised-especially when it comes to crime novels.

Lynette Eason's new 'Elite Guardians Chasing Secrets' book from Revell/Baker Publishing Group, surprised me. I was not expecting to be surprised, but I was. It was delightful.

To be sure the book has many of the elements of a good romance suspense novel but author Eason managed to use those elements in a new and unique way to craft a story that kept me glued to my seat, soaking in each page.

In 'Chasing Secrets' Elite Guardian body guard Haley Callaghan finds herself knee-deep in a mystery.

Someone is trying to kill her, but for what reason? Does it have something to do with an encounter she had with a vengeful street thug, her shadowy past or is it something else entirely?

Mystery and intrigue abound as Haley slowly pieces together the pieces and finally puts together the puzzle involving her life, her profession and her past.

Along the way a romance blossoms, a tragedy turns to triumph and (here's the big surprise) God gets the glory!

It is refreshing to read a crime novel where foul language is absent, morals are applauded and God is honored.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book and look forward to reading others in the series.

Army, Marines, Navy and Special OPS

From Quarto/Hachette/Voyager/Zenith comes a quartet of books about the U.S. Military.

Three of the books form author Chester G. Hearn and Zenith Press examine three of the branches of the U.S. Military.

The three books offer illustrated histories of the Army, Marines and Navy.

Each of the military branches is given their due with full timelines and historical facts from their inception to the present day.

Key campaigns, famous military figures, important developments, battles, innovations, strategies and their military role and importance are complemented by archive photos and art.

Each book is packed with black and white and color photos which bring history alive.

Intriguing and interesting text chronicling each branch is provided with emphasis put on important dates, campaigns, personnel and weapons and equipment develop are fully detailed.

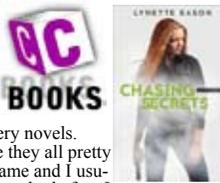
Each book will make an excellent addition to any military history buff's library

Author Fred Pushies and Voyager Press examine the history, weapons and missions of Elite Military Forces in 'U.S. Special OPS'.

For a thorough examination and explanation of each branch of the military's special forces the book covers everything from weapons, campaigns, techniques, training, equipment, aircraft, transports, key personnel, officers and non-coms and much more.

It is filled with historical text, hundreds of photos and all the facts about the US Special Ops.

All four books offer a great resource to any hopeful military recruit, history buffs, military archivists and anyone who is interested in the U.S. Military and its illustrious history and mission status.



AC ANIME MANGA Mobile Suit Gundam The Origin Chronicle of Char and Sayla

Containing episodes 1-4, the Blu-ray 'Mobile Suit Gundam The Origin Chronicle Of Char And Sayla' delves into what happens when orphans Casval and Artesia take on new identities in order to be hidden from unfriendly family rivals.

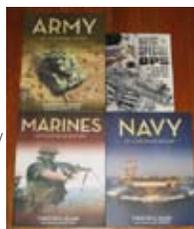
As the Munzo attempts to gain independence from the Earth Federation the Zabi family takes control of Side 3 and war looks inevitable.

As the two orphans take on new identities (Char and Sayla) they reluctantly find themselves drawn into the conflict despite their best efforts.

The war escalates and powerful forces come into play with the fate of humanity teetering in the balance amidst the carnage and bloodshed.

Be there for the beginning of the war, the creation of the Gundams and the Anime/Manga classic character the Red Comet courtesy of RightStuff!

Special features include: Promos, "Chronicle of the Loum Battlefield" Preview, "On the Other Side of Space" Music Video.



AC GAMES Battles Of Legend

What comes in a Foil Pack and consists of 5 Cards?

What offers hours of excitement and challenges that combines, martial arts, science, magic and a plethora of monsters, creatures and humans battling it out?

What provides fun for gamers 6 years old and up and makes for a great way for family and friends to get together--and--features stunning Foil artwork?

Go on, guess!

That's right! Konami's new Yu-Gi-Oh! Trading Card Game: Battles Of Legend Light's Revenge incorporates famous Duels from the animated YGO series and championship cards from real-life Minerva.

Fantasy and reality combine to bring a whole new level of excitement to Yu-Gi-Oh! Look for some very special Cards along with Cards from GX D/D/D monsters and more.

If you love playing Yu-Gi-Oh! Then you're sure to get excited when you open each 5 Card Booster Pack.

Look at what you can get:
Total of 80 all-foil cards-- 60 Ultra Rares and 20 Rares.

Secret Link Strike--introduces the highly anticipated Link Monsters, and features 43 cards (38 Commons, 2 Ultra Rares, 3 Super Rares), a Beginner's Guide and an updated Game Mat with new Extra Monster Zones.