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Heirs Of Empire (The Scourwind Legacy)



Synopsis

The Scourwind family legacy brought the empire to the height of its power and prosperity and defended it against all enemies. Now one man's machinations aim to shift the balance of power with violent and devastating consequences. When the trusted General Corian launches a coup against Emperor Scourwind, he hurls the planetary kingdom into chaos. To secure his claim as ruler, Corian will need the strength of the Scourwind name behind him, and he will stop at nothing to bring under his grasp the young Scourwind heirs, twins Lydia and Brennan. Barely into adulthood, the two are thrust into the crossfire. Battling new obstacles at every turn, they eventually find refuge with Mira Delsol, pirate and former member of the elite empire forces. As the stakes rise, loyalists, mercenaries, and political opportunists rally around the heirs in a desperate bid to unseat the usurper. But if their risky gambit fails, will the empire crumble into oblivion?

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Customer Reviews

I read everything Evan writes. He's great. This time though I was distracted by the absence of

description regarding the world setting and the vehicles. It's nice to throw a bunch of transportation technology out there to enjoy. There's one or two nods to scale, but I honestly have no idea after reading the book what kind of artificial world they reside. Though that much is very obvious. I felt like I was channeling Treasure Planet the whole book. What are the real limits for the empire? What does down-spin and up-spin mean as a direction without any explanation of the mechanics of something spinning? There's plenty of references to the absence of orbits that just add to the question. How does the relative position of up-spin or down-spin correlate to the capital and degree of civilization? Lots of this is thrown out there and it's like listening to an old Battlestar Galactica episode where made up units of measure are being used without much consistency. You can get by on context and dialogue. Evan does this very well. But it's an itch I'd like to scratch in the next book.

EASILY one of the BEST Sci-Fi stories I've read in awhile. Evan steps into the Space Fantasy Opera genre full steam ahead. He tapped into my Star Wars "space-magic" love immediately and he never makes the reader feel like the author doesn't believe in what he's writing. It's also nice to read a Sci-Fi novel that wasn't trying to be ultra-Realistic with every piece of tech being explained away by today's scientific theories. It's a Fantastic tale and it NEVER apologizes for being fantastic. I absolutely loved it. Evan is clearly made to write great sci-fi fiction. He nailed the military sci-fi target with the Odyssey One series and he's set to nail the fantasy space-opera target with his Heirs of the Empire series. You will not be disappointed.

I've been a fan of Evan Currie from his earliest books. This is something somewhat different, and although other reviewers have pointed out some flaws, I enjoyed the story, and some of the mysteries exposed in the world it takes place in. I read the book when it came out, and over a year later listened to the audiobook. I find I remember different things when listening vs reading, thus adding a dimension to the story I didn't get in reading. The narrator was not as good as others I heard, it took some time for me to adjust to his reading of the story. He wasn't bad, just not nearly as entertaining as I expected.

If you were worried about Evan Currie's ability to create yet another first-rate SF series, you needn't be. The Scourwind family rules the Empire until a coup led by a renegade Cadreman sets in motion a conflict between the rightful, surviving young heirs aided by loyal Cadreman vs. the usurper, General Corian. The Cadreman are the key, as they have the ability to link to and thus control ancient personal weapons called Armati. The world they inhabit is peculiar, to say the least, but

explanation of its mysteries will have to await future volumes in the series. The most interesting character in the book is a young Cadrewoman named Mira Delsol, perhaps the most powerful wielder of an Armati in many years and a significant obstacle to Corian's plans. The Armati themselves are a fascinating piece of technology, as are the flying skimmers and the quantum railroads. But be warned that the world in which all this exists is an apparently important and as yet unexplained puzzle, leaving a fairly large hole in the middle of this story. Knowing Mr. Currie's other series, we can rest assured that the process of discovery will be well worth waiting for.

Imagine a world where war is fought in the air, but the ships have sails to catch the slipstreams above. Imagine a world bounded by four walls so high and obdurate no one has found a way past them. The world inside is vast, but is that all there is? In this first novel of the series, Evan Currie keeps you glued to the pages with air battles and non-stop action, while unfolding mysteries before us. You won't want to put this book down. And by the end you will be begging for more!

Good series, I've read the first two books. I would put this series more as Young Adult. Took awhile to understand the situation of being in a constructed environment. Could have been less confusing in the first book. Still waiting on new *Odyssey One* novel Evan.

Evan Currie scores again! This first book of the *Scourwood Legacy* is a real page turner. I would recommend it to either Sci Fi or Fantasy fans. If you have never read Evan Currie, you should start, you'll soon be reading everything by him.

A world that has islands in the sky instead of stars, sailing ships in the skies and weapons with personalities. And a history with more mystery and unanswered questions. Can't wait for the next installment!

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