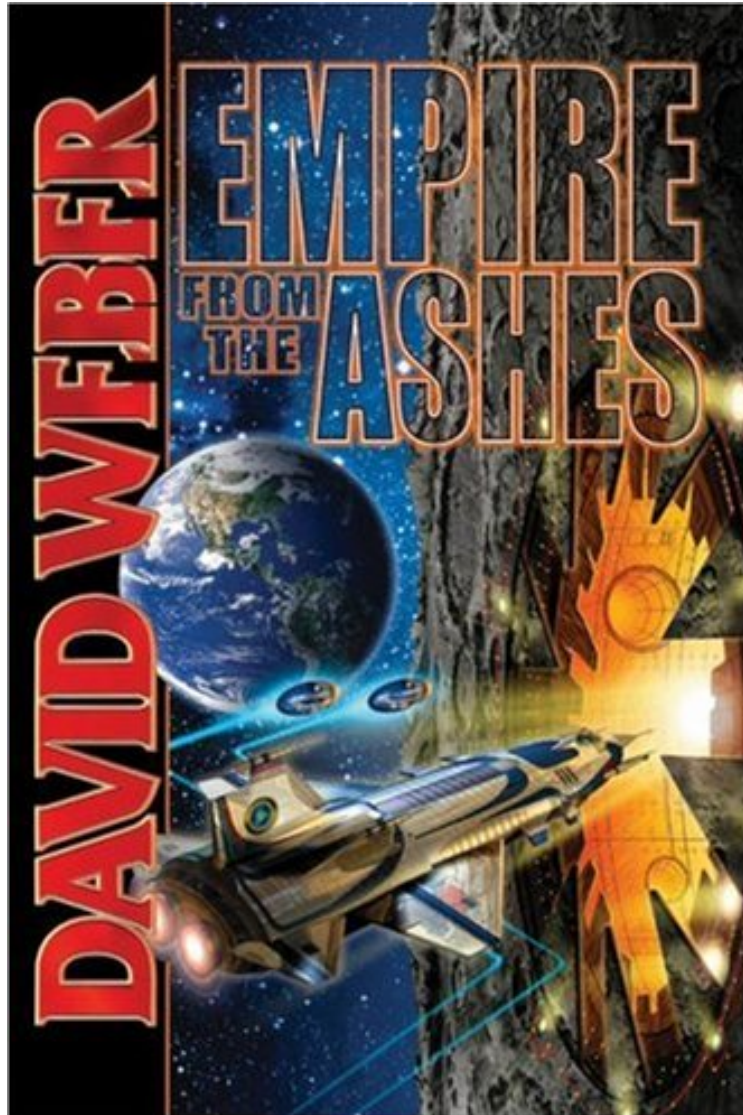


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**David Weber : Empire from the Ashes** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Empire from the Ashes:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Two good sci-fi books and one decidedly mediocre sci-fi book By James Duffy The first two books form a good story that is reminiscent of Stargate SG1 the tv show. I enjoyed the protagonists as they were fairly interesting. Giving Tani a old English accent was one interesting choice that grew on me. Having said that, they don't have character flaws to humanize them and there are plot devices that sometimes seem to come out of nowhere removing some suspense because you know that the plot will always find a way for them to

win. The first book does a good job of introducing the universe to the reader and the plot mostly involves cat and mouse games featuring advanced tech between two advanced human societies. The second book's plot expands to the fight against the great scourge alien menace. This book has lots of interesting space battles that are fun to read. The third book takes place after humans have won and are reclaiming the ancients' empire. This book is by far the weakest of the three. All subtlety goes out the window and it basically bludgeons you with foreshadowing. Characters are introduced only to be forgotten about until the one thing they are needed for and then never again (prime example is the smart dogs). The antagonist (on earth) has so many plot conveniences that it is a wonder he even needs to plan at all, but he needs them because his plans are so overly complicated. The supercomputers that help run the show and the supposed intelligence specialists are either terrible at their jobs or lazy as they seem to be above checking records and/or asking people questions with their accurate lie detector (the weak in-universe explanation only draws attention to the fact that they could be using this lie detector but can't because it would inconvenience the plot). All that is in order to make it plausible that the bad guy could win. Because the good guys are being nerfed so hard and the bad guys get buff, it all seems so arbitrary and the universe starts to break down. I thought that kids' plotline would be bad but that was the more enjoyable part of the book. They had a fairly interesting plot about fighting a world-wide theocratic government with limited advanced tech to use. Their characters also suffer from being "perfect." They always do the right thing and it always works out. The "failures" that they suffer are always temporary and would have been inevitable. Their only flaw is that they care too much and that is not really a flaw when it never costs them anything. Also, people in this series just fall in love at the drop of a hat. This review has gone on too long so I will just say that for the price you get two good sci-fi books and one that can be most favorably described as "meh." Purchase accordingly. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good story line. By Customer I really enjoyed reading this book. I have only two things I would have done differently. First, the transitions from one area of action to another are abrupt. I had to work at keeping track of who was in action with each transition, I did eventually adjust to the style. Second, the first two volumes led through a logical sequence of events, as did the third until the end. The story line on two worlds was great, the end to the home world was great, but the second one did not describe the action of the end, I found that disappointing. Still would like to see the series continued. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. David Weber does an amazing job with the characters getting you to really ... By Cyb3rPh0bia This is a marvelous Sci-Fi story. Very well written will draw you into it very quickly. David Weber does an amazing job with the characters getting you to really feel for them in all that happens. Highly recommend this book.

For Colin MacIntyre, it began with a routine training flight over the moon. For Dahak, a self-aware Imperial battleship, it began millennia ago, standing guard against an unknown enemy which once devastated the galaxy—and now has returned. So Dahak grabbed MacIntyre's ship and informed him that he was drafted to be its new captain and lead the fight against the ancient enemy. MacIntyre had doubts that he could handle the job, but Dahak had definitely picked the right man. Before it was all over, MacIntyre would: "Defeat a cadre of mutineers, formerly part of Dahak's crew, kept alive through untold generations by alien technology, who have been secretly manipulating life on earth for thousands of years . . ." Mobilize the planet into a fighting force that might have a slender chance of stopping the ancient alien menace from eradicating all intelligent life in its path . . ." And resurrect the ancient galactic empire, which had fallen into chaos and barbarism, with himself as Emperor—which meant that he immediately became the target of a plot to assassinate him, and strand his son and daughter on a planet where their chances of surviving in a superstitious pre-tech society would be zero for the average human . . . Fortunately for the galaxy, Colin MacIntyre and his heirs have never even heard of average, and anyone, human or alien, who got in their way was going to be very, very sorry.

About the Author David Weber is the science fiction phenomenon of the decade. His popular Honor Harrington novels are New York Times best sellers and can't come out fast enough for his devoted readers. In addition to the Honor Harrington series, he has written many top-selling science fiction novels, all for Baen, including *Empire from the Ashes*, *The Apocalypse Troll*, and *The Excalibur Alternative*. He has also begun a top-selling epic SF adventure series in collaboration with John Ringo, with four novels so far: *March Upcountry*, *March to the Sea*, *March to the Stars* and *We Few*. His *Wind Rider's Oath* (05/04), another New York Times best seller, continues his popular fantasy adventure series.