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Four hundred years in our future, Captain Katana Krieger has just assumed command of the Union Navy's new frigate, USS Yorktown, when suddenly she and her crew are assigned to find a missing convoy 200 light years from earth. What she finds instead is an alien invasion, one that only she and her crew can stop. Action and adventure await the reader. This is not great literature, it's simply great fun. Some violence, an adult innuendo or two, and an occasional "frak," otherwise fine for fun lovers of all ages.

NOTE: A couple bits of information appear to be useful based on the first 60 or so reviews. First. Yes, it's written in the first person, which bothers some folks in this genre, but I thought it necessary since it's a mystery being solved and this way you get the same info she gets to figure it out. It is, as many have pointed out, unlike 99% of alien invasion stories. Second, Katana is not Spruance, or Nimitz, or Halsey or any modern Navy commander. She is based on Steven Decatur, late 1700s US frigate captain. Youngest captain in US Navy history, one of only 53 people ever to have a portrait appear on US currency, namesake of an Arleigh Burke destroyer. When the USS Philadelphia was captured in Tripoli, he planned, executed, and personally led a special ops mission to destroy her (which earned him the utter respect of Horatio Nelson). When his brother was killed, he planned, executed, and led a special ops mission during which, outnumbered better than 5 to 1, he still managed to personally kill the enemy ship captain and escape. He was sent by Thomas Jefferson to negotiate treaties with foreign governments, which he usually did through expeditious use of his cannons. No modern commander would act that way, but Katana's soul is 700 years old.

The ships in this book are generally either (a) revolutionary war battles or (b) associated with the first six frigates of the US Navy (Congress, Constitution, Decatur, Bainbridge, Truxton). This is a topsails and mainsails with nuclear warheads and laser cannons book, not a gas turbine book.

Length: Rounded off: 2001: A Space Odyssey is 70,000 words. The Forever War is 81,000 words. The Hobbit is 97,000 words. Yorktown is 98,000 words. Ender's Game is 107,000 words. Game of Thrones is 300,000 words. This is a real novel, but not an epic one.

Bill Robinson is a short story writer of strange computer fiction, including the only two intentional works of fiction ever published by Network World, "The Tolkien Ring Network," and "The Ether Strikes Back." His first novel, Intention, and it's sequel, Destination, are apparently the most read grown up superhero novels for the Kindle.

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