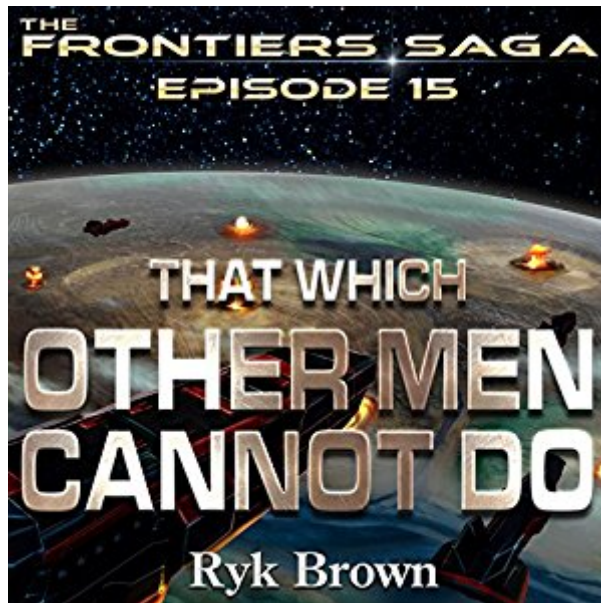




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# That Which Other Men Cannot Do: Frontiers Saga, Book 15



## Synopsis

New forces grow.... Old friends are lost.... New alliances are forged.... Old weapons are made new.... With political unrest growing, the Alliance must rush to rebuild their fleet and expand their sphere of influence before their support runs out. But when the Jung up the ante, the Alliance must turn up the heat. Captain Nathan Scott and the Sol-Pentaurus Alliance must put everything on the line to save the Sol sector once and for all.

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## Customer Reviews

A long book with battle after battle --- jump after jump. It gets so boring that you just want to jump to the end and be done. This series has been going downhill and this book has been a big, big, big disappointment. Out of the 15 books I have purchased, this was the worse. I am tired of hearing Jessica mouth off and Josh doing everything in his fighter but what he was told to do. Now for the Captain who has decided at the end that he will be a "Martyr". I am beginning to believe that people who write military books who have not served need to have a seasoned military personnel review the book before it is "Finished". All in all, I did not care for the story and do not recommend. This story was too wordy.

This is a review of the 15-part series, why review anything less. All I can say is "Damn you Ryk Brown." You led me into a story, involved me in your characters, then made it clear that those

character I came to care about (yeah, I get involved) aren't guaranteed to make it further in the story. You presented thought-provoking situation and your combat sequences were so intense (can a book really go there?) that at times I had to put the book down for a while. You suck because at this point, October 2016, you're only 2 books into the second Frontier series. Bite me, Ryk Brown, for making me so impatient for more.

This is the latest installment of Ryk Brown's space opera, and ranks in my mind as one of the best of the 15 books so far. He writes confidently and the characters seem almost real in my mind. He gives them such complex motivation as he follows each of the main characters through difficult situations. With such a wide spread series, Brown is able to drop some characters and plot lines for books at a time, then bring them back in when appropriate. The core characters are consistently complex and seeth with human doubts, hopes and fears. Always a pleasure to see what new solutions they find as they whip about the universe the author has constructed for them! One word of warning. You should start this series at the beginning. You would probably enjoy this as a stand alone read, but you will get so much more if you have a grasp of the back story!

Edit: After reading this review, please see the comments area where the author responds to this review with a good deal of clarification and expansion. I also suggest that you visit his Web site (see his Author's Page here at [http://www.rykbrown.com](#)) for further information.

Previous review: As a highly critical of the previous volume I have to hand it to the author here. He's cleaned up all my issues in V 14 and did so quite well within the first 10% of this, the supposed final volume of the Frontier Series. All the elements which make this series so attractive are here. We again focus on our main characters. They act in character so we wish them success. We have the long detailed battle prep and then the well paced space naval battles. We have mostly wins but some losses as well including some people who've been with us since the start or almost the start of the series. As a book in the series, this one is as good as any and better than most. However, it is supposed to be the final book and it isn't. There are two major loose ends. In fact, one character who is a loose end makes for the highest cliff hanger yet in the series. There is another huge loose end which ties back to about V 7 in the series. The author gives no hint at all as to that loose end's direction. This was supposed to be a 15 volume series and it's not. There is no way this is a final book in any real sense of closure. I appreciate that the author has a great universe here with well liked, well developed characters and a conflict which can be exploited for all we know another 15 volumes. So I'm torn. As

a book in the series this is an easy five stars. However, because it fails on its promise to wrap the series up and give us a sense of how it all came out, I can't get near that rating. I have been wanting to see how all this worked out and I still don't know. Maybe it will never wrap up and go to infinite volumes in a sci-fi Neverending Story. No, that's wrong. That ended after a bit. This hasn't and it may never.

First, I really like this series. I have watched it seemingly grow from tiny self published episodic content to a series that stands up strong to any competing content of the genre. I have also watched a bit in fear as it seems to take the shape of other large series' as page churn seemed to show up in this one. I found the first 1/3 to 1/2 of the book to be fairly meaningless training and tech adjustments to the Alliance. The plot seemingly was at a total stand still as section after section was about a character doing not much if anything in some training scenario or random system liberation. Maybe it could be seen as showing new tech being tried out or as developing more satellite characters. However, each time I finished a section, I sort of wondered why the section even needed to be in the book or why they could not have all been meshed into a few smaller sections. It was like watching a building montage of an A-Team show, but all broken out into chapters about besieged town person A talking to Hannibal's second cousin about the type of soldering used to attach the bulldozer blade to the pickup truck. It was like this for almost half the book. Again, I love the series, but it felt like churn to me. The book returned to form part way through though and almost seemed to move too fast for a series end (or part one of five parts as the case may be). I like most of the characters. I am okay with new ones. I just didn't see the point of multiple test flights or captain's quarters meals doing basically the same thing (or nothing) in the plot. In a nutshell, a great series, a solid book, but number 15 seemed to lose its pacing at times.

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