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**Second in the duology that started with *At Empire's Edge*- from the national bestselling author.**

In a far-distant future, the Uman Empire has conquered and colonized worlds. Once thought invincible, its reign is now fragile as alien subjects and enemies conspire against it.

On holiday in the capital city, cop Jack Cato gets a glimpse of the Emperor-and realizes what he's looking at is a supposedly dead shape-shifter. His mortal enemy is still alive and once again on the run. And the fate of the Empire-and Cato's own honor-are at stake...

## **Bones of Empire Details**

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### **Mitchell says**

This was an Endeavour book read, and not one I would have read otherwise. Basically relatively simple squad level military space opera. Evil shapeshifter looking for his mate, hunted by a rogue-ish empath soldier. Not a horrible read, just not especially good. 3.5 of 5.

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### **Kevin says**

My primary issue with this book was the author's tendency to write big action set pieces and string them together with extremely limited character development. If every third scene had been removed and the remaining scenes lengthend and developed, this would have been a much more successfull novel. Despite the short length, I was relieved when it finaly ended, because I had no investment in the characters.

He also suffers from a terminal case of telling, not showing. In picky technical issues, there were far to many exclamation points, in places where they were not waranted. This author is aparently relatively popular, but at this point I have no interest in reading further works by him.

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### **Alexander says**

Bones of Empire is futuristic with the Uman Empire reigning and defeating worlds that come in their way. It was once upon a time the strongest force in the multiverse, but its reign is now falling apart as alien populations and enemies slowly begin to turn against it. Jack Cato is an officer on vacation in the capital city and sees the Emperor of the Uman's at a parade and realizes that what he is looking at is a supposedly dead shape-shifter from his past. In his past memories and in the previous book, he was working against this shape-shifter and ultimately is the main antagonist in the other book, constantly working against Jack. Anyways, to add on to the fact, another alien race has claimed one of the planets at the great Uman Empire's edge to claim to war with the Empire. Then the book goes onto many different battles and fights that occur that require a lot of effort from Jack. The new alien race, in the end, made the old Uman Empire fall and crumble. After the fact, the new race took control and peace and harmony was created.

I would recommend this book for those who enjoy a lot of science fiction that deals with character driven stories, political intrigue, and military action!

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### **Andrew Ziegler says**

Ok is a good way to put it. This was certainly just that. I think maybe Dietz has lost his allure for me. His wrap up disease still persists, and his characters are becoming cut out archetypes. His ideas are occasionally interesting, but ultimately the pay off isn't there any longer. Gone are the glory days of his early work. Oh well.

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**Steven Allen says**

I have enjoyed all of Dietz's books, but I find that they are a one time read for me so I do not add them to our home library.

The story of Jak Cato was good, and I am a sucker for a good cop story as well as some good ol' space opera. I was a little disappointed in how the love triangles between Keen, Shani, Cato and CeCe were solved.

Convenient deaths of Keen and Shani I felt could have been done better with CeCe standing up for herself and her love of Jak. Keen dies in a shoot-out. Shani dies protecting CeCe, but I did like how Shani did it for Jak because of her love for him, saving the woman he loves. If that is not an expression of how sacrificing love can be, I don't know what else is.

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