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Star Splinter *Fractured Space Book One*

**As civilized space is torn apart, an unlikely crew is brought together.**

Lieutenant Callum Harper hadn't intended on punching his commanding officer quite so hard. But maybe it wasn't such a bad turn of events. Court-martialed and dumped on a reject raft bound for Earth, Cal feels optimistic about a life where getting blown up, shot, or even eaten is altogether less of a concern. And, more importantly, a life where the only person he's responsible for is himself.

Unfortunately, fate doesn't favour the mundane. Crash-landing on a lethal planet, and with technology failing all around him, Cal must take his fellow passengers under his wing in order to survive and unravel the reasons behind their situation.

But the cause is far worse than any of them could have imagined, for theirs is a small part of a much larger crisis. Colonized space is under attack. Humanity is on the verge of chaos. And those who enjoy such anarchy are already beginning to thrive.

Yet Cal and his new companions will discover that mankind isn't the true threat, not by a long shot.

*"This novel just blew me away. It was like a giant mash up of Star Trek, Indiana Jones and Jurassic Park."*  
ladyaliteraturejunkieextraordinaire

*"Apart from being one of the best humorists around, this author is a very good science fiction writer."*  
Amazon reviewer

Star Splinter is an action-packed adventure, but at its heart it's a story about survival and the true worth of friendship.

## Star Splinter Details

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## From Reader Review Star Splinter for online ebook

### Derek White says

\*A Copy of this Book Was Given To Me By The Author In Exchange For An Honest Review\*

Science Fiction at its best, with a great imagination shown both in the story and the enemies (yes it should be plural) faced by the hero Cal. A fairly slow start, then I thought 'amateurish' changed to really enjoying the tale. Twists and turns galore will keep you wondering how it will end as your cheer for poor Cal and his friends. The fight scenes are particularly well described; unusual in a debut novel. Well worth the five stars I gave it.

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### Michael A Cox says

#### Looking forward to more Fractured Space!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Cressey got the mix of drama and sci-fi action about perfect without getting bogged down in tech descriptions that would lend to criticism. The climax was good near the end of the book and the epilogue left me waiting to read more.

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### Denise says

Punching out his superior officer earns Lieutenant Callum Harper a court-martial and a place on a "reject raft" shipping him back to Earth - except it never arrives there. Instead, Cal is pulled out of cryo-sleep to find the vessel in the process of crashing down on Mars, which has been turned into a big game reserve full of lethal creatures. Between those and failing technology turning the planet ever deadlier, Cal takes charge of the small group of fellow passengers, trying to survive long enough to find a way off the planet for himself and his ragtag crew.

Entertaining space opera fun with plenty of action and a delightful assortment of quirky characters.

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### Steve Canipe says

#### Well done

For a first novel, I found the book fantastic. The characters reminded me of real people I've known. The depictions of pathos, friendship, even budding love are well conceived. At first the intrepid band only has to deal with engineered monsters. Learning of Earth's destruction only brings more pieces into play. Having a

quintessential young whiz nerd to keep people on their tech toes is expected and well done. An emotional synthetic maybe different. Very enjoyable read and I say please keep on writing!!

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### **Amanda says**

"Laurence hoped there'd be a scar or two; he wanted to remember that glorious experience for the rest of his life, however short that may turn out to be."

Star Splinter is a science fiction novel with unique characters that are thrown together and must band together to survive. When all the odds seem to be against them, they have to set aside their differences and trust one another to save not only themselves but all of humanity.

Every character plays a major role in the struggle, and two of the six (or three of the seven if you count a character introduced in the middle of the story) are well-rounded women with their own thoughts, feelings, goals, and personalities. None are ditzy, helpless, or viewed as stupid by the others. Though I love science fiction, many stories are lacking this quality (though there have certainly been more and more lately), and I was happily surprised to see it in Star Splinter.

There's an air of mystery in this wonderful space opera as well. The unlikely heroes find themselves in conflict after crisis on their way to discover why Earth is no more and who could possibly be at the center of it all.

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### **David Pearson says**

Good selection of characters, some obstacles overcome a bit too easy sometimes, but a good adventure story from start to end, and a good set up for ongoing story. Good, realistic feeling alien races and explanation of technology. Author sent me the Epilogue that was cut out of my copy, great guy!

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### **Allen V. Beal says**

I received this book free from my "Book Barbarian" membership, and after starting the first page I was hooked! Very well written and laid out. I have a small list of favorite authors and I'm happy to say it has increased by one more. Without question I am going to purchase the second book in the series. Very well done J.G. Cressey. For other SF readers, I 100% recommend this book. You will not be disappointed. AVB

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### **GREGG CORDELL says**

#### **Very good read**

I think this series has the potential to go a long way. I really enjoyed the book and thought it was a real page turner. If your into space and aliens then this book is for you. I loved it. I'm sorry but I don't like to give away any spoilers . So I'll just have to say read it and if you're like me , you will love it.

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## **Kayla says**

*I received this book from the author in exchange of an honest review. This has not affected my feelings towards the book.*

This review can also be read here.

Plot:

This story is awesome. There's not so much action in the beginning but the last 1/3 of the book is non-stop action. I loved it. The story follows an unlikely group of rejects who crash-land on Mars while en route to Earth. Together they need to figure a way off the planet, and then figure the cause behind their unexpected detour to Mars. There's science, aliens and pirates, friends and foes. I think the concepts that Cressey explores in this story was interesting. If you loved Stargate, you'd find this interesting as well.

Characters:

I loved most of these characters. I didn't care much for Eddy. She was way too crazy for me. Sometimes I'd just want to smack her and tell her to shut up. That aside, I think each character had something to contribute to the team. Cal is a great leader and role model. Jumper is like your uncle who really keeps to himself but will look out for you if need be. To me, Toker was the character with the most growth. In the beginning he was somewhat pig-headed and immature but he really starts to pull his weight as time goes by. Viktor, the science kid – honestly nothing more to say but he's super genius. And they have their own cyborg, who looks and acts more human than expected, Melinda.

Writing:

The book starts off with action and then the action somewhat slows down at some points in the story but never enough to be boring. It was gripping and really kept me reading, wanting to reach the end. At some points you are really on the edge of your seat wondering how the hell are they going to make it out of this one. Can't wait to read the next installment.

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## **val judy says**

### **Lame, lackluster, hackneyed tripe.**

What I don't understand is how this plodding, predictable shoot-em-up averaged four stars??? Don't waste your time on a story that revolves around killing the bad, bad animals.

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## **Ryan Rauber says**

Fun sci-fi adventure that begins with a transport filled with likeable criminals crash landing on Mars, which apparently in the future is a dinosaur hunting ground. Our group quickly escapes, discovers that Earth has

been destroyed, and somehow get their hands on a first class military ship. So this quickly becomes sort of a Firefly/Serenity type adventure, which is not necessarily a bad thing.

The characters are somewhat stereotypical, but I found myself liking them and seeing where their adventures were taking them. Also, there's plenty of mystery as they try to discover what happened to Earth, who destroyed it, and searching for other survivors.

Also, as the beginning of a series, there's plenty of room for a sequel. I certainly would like to see what happens next so I'll be picking up the next book in the series.

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### **lisa c allen says**

#### **Great Characters!**

While this book had way more action than I normally would read, I got so attached to the wonderful characters, I had to see what would happen to them! They are a fun, touching, and interesting mix, and their relationships work very well together, making for drama and some humor as well. They also grow and learn, as they experience their challenges and trials. What will happen next? I will just have to read on....

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### **Liquid Frost says**

STAR SPLINTER by John Cressey is an engaging Space Opera Sci-Fi adventure with plenty of action and interesting characters. Drawing thinly from THE TERMINATOR and STARSHIP TROOPERS, his mix of action, personal growth, comradery, and human drive and ingenuity blend into a gripping story worthy of absorbing quickly.

Callum Harper isn't a Lieutenant in much of the story. He decks his CO and is on a one-way ticket back to Earth. On this "reject" craft, are a boy genius, a smoking-hot cyborg, an adrenalin junky, and a former female solder that is slightly 'off'. Together they survive a crash-landing- not on Earth- where they sit at the bottom of the prehistoric food chain.

This in itself is still only the beginning of their journey as well as the beginning chapters of the story. If you are a regular sci-fi reader, I think you will be pleasantly surprised with Cressey's style. As with most Space Opera adventures, you have the Amazing Hero (often reluctant) squaring off against all odds and prevailing. Oh, you still have the Reluctant Hero in STAR SPLINTER, but his co-heroes play major roles which bring the story to life.

I did find myself skimming some sections without missing any action. I believe this is Cressey's debut so I'm not holding that against him; just pointing it out to potential readers. I noticed few editing errors. Although this is Book One of a planned trilogy, it is not a bait and switch. There is a definitive end to the action and could stand alone. That said, it leaves the door wide open for several storylines to develop. More importantly, it will leave you wanting to see how the arc ends and how the characters get there.

I look forward to continuing the adventure.

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**Ken Selvia says**

Enjoyed the British narrator (Alex Wyndham). They always always have such smooth voices. Star Splinter has one of my favorite story lines; misfits-turned-heroes. There was mystery and intrigue, and Cressey let Cal's strategic brilliance shine several times without making the scenarios seem too contrived.

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**Walter Scott says**

The story begins with the main character punching out a superior officer (albeit an inferior human being). And the first half of the book provides some convincing action and great characters. The second half was pure awesome.

I especially appreciated the way one of the characters was provided an opportunity for redemption, regardless of the personal cost. For me, there was no downside to purchasing this novel. And J. G. Cressy is on my short list of authors to follow.

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