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Ten years after The Mothership crashed on Earth, an alien probe from 65,000 light years away splashes down in the Pacific, seeking to solve a cosmic riddle.

A trawler inexplicably vanishes at sea and a body washes up on a deserted beach with a single extra-terrestrial clue that reaches all the way to Area 51.

Colonel Beckman and two of his team are dispatched to unravel the mystery. They board an oceanographic vessel which carries them to one of the most remote places on Earth, where an elusive alien presence is preparing to challenge the dominance of the human race.

It is there, in the baking tropical heat of The Mothersea, they learn a terrible truth – that one world cannot have two masters.

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The Mothersea Details

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Vladimir Tsurkan says

Outstanding.

It is somewhat short, but simply great book. It feels like a bridge to the third one in the series. Will be waiting with great interest.

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scott stahl says

Good read

For some inexplicable reason I like the flow of this book better than motherhood. Resonance in such a offering is key. So then on I trudge to the next gravel road of syfy. My heart sings the mind electric.

Danielle says

This is one of the best Sci-Fi's I've read in a long time. A great sequel to "The Mothership" ... fast paced, exciting and unique storyline. Loved it. A must read for sci-fi fans.

Peter says

Great book. Fast paced, with plenty of twists and turns. Couldn't put it down.

Éric Kasprak says

I'm one who appreciate and reads a lot of the pulpy space opera novel, but when I read a more serious (for lack of a better term) sci-fi novel I am reminded of how great they can be. The Mothersea (and the Mothership before it) is a seriously good, solid science-fiction piece of literature. M. Renneberg has created an origin story that is masterfully woven and compelling. The writing style is clean, the pacing is perfect and the storytelling is engaging and realistic. This book is a prequel to his Mapped Space series, of which I have only read the kindle sample of the first book, but the tone of the Mapped Space seems to be a more pulpy space opera than the prequels. I loved this first contact story that as a little bit of everything: action, world-building, drama, military setting, alien psychic, etc. After reading the sample, I broke my ($2.99) kindle price barrier to buy and read the rest and I never regretted it.

Buzz H. says

Another great book from Mr. Renneberg! I've generally enjoyed his novels. He writes, as the Brits say, a "ripping good yarn".

His world-building is quite good, his prose is ahead of the curve, the pacing is excellent, and the characterization is not bad. His aliens are not, perhaps, quite as "other" as one might wish, but he has put a lot of thought into them.

I know that I am not praising his work to the skies, but I do recommend it. I am picky about the science fiction and fantasy that I read. There are many popular SF authors who, in this editor's opinion, have very poor writing skills. Mr. Renneberg is not in that camp--I always have an eye out for his next book.

A couple of small nits to pick with this e-book: the first couple of chapters, while fine, are noticeably less well-edited than the rest of the novel. Also, the formatting was quite a mess when I first opened it in my Kobo e-reader. I played with the settings a bit and it straightened out into something reasonable. That, though, is not something that a reader should have to do.