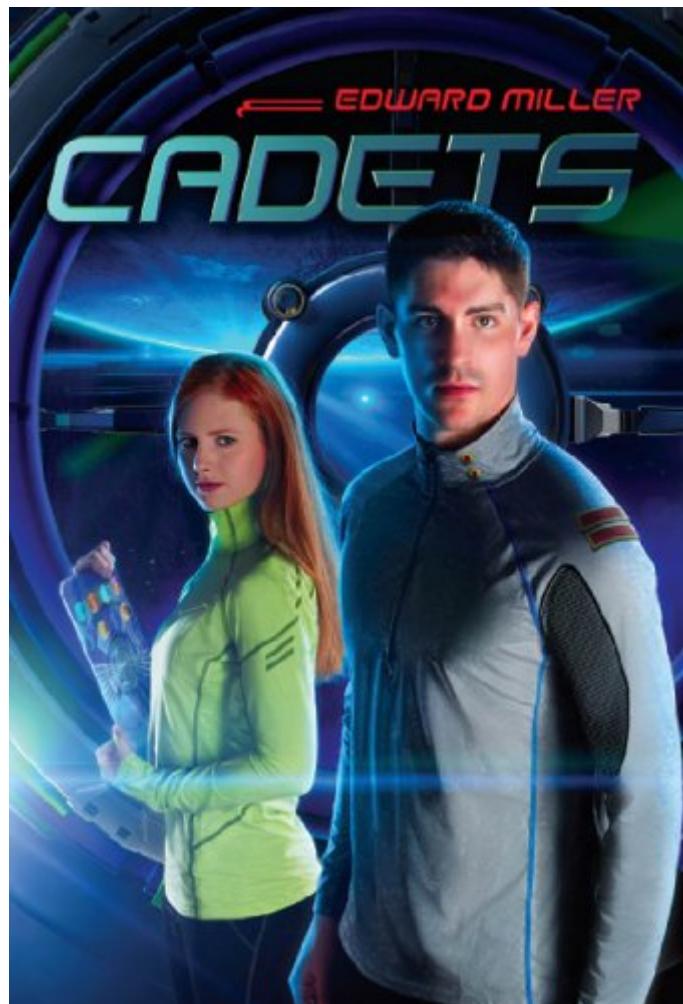


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Synopsis

On a remote training planet, hotshot Earth Defense Fleet Cadet Ryan Thompson and his peace loving ex-girlfriend Amanda Williamson can't agree on anything. But when news comes of an alien invasion of Earth--the first in human history--they are thrown together on a deadly, unauthorized mission to face an unknown enemy. What they find is beyond their wildest expectations. A discovery that changes everything they thought they knew...about their hostile adversaries--and mankind. With a trail of riddles and mysteries, epic space battles and journeys to the far corners of Earth, this "Star Trek meets Indiana Jones" Sci-Fi Adventure from Author Edward Miller should appeal to fans of Sci-Fi Space Operas and Young Adult Science Fiction. Edward Miller's debut novel with co-author J.B. Manas, The Kronos Interference, was named to Kirkus reviews best of 2012 and received a Starred Review from Kirkus, which called it "Impressively original" and a "Tour De Force."

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Customer Reviews

Honestly, I wanted to like this book but there were just too many inconsistencies and things that just plain didn't make sense. People have mentioned the problem with physics but it went beyond that for me. Earth has FTL, enemy doesn't and we're getting our asses handed to us? Then there was the military structure. If any "cadet" had talked to superior officers like the characters in this book did, they would have been in the brig, not sent off to fight aliens. If you enjoy reading military sci-fi for either the military or sci-fi aspects, you'll be disappointed. I've seen others refer to it as Space Opera but it isn't even that. This was a teen angst book where the characters just happened to be military cadets in the middle of an alien invasion.

After reading another title by this author, I decided to give *Cadets* a try. The good reviews are right on cue with this one. I'm a grad student who is constantly drowning in boring articles, and this was a refreshing summer indulgence. If you like Young Adult Science Fiction, you won't be disappointed. The book is fast paced, with great characters and some intriguing plot twists. This is a fun science fiction story; it's not military driven, it's not a science project. It's a page turner with some teen angst and some good life lessons. I admit, I let the inner teen in me take over, but I've recommended it to a few younger readers (actual teens!) and they've enjoyed it as well. Long story short, *Cadets* is a fun, easy read. Don't look for realism or scientific data (I get enough of that in grad school) or strict military protocols. If you want reality...go to work. If you want hard core science... go back to school. But if you want a story that shows how people of all types can come together for the common good, or just a fun feel good story...then read *Cadets*.

I found this book to be entertaining and kind of fun. There is a plot or storyline that was pretty good for the young adult who enjoys fast action along with a young adult romance between the hero and heroine as they save the home planet and manage to make friends with aliens who were intent on destroying Earth. My biggest problem with the book was the number of mistakes in the editing process. The author would do well to hire a good proof reader. It was as if the author used a spell checker that often comes embedded with a word processor and doesn't find the errors when two words have different meanings and spellings but sound the same. This something that bothers me immensely. One other problem, the author called other star systems solar systems. Sol is the name of our star system, not some other star system. All in all, four stars because it was fun.

Sci-fi as it should be. Great characters with an imaginative, believable storyline with unexpected twists and turns to keep you immersed in the story. Will be starting book 2 soon and I hope the

series continues.ppt

I loved this book, it has it all... Love, violence, action, space battles and aliens!! I stayed up all night to read it, you will too!!

the author Edward Miller wrote an appealing space opera for young adult's. This 4* rating is in keeping with the target market audience of YA science fiction. The character development of the two primary characters is well done. Earth Defense Fleet Cadets Ryan Thompson and Amanda Williamson end up in a key roll in confronting the enemy. The world building is solid and the hostile adversaries is your typical alien invasion fleet. If you are looking at this from an older point of view and want deeper dialogue and adult emotional depth then this will not fit your need.

this tale read fast, and the characters were actually fun to read. Overall the tale goes a bit fast and there are a number of scenes that might have been better if they were fleshed out a bit, but the overall theme and story were well done. I'm not going to say I was thrilled by the entire ending. There were a few almost unnecessary twists near the ending that I'm sure made sense to the author, but which didn't really add much to the tale overall. Still a good coming of age in space tale.

I don't understand the good reviews. Yeah, it's that bad. The physics are horrible without even a pretense at explanation. Worse, they're inconsistent - jumping around with "lightspeed" engines in one moment and needing days to travel in the next. Sadly, physics aren't the only jarring point. The author's grasp of organizations seem minimal at best. Admirals are badgered by cadets, rank is mostly ignored - even in battle, and bureaucracies seem to paralyze everyone except the protagonist. Perhaps it's the recurring flashes of angry child which allow him to defeat this megalithic bureaucracy. Finally, the writing often left me scratching my head and backtracking to figure how it went from A to K while skipping all the intervening points. It shouldn't be surprising, events are simply treated the same way physics are - stuff happens with little or no explanation. There's seldom a build up to anything, it just skips from one point to another. In short, save your time for something else.

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