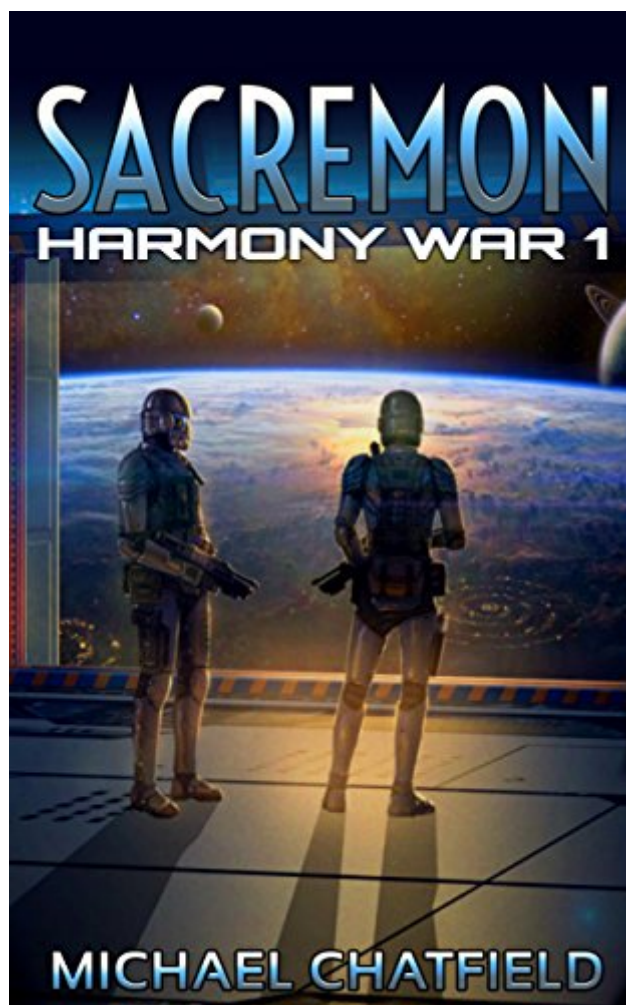


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Synopsis

Stay in Earth's slums or carve out a life in Earth's Military Forces. Two brothers make a choice that will change their lives forever. Mark and his brother Tyler survived the slums with a gun in their hand and a blade in their sleeve. While it won't get them hired at a corporation, the Troopers are always looking for trained killers. The EMF offers education, medical care, food, and real pay. They have a chance at a new life, one where they don't have to worry about a rival gang killing them in the street. With a thirty-five year EMF contract the Victor brothers might have a new life, but it comes at a hefty cost. Peace doesn't last and the EMF doesn't care how many troopers die as long as they complete their mission.

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Customer Reviews

Made it through a chapter or so before the poor writing became too much to bear. Have an editor help with a rewrite and I will give it another try. Some examples: "Get out of the way for a real man dirt dweller," • Mark's said with a voice full of scorn as he looked the man up and down in disgust. "The goggle wearer seemed to realize what they had said as their hands went to their belt." - mixing singular and plural is pretty annoying to read. Either he, she or it realized not "they". There

are many more issues in the small amount that I read. A serious editing job might make this a decent read

Horrible writing! This story is so riddled with grammatical errors it is practically unreadable. If the author was trying to make some gender neutral literary statement by using "they" instead of the singular he or she, "they" has failed. Don't waste your time or money on this one.

Yes, this is science fiction, but the book is incredibly difficult to read and not because of an intricate plot. This book has not even been proof read, forget any editing to make the so-so story line flow forward. The author does not have clue on using appropriate pronouns, matching singular or plural subjects with the correct version of the verb, punctuation and spelling are also incredibly poor. The plot is simple enough, hood rats join space military to get out of the ghetto, the rest is predictable. Many books will surprise the reader, in that the author can take an over used plot but by his/her skill create a world the reader can lose themselves in. "Sacremon" is not such as book.

The premise is the Earth no longer has governments, instead the human sphere is ruled by corporations (chaebo / zaibatsu) with a strict class system leaving most human beings living in slums on an ecologically ruined Earth. The only way out of the slums is indentured servitude via mortgaging a stake in a colony or joining the Earth Military Forces. The EMF is a quasi private army that can be hired to enforce the will of the corporations. Travel between worlds is accomplished at sub-light speeds at about .5c most journeys taking between 30 - 60 years. EMF troopers are expected to serve 40 years before they can retire. The catch is you only accrue time served while awake and fighting or training, the majority of your life is spent in cryogenic sleep. Human life has almost no value to the corporations and campaigns and have KIA rates that exceed 50+ percent, and the troops are armed as light infantry, going against hideously powerful high-tech weapons. The only upside is state of medical science is very good. The story follows the adventures of the Victor brothers and their sojourn working for the EMF enforcing the will of their corporate masters and their morally ambiguous complicity in suppressing those chaffing under the yoke of corporate slavery. The action sequences are well written and the descriptions of the terrible violence of the battle field is very disturbing. What is missing is a deeper exploration and critique of the capitalist system run amuck and the damage to human dignity justice this has caused. However, this decent novel is marred by a horrendous number of grammar and diction errors, which seriously detracted from my enjoyment of the story. I would have given four stars to the novel had the editing been better.

I tried but could not read past the fourth chapter. The random switches from third person narrative to random first person singular and plural point of view in the middle of a scene and back again were jarring to the narrative. I could roll with most of the grammatical errors, but in the end the random point of view shifts in the middle of a scene were too jarring for me to enjoy reading the story, which may have been great. It's frustrating as the narrative switches just required simple proofreading that the author could have done himself without even the need of an editor.

It's a pretty good story, but I find myself halting every other paragraph to parse what the author meant to say from what is actually written down. Missing words, typos, and basic syntax violations abound in this novel, tarnishing what might have been an enjoyable read.

Storylines about slum/military/space adventures are a dime a dozen. This is a good one, with depth to side characters as well as main. Story twisting nicely at the end, looking forward to more. Typos are annoying though.

One of the more plausible reads I've enjoyed. Not afraid to kill off characters (but not as cruelly as GRRM), but advances the plot and dissection of the current social and economic underpinnings of the conflicts.

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