Synopsis

The sixth book in the exciting AMP series! After escaping from the Colossuns the Humans find themselves in new trouble. Out of resources and out of fuel they must risk discovery by a new species who appears to be more barbaric than those that have come before. The Human fleet remains years away. The action continues as Don Grange must once again fight for the survival of all mankind!

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HADRON is a modern day story unrelated to the SODIUM-AMP-OMEGA trilogy series. After scientists using the Large Hadron Collider discover dark matter, the world is plunged into chaos. Massive waves of electromagnetic interference take out all grid power and forms of communication the world over. Cities go dark, food and water supplies are quickly used up, and marauders rule the highways. One group of citizens takes a stand. Can they make a difference? And the devastating EM waves, where are they coming from? After months of starvation, a benevolent species arrive in their spaceships to rescue the Human race. Only, are they really so benevolent?

ARMS Series
ARMS is set in the future after Earth was nearing an apocalyptic event. Two competing colony ships were built, taking five million inhabitants each through a wormhole to a pair of newly discovered planets. The planets were settled and not long after the colonies looked to the surrounding star systems for ownership and expansion, which led to a centuries long war between them. A truce was declared after the aggressor side began to lose ground. Tawnish Freely and Harris Gruberg are genetically engineered Biomarines. Their lives have been dedicated to fighting the war. They find themselves struggling to find work among a population that fears them. Work is found only by delving into the delivery of illegal arms to the outer colonies. Things go awry when they discover their illicit dealings may just be the catalyst that brings back the Great War. They are determined to prevent that from happening.

Book Information
The sixth book in the AMP series was just as highly entertaining for me as the first five. AMP COLOSSUS smoothly segued into AMP SIEGE, which then rolls right into AMP THE CORE while maintaining the fun momentum. I'm still loving this series. As a Professional Engineer with a heavy manufacturing, R&D, electromagnetic (RF), and nuclear and electrical power background, I can sometimes be overly critical, but I've found AMP to be very entertaining and the science and technology plausible. The story in AMP has me fully immersed and thoroughly enjoying the read.

A good portion of the Seige takes place on land (the planet Targ) and the writer does an excellent job at describing the difficulties of slogging through the mud flats while the mass of angry Targs are in pursuit. Through the heat under the blazing sun the Humans and their allied Gonta fighters struggle to get to higher ground to defend themselves against the millions that would soon overtake them. In the battle you could feel the fear, the tension, the tug of the mud on the boots, and the loss of life on both sides; a battlefield littered with the carcasses of the dead. You root for the Humans as well as the Gontas to escape but you remain on edge until safety is found. Not all make it and no
one is safe from the author's pen as he takes us through this exciting journey. I found the time on the ground to be the most enjoyable part of the book as well as a diversion from the author's main focus on the crafts and creatures and technology that he so masterfully describes within space. But fear not, Arseneault skillfully introduces us to more sophisticated bio-mechanics and the excellent narrative of Dr. Touchstone on how they work. We were also treated to the use of advanced wormholes and a better understanding of the role of the Duke in the madness that consumes the galaxies. Well written dialog and a balanced narrative makes this a fun and fast read as it sets the stage for the remaining installments of the series. I bought AMP 6-8 at the same time because I feared that the author would get a stranglehold on my attention and I would immediately need to jump right into the next installment; and I was right. I'm finished with seven and working on the finale (book eight).

I am reading my way through the entire AMP series... these are not great works of literature; but, they are entertaining and very imaginative. If you are into space sci-fi and looking for a fun read you will appreciate the chain of events that stitches each of Arseneault's books together into hours of fanciful reading. The fantastic array of futuristic technologies revealed are explained with almost enough plausibility to allow you to nod and say to yourself, "OK, I can accept this as a possibility" - and keep reading. I am enjoying the series and would recommend them to my friends.

Science fiction, that keeps this reader wanting more. I have read the AMP series, 12 books in all from Stephen Arseneault, and have found his balance between good an evil, refreshing. His style shares the human qualities of the main characters, and balances them with a realistic vision of science & technology. Twists through the story share the emotions of the main character Don Gre

All right, if I really, really take a good, hard, objective look at this series and authors style, 1 star, 2 tops. BUT, damn easy read and not complicated. I don't know if tech is good but I don't care. I end up liking most characters and care. I mean the stories stretch the believability scale quite a bit. But he makes it work with the characters and story lines that are not complicated. There are times when I'm ready to get ill as to how we 'Humans' survive and how highly unlikely our plans and execution would ever really happen. Sometimes it seems story gets a little lost when going in, thru and after a 30 page pure action series. But it certainly is not complicated and entertaining for the most part.

This story narrative has overtones of Heinlein, Bradbury, McCaffrey, and Asimov. As the harvester
ships are sent out to replenish ship stores, it is predictable that new species are encountered and new dilemmas must be solved. Battles are fought, WH portals are improved, an alliance is forged, humans are rescued, and the Duke android becomes more of an enigma. I enjoyed the comic relief the Marines provide and the marital bliss the Granges display. The epilogue overtly reveals the next act in this space opera.

This latest installment was worth the wait! The author has left me jonesing for my next AMP fix! AMP 7 isn’t ready yet, but the preview included at the end AMP 6 was very tantalizing! We find our hero and his entourage, once again, saving the the day not only for the human race, but other species, as well...making friends of former enemies, kicking alien butt, and advancing technology are all in a day’s work for our SUPER men and women. What makes a human, HUMAN? What is this thing we call ‘life’, anyway? Why do some things always seem to go the right way for some people, but not for others? So many questions, so much anticipation, so much to ponder and muse upon...I LOVE IT!!!!

Well here I am at the end of the 5th book in the AMP series. Stephen Arseneault has continued in the vein as I have reported for the 4 previous books. The classic Space Opera is full of ups and downs and Arseneault is a pro at this genera. If you’ve read 1 thru 4 you know that you will have to read 5 and the rest of the series so, don’t delay, get with the program. It’s a fantastic tale!

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