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A battered but undefeated Alliance

A war they cannot win by force

A plan to turn the tide of history!

For two years, the Castle Federation and the Alliance of Free Stars have stood against Marshal James Walkingstick of the Terran Commonwealth and his mission of conquest. Battles have been won and lost, worlds have died, and soldiers like Admiral Kyle Roberts have been forged on the anvil of war.

But the Alliance cannot win. The Commonwealth has more worlds, more ships, more soldiers. They claim their victory is inevitable. That history is on their side.

Refusing to accept the Commonwealth's future, the Alliance embarks on a do-or-die mission to end the war in one strike. If Kyle Roberts's plan works, the Commonwealth will break.

But if it fails the Alliance will be broken.

## **Operation Medusa Details**

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# **From Reader Review Operation Medusa for online ebook**

## **Jerron I. Smith says**

The book is a pretty good conclusion to the Castle Federation series. The story like the rest of the books in the series was fun and enjoyable. There are several errors that should have been fixed in editing but were not, such as using the wrong pronouns for some male or female characters as well as some grammatical errors. But they are pretty minor overall.

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## **Elusive says**

A great ending to the amazing series (Castle Federation) there is everything you can possibly imagine and more. This was a really great book sort of predictable but in a good way. I am happy that Glynn Stewart didn't decide to drag the series out, because as good as it was there wasn't much more to do with it. Thank you Glynn Stewart for yet another great series!!! You are without a doubt one of my top 5 favorite authors in Fantasy/Sci-Fi. If you haven't yet check out Glynn Stewarts (Starship's Mage) and (ONSET) series they are both great and I highly recommend them.

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## **Leslie Baptiste says**

### **Great book, great series.**

I immensely enjoyed this series and this book. If you like space battles intrigue action adventure and character development read this book. I enjoyed this authors materials very much and have bread additional books by him. Can't wait for his next offering.

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## **Tony Hisgett says**

I've had a few 'ups and downs' with this series but I am sad that it has ended, overall it has been an enjoyable read over the last couple of years.

I thought that this book was a bit too focused on battles, but I supposed this is to be expected as the war between the Commonwealth and the Alliance is finally resolved. What I was pleased about is the author didn't try to make some literary statement and kill off all the heroes I have been following through the series, especially as some of the earlier books have been carnage.

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## **Julie Kuhn says**

### **Action packed. Good series**

What??!!I cannot believe it need that way! Idk how in the world that could happen rather than what was suppose to happen!!?? I guess this allows the story to continue but seems like a bit of a stretch. This book was written pretty well and the edits have certainly improved with each book. I love these characters. I wish we could have gotten to know them better but when there's so much action going on its hard to get character building in there. But I think it's really important. I'm really glad a few of the characters took their relationships to a deeper level in this book too. About time! Lol like i said there's lots of battle action, lots of people dying :-( but the Alliance finally gets some payback, but mostly their fighting for a chance to end this war, completely. LOVE this series!

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## **Milan says**

Pretty nice ending to this military sci-fi that even sets the stage for possible future novels in this universe. Love the characters and the action scenes and the way the story develops. It'll be interesting if we'll have some future books set a generation later.

Looking forward to more from Glynn Stewart.

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## **Li says**

There's nothing like finishing a series with a bang. This was an incredibly satisfying wrap-up to the Castle Federation series - with room left open for a spin-off series. Like the previous books, this was action-packed and suspenseful (I love how Stewart handles his space battles), with some nice emotional touches.

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## **Patrick Barnes says**

### **Same old**

My problem with a lot of military science fiction is the illogic in the military, science and fiction parts.

The navy that only fields super ships that are relatively easy to destroy makes no sense to anyone, I hope. The job of screening ships, is to extend the life of the heavy hitters from cheap close in attacks delivered by enemy attack craft, stealth craft, and others. You can't hold a system with no ships, no fortresses and no planetary space defense installations.

The destroyers, frigates and corvettes are tasked with that close in defensive role but unopposed a group of them could be a lot more dangerous than a small group of attack craft. It makes a lot more sense to have a battleship that can swat the other guys super carriers while the battleship itself is screened by destroyers, frigates and corvettes. Your own single function carriers can be far behind the battleline (protected by more of those destroyers, frigates and corvettes) launching and retrieving attack craft to help defend the big hitters and hitting the super carriers of the other side.. That would be ever so much more fun.

If on the other hand, you are stuck with your energy mounts, missiles, etc. on the same ship that is trying to launch and arm and repair and retrieve attack craft, that doesn't seem like it would be nearly as much fun. The single function carrier would have the advantage of carrying a much larger and wider variety of attack

craft. I didn't figure any of that out just now. That's pretty much current aircraft carrier doctrine and practise in all surface fleets in a nutshell.

If you copy current surface fleet ship types, then copy their use, nomenclature and armaments. It's not rocket science. It's kind of hard to scout enemy systems when all you've got to work with are aircraft carriers. It's kind of hard to hold systems when you field so few ships that they can't cover all the vulnerable systems with at least one ship (which is kind of dumb).

The above makes all the naval action in the series silly. It's a poorly understood representation of modern carrier warfare. When the action is silly, the characters are going to be stereotypes on the better pages. The cocky but undisciplined, fighter jock is the first. The tough CAG, who alone of all naval officers understands the fighter jocks. The admiral who doesn't command a force but fights his own ship with grit, determination and canny. Everyone else is the scenery. Ground forces are irrelevant and fortresses are unheard of.

I think that covered all the characters, their attitudes and warfighting understanding. Now you can jump to the last chapter and read about the brilliant victory by the good guys over the bad guys and mourn the four fighter pilots who died in the titanic battle.

Some people like that and this series delivers it. If the illogic and weak characters seem less than real it's because they are. In that case, try the Honor Harrington series.

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## **Jackson Bell says**

This was the final book in the “Stellar Fox” series. The writing has remained good throughout the entire series with well developed characters that grow and develop during the entire series. This was a well plotted final book that provided a satisfactory end to the series. I find that I am sad that I will not be able to look forward to more about the characters I have spent 6 books growing very attached to. Very recommended, but start with the first book and read them all in order.

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## **Keith says**

I'm thrilled - A series ending that I did not hate or find anti climactic. And it actually ended, instead of going on and on and on like so many others .

I also figured out the historical basis / inspiration for this series, the way Honor Harrington was Napoleonic War in Space.

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## **Kris says**

### **Amazing**

I have read everything that Glynn has written, and if he ties up, yet leaves the door open to a sequel, his other series this way, I will be quite pleased. This series was great, and this was a monumental capstone to it.

As much as I hate to see Castle go, this was a great send off.

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## **Frank Bertino says**

### **Respect**

No one is surprised that the Stellar Fox is the chief architect of the plan to end the war. Not even the enemy. Valor, honor, and competence on both sides are the hallmark of this series. The characters are well written and realistic. The Fox chief among them. Walkingstick the enemy commander is a great foil to the Fox. A lot of people lose their lives but infinitely more are saved.

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## **Tiuri says**

I hate to see this series end, as I've enjoyed it a lot. I hope this universe will be revisited at some point but for now this is the end and a great end it is too. As much detail as was put into the science of this series, ultimately, this was about the people, some who've been with us since the first book of the series. Some we lost along the way. A fitting end to a series that I will certainly reread.

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## **Matt says**

A fitting end to the Castle Federation series. As well-written as all of Glynn Stewart's books with engaging characters who you want to see succeed - even when they're on opposite sides! We leave an interesting universe with all of the main plotlines resolved.

The downside of this book and series, as has been noted by other reviewers, is that if you have read any FTL military sci-fi before then much of the plot and setting, and more than a few of the characters, will be hauntingly familiar. There is not much that is truly unique. Despite that I still rate the book as four stars for the great storytelling and characters as well as avoiding most of the traps of the genre.

In summary, well worth a read!

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## **John S Roth says**

### **Action-Packed To The Very End!**

Author Glynn Stewart is easily one of my most favorite writers! His Castle Federation series is an excellent example of his skill at developing characters that the reader can easily relate to in storylines that will capture the imagination and keep the reader enthralled to the very end!

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