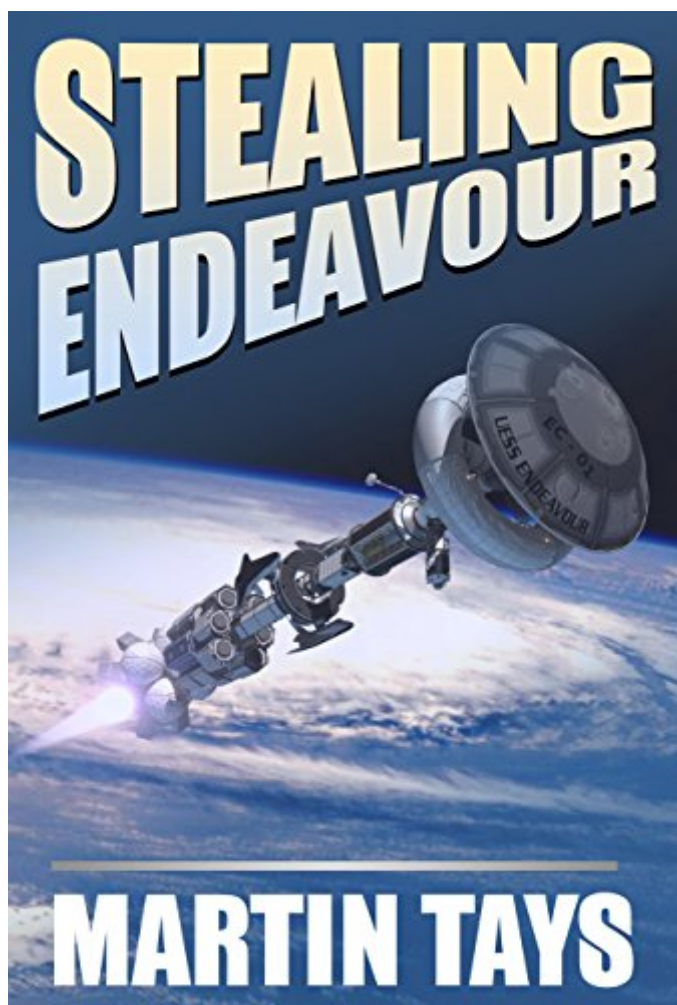


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It's been almost 500 years since humanity first ventured into space, hopeful and eager to explore, to discover, to find alien civilizations and friends. There was just one problem. After exploring 22 star systems, we had found no other life. Not no other intelligent life, but no other life at all. Period. Eventually exploration just... stopped, because humans had more than enough room and not near enough hope. And then one day there was a signal, one no one chose to believe was real. No one except one hopeful, sarcastic and professionally drunken 487 year old ex-spacer. He, his 42 year old girlfriend, and a group of friends too young to have given up on that hope, set out to steal a mothballed spaceship and go find the source. Humor, intrigue, romance, inter-species warfare, and one hundred and twenty five thousand, three hundred and fourteen pair of shoes ensue. And the universe, for humans, will change forever.

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Customer Reviews

Hard science fiction? Epic space opera? Sci-fi humor? This is one of those reads that crosses boundaries. Really, all that this book lacks is a TOR or DelRey publisher. Beware (or rejoice) that

there are puns and inside jokes throughout the book. Call it fan service or an excuse to flee the room holding your nose. As a first venture, it leaves me wanting to see what future writings happen. Do not let the series tag fool you though, this isn't one of those cliffhanger books but a full and satisfying adventure with hooks for future books to exploit. All in all, glad I preordered rather than waiting for the Unlimited release. Worth far more than the four dollars I paid.

When a writer really knows what he's doing, the reader feels it in their bones. When a writer does more than just describe a set of events, actions, gestures and feelings, but also includes details, nuances, and subtle references that connect the story to an appropriate history, and way of life, then the reader is not only drawn into the world of the story, but is also drawn deeply into the way of thinking, and the philosophical attitude, that motivates the story as a whole. Martin Tays definitely knows what he is doing as a writer. *Stealing Endeavour* is not a philosophical novel, (which is good, because philosophical novels are often weird and boring). Rather it is a good solid adventure drama thoughtfully grounded in deep and coherent vision of what is valuable, and what it is to create value in the world. In case you were worried, the vision never gets in the way of the story. In fact, you could possibly read this book two or three times without noticing the philosophy, as it really makes itself felt subtly in the way the world is, and the ways the characters react to this world. For comparison, I'm a bit reminded of H. Beam Piper's *Space Viking*, at least in terms of the theme of bold adventures, and derring-do. To my mind, this is the kind of book that Piper might have written, if he had ever mastered the art of lugubrious self-deprecation. You see, that's the other thing about this book; it's funny. This is not the weak humor of stupid people doing stupid things in stupid situations. but the (occasionally painful) humor of real people dealing with the consequences of mistakes and character flaws as best they can. Tays' hero, Moses Dunn, in particular, is a flawed, almost broken person, beset by weaknesses, who yet still manages to rise to a sort of sloppy, muddled heroism when the opportunity arises. In short: fun read, not too talky, with well-developed, likeable, nonstupid, and only occasionally annoying characters.

I'm not going to start this review with a description. There's a description right up there ^^ and you can read it yourself. It's pretty accurate. This book has a lot of wonderful things. -It has a main character who isn't some kind of epic hero. He's not even a normal guy. He's a complete screw up. He's been screwing up his own life for the last 200 years or so, and he *knows* he has no one to blame but himself. But when push comes to shove, he realizes that if *he* doesn't do what needs to be done, it won't get done at all, and the universe will be worse off for it. -It has aliens who are alien

enough to be alien, but human enough to be relatable.-It has humour. Hoo boy does it have humour. There are obscure movie references, obscure book references, and not-so-obscure music references. Of COURSE people still listen to Queen 300 years from now! No one, absolutely no-one, however says "Danger Will Robinson!" It's very pointedly not said. All in all, it's about people being people, just as hard as they can. I hope you enjoy this book, because I sure did.

I can't talk about the technology because that is not my bailiwick so u will address the characters And the story they are extremely compelling and very funny. there are a lot of both pop culture and science fiction fandom references and they are all very funny. This book is for an adult as there is adult language, sexual situations and nudity but if you like funny science fiction definitely read this book

Then swings past the Drones club for a drink with Bertie and a bit of what ho and knocking off a Constable's hat on a bet. Steal a starship with re-enactments of the Night Life of the Gods as directed by Howard Hawks with guest appearances by all of the Marx brothers including Karl and Big, Abbott and Costello, Danny Kay, Glynnis Johns, Benny Hill with Motley Crue running the karaoke bar. Throw in some heroic space weasels and things go naturally from there

I absolutely loved this book. The characters are very real and remind me a bit of my friends. Everything is really funny, but there's still A LOT of action and tense situations. It's so nice to see funny science fiction that can stand on its own without the humor. It's a good solid plot, the book stands alone just fine, but I am seriously looking forward to the next two.

Very solid read. Fascinating , intriguing world building. Good plot, fun characters. The reader can easily imagine being a part of this world.

... and this one has the legs to do it. A rollicking good sci-fi romp reminiscent of the puns of Robinson, the adventure of Heinlein, and the humanity of McMaster-Bujold. I devoured it in a night and change, and am hungry for The next

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