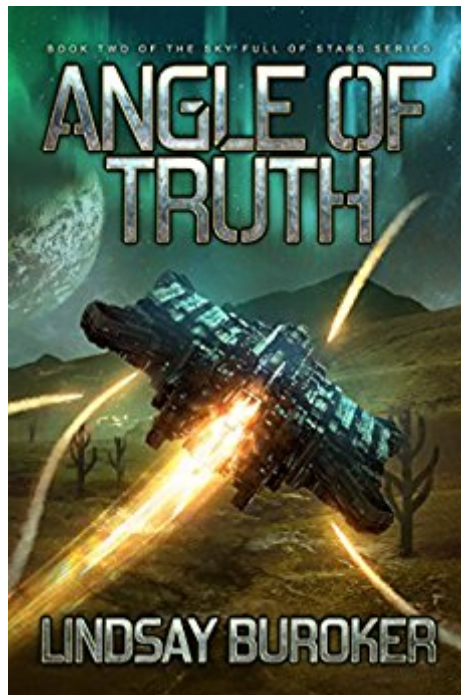




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Angle Of Truth (Sky Full Of Stars, Book 2)



Synopsis

When Jelena Marchenko learns that her parents have incurred a huge debt due to her previous actions, she's determined to find a way to pay it off. But running cargo doesn't pay anything off quickly. She comes up with a scheme to turn herself and her eclectic crewmates into mercenaries, at least for long enough to make some money. Unfortunately, Jelena has no interest in maiming, killing, or otherwise tormenting people, the typical things mercenaries are hired to do. She's relieved when, with Prince Thorian's help, she finds a mission that seems perfectly suited to her team: rescuing prisoners of war. But what was supposed to be a quick way to earn money soon turns into something devastating and deadly. Caught between two sides in a war fueled by centuries of resentment, Jelena must choose between her needs and the needs of a planet. No matter which choice she makes, she risks her ship and the lives of her team. Does she truly have what it takes to be a mercenary?

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Customer Reviews

It is hard for an author to consistently write a series of books where the storyline remains strong and

consistent, and the characters remain memorable and engaging. I have followed many authors that have not been able to maintain this throughout their series. However - Lindsay Buroker shines in her talent to drive the series through to its conclusion without losing momentum or consistency. A true talent and an absolutely wonderful adventure. Jelena and her cobbled together crew face a new challenge - to pay off a debt incurred when fighting for their lives on an Alliance planet. In a desperate attempt to pay the debt and prove her worth as a captain, Jelena takes on a job as a mercenary outfit to rescue some kidnap victims. But not all is as it seems, and Jelena, Thorian and their companions are forced to balance their moral and ethical codes against the need to succeed and prosper. This book has it all - adventure, suspense, humour, drama and a hint of romance - love it!! I received an advanced reader copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

How would an eighteen year old Starseer freighter pilot pay off a huge debt, make responsible adult decisions and earn her parents trust back? Create a very small but powerful mercenary outfit and stop a war of course. However has Jelena taken on more than she and her mates can handle. Of course she has. Will this stop her trying her hardest to reach her goals. Of course not. Remember Jelena is not alone, she has handy Ostberg, super Thor, strong Maskha, mini Ostberg and loyal Alfie. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the second book in this series. The action, suspense, humour, and thrills will have me waiting impatiently for the next one.

The first book in this series addressed more predictable issues of growing up: reuniting with old friends and learning to know each other again, setting out on one's own only to fall on one's face a few times, etc. Angle of Truth moves past that and onto the more pressing issues of growing up... paying for those mistakes and trying to prove oneself to one's parents. The crew is more comfortable with each other in this book, which makes it so much more fun to read, especially as they have to work together while figuring out which side of this conflict they should truly be fighting for. For those of you jumping in from Fallen Empire who are fans of Thorian, these books will be all the feels. I'd hope those of you who aren't familiar with Fallen Empire would take Thorian under their emotional wings as well, this dude just needs some love. (And also, if you haven't read Fallen Empire, why not? Go! Read!)

This second book in the Sky Full of Stars series did an excellent job building on the foundation laid in the first book. I saw some people mention that the first book gave a young-adult vibe, but to me it is just the author giving her characters room to grow and mature. Jelena is only 18, so it makes

sense she would have young, sometimes-naïve thoughts. I'm excited to see how she grows up over the course of the series and the plot gets deeper. I'm a big fan of the balance the author achieves between serious and humorous dialog and events. In this book Jelena and crew want to make up for the huge bill her parents received as a result of the damage caused in the last book during one of their daring escapes. She decides to look for a mercenary job that aligns with her conscience and finds a job rescuing some POWs. Of course adventure also ensues. I love reading the small tidbits slowly progressing what I hope will turn into her romantic interest. I can't wait to see how mind reading abilities and the future of the Empire and Alliance play into the story line and their relationship. Would highly recommend this series, and the series that takes place 10 years prior. I only hope the length of future books are more like the length of the first, since this one was a bit shorter.

Watch out, I am a huge fan of Lindsay Buroker and I have read almost everything she has written, so there might be a little bias in my review. Lindsay has a writing style that is chock full of "Flash Gordon" action mixed in with a slow burning fuse of romance which is then tied to a powder keg of sarcastically witty dialog. This story is an entertaining read, and that is all I'm saying because book 3 has finished downloading. Lindsay, thanks for the wonderful stories!

Jelena is still 'figuring it out' and trying her best to be a good starship captain. Having incurred a large debt on her last misadventure, she decides on the least mercenary-like job of rescuing kidnap victims. But all is not as it seems (per usual). Sifting truth from lies, Jelena does her best to follow her heart and do what is right. Action packed and dialogue that made me LOL, I love this new series and can't wait for Jelena and her crew's next adventure!

I enjoyed Jelena's second story, especially how the conflict around their mission here unfolded. This series and universe have always done well with presenting conflicts as complex and not one-sided, but having legitimate needs on both sides (even the "evil" or should I just say less scrupulous ones). Jelene's learning a little bit more about the world. I kinda wish she would stop throwing herself into danger, but I have a feeling that's not going to stop anytime soon.

I gave it 5 stars because I couldn't give it more. I also read the first book Rogue Prince and loved it. If you haven't read any of Lindsay Buroker's books then you really should, everything that I have read so far has been good. They are full of likable characters, sarcasm humor, adventure and hints

of love. I'd say keep them coming. Can't wait till the next one.

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