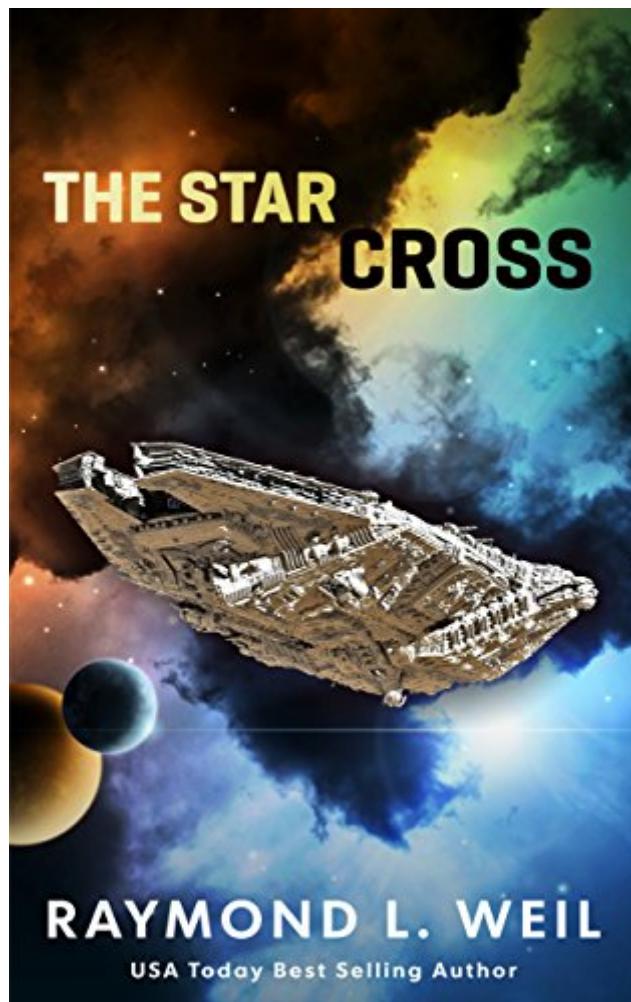


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# The Star Cross



## **Synopsis**

Admiral Kurt Vickers is on fleet maneuvers in the Newton System when a heavily damaged Earth light cruiser appears. The captain tells a horrific story. Earth has been invaded, and the defensive fleets in orbit have been annihilated. For decades, humans have been exploring further and further away from Earth and Newton searching for signs of intelligent life. Now that intelligent life has found them and it comes as an invader. The enemy is ruthless, powerful, and has a disdain for human life. Admiral Vickers has his small fleet taskforce and is hopelessly outnumbered. However, even in darkness there is light and Admiral Vickers will do whatever is necessary to free Earth from the invaders, even if he has to travel to the worst hellhole in the galaxy to do it.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Star Cross might appeal to a more juvenile audience. The dialog is not particularly mature -- the characters all sound like teenagers (of which I have three!). The premise of the story is pretty good and I would have been interested in seeing how the story unfolds, but I just couldn't spend any more

effort reading what felt like a young adult's novel. I stopped at around 28%. I wish the author well with his next ventures, but I'm off to find more compelling and engaging stories appropriate for adult readers.

If there is one thing a reader can guarantee with a Raymond Weil novel, it is the fact it will be hugely exciting, very entertaining, contain packet loads of action, great characters and aliens and dramatic space battles - The Star Cross is no exception. I thoroughly enjoyed this new offering from Raymond Weil and hope it will be the beginning of a new series. The bad guys in The Star Cross are aliens called Profiteers who find and then plunder back-water worlds for profit. The Profiteers turn up on Earth and begin to plunder Earth for its wealth and citizens - failure to comply results in the systematic nuking of Earth cities. It is left to Admiral Kurt Vickers and the colony world of Newton to find a way to remove the Profiteers from Earth space for good. Vickers and his small fleet of ships travel to Kubitz in the Gothan Empire (the Profiteers are a part of this Empire) where slaves are brought and sold in the hopes of recovering Earth's citizens and perhaps purchase weaponry that can be used to rid Earth of the Profiteers. Kubitz is a seedy den where anything can be bought or sold for a price, that is if you're willing to pay a hefty, over-inflated price and have huge amounts of gold on your person!!! The Star Cross is Raymond Weil at his best - I highly recommend it for its sheer entertainment value.

I would say that this is a good story although I also have to say that I liked the other series that Raymond L. Weil have created a tad more. It is an interesting story. It does however delve into the realm of profiteers and an entire society where you can buy everything from pleasure to mercenaries and battleships. Personally I have always found these stories stretching the realm of credibility a bit. Having said that, it is a good, although perhaps a wee bit simplistic, adventure story. There are some quite decent space battles which is probably why I quite liked the book despite the profiteer setting. This book is less heavy on the actual science compared to, for instance, Star One. It is more of an old fashioned adventure from the age of pirates but set in the future and on a galactic scale. The writing is quite good and there are plenty of likable characters in this book as well as some not so likable. Actually, if you discount the privateers, which by definition are the bad guys, there is only one truly self-centered, abysmally unlikeable, political, [censored]hole who, luckily, are quickly contained. At least in this book. He still hangs around though so I truly hope that, if he is included in any future books, that he expediently gets his behind slapped. What I do like about this book is the premise of humans being the wrong guys to [censored] with. Yes, we were caught off

guard and yes we got the [censored] beaten out of us but the profiteers have indeed put their foot in a hornets nest and I think (hope) the stage is set for some serious [censored]-kicking and surprises for the privateers. I quite would like to see the humans applying some human ingenuity to the advanced science that they have purchased as well. I so do like these surprise momentsâ |surprises for the bad guys that is. It has all the making of a good adventure series and, despite some reservations, I for one would like to see a continuation of this book series.

Absolutely loved this new book by one of my favorite authors. It's got plenty of action, good and bad guys, lots of aliens (even though a lot of them look "almost" human, and as always, great characters. I have never been disappointed by any of this author's books, and I sincerely hope that this will be a long running series. While it didn't end in a cliff hanger, for which I am grateful, there's enough going on to take this series for a very long ride. Thanks again, Mr. Weil, for providing such wonderful entertainment in the SF field.

This is basically a book for kids 10-12. I will give the author the benefit of the doubt in that he does not actually write like this for adults. I am only upset that it is not marketed as a juvenile book and I paid good money expecting at least a reasonable read based on all the 5-star reviews. I just don't get the reviewers. Either they are all kids or they have a really inadequate point of reference on what a good sci-fi book is.

The author, who happens to be one of my favorites, takes us on a journey starting with the devastation of earth and then to star system where anything may be purchased if you have the price. He parts with tons of gold and literally buys a planetary defense system and a small fleet. Returning to earth, he chases off the profiteers after a battle in space around a very wounded planet. I hope everyone enjoys this story as much as I did. The author knows how to grab your attention and then reel you in and keep you there.

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