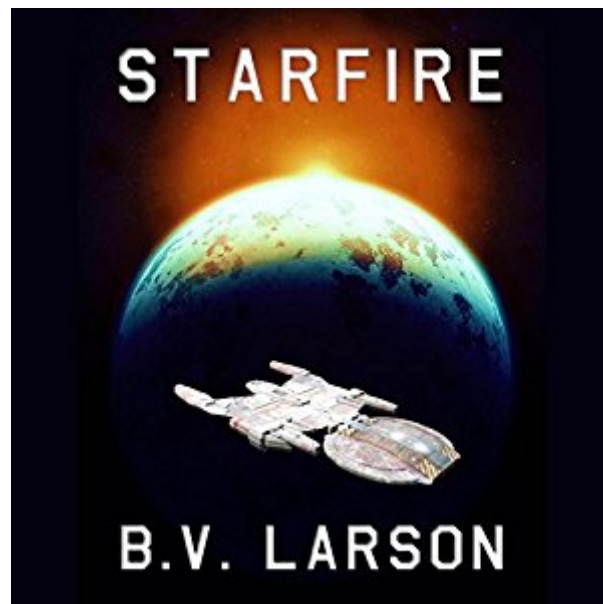


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# Starfire



## Synopsis

Two ships launch, but only one can come home with the prize - and no one suspects what they'll find when they get out there. On June 30, 1908, an object fell from the sky, releasing more energy than a thousand Hiroshima bombs. A Siberian forest was flattened, but the strike left no significant crater. The anomaly came to be known as the Tunguska Event, and scientists have never agreed whether it was the largest meteor strike in recorded history - or something else. Alien artifacts have been uncovered since the 1908 event, and a new star drive is discovered. When another larger artifact is detected orbiting Jupiter, both NASA and the Russian Federal Space Agency are determined to beat all rivals to the next treasure trove of alien tech.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this since I the last year or so have had the pleasure to read Larson's Undying series and Starforce series. However I find myself a bit torn when it comes to this book and especially Larson's question if readers want a sequel to this one. I understand Larson is an abundance of ideas since he delivers books in masses and covering several series at once. I do feel he should concentrate on those series that are well into being and finish those instead of just firing off new ones. As another reader mentioned this one felt a bit unfinished and some parts of the book was just rushed through. Another problem, but that is probably just me, is the setting and first contact idea. When the plot revealed itself after some chapters I found myself constantly comparing this book with Jeff Carlson's Frozen Sky, which also happen in the same area and with same type of first contact behavior. I

don't like to compare authors against each other, but in this instance - book for book - I would more likely recommend Frozen Sky than Starfire. It has potential though, but maybe it would have had better of some more "maturity" before it was launched.

I have read all books in StarForce series, love the author and his ideas and was expecting another interesting series. But this one feels like Larson has rushed from initial idea to final book in a week. It is very chaotic, there are no tech explanations, characters and their actions are not believable. It is hard to find movie or a book that has more cliché scenes than this one. Feels like D class movie, I was forcing to finish the book and I love Sci-Fi and Larson. Do yourself a favor, pass on this one and look for other interesting book.

This is a fun science fiction story that just misses being an excellent one. The premise is fairly simple, but difficult to tell without spoilers. Essentially, the United States and Russian Federation are both in possession of UFO remnants from which they seek to harvest alien technology. They then discover an artifact elsewhere in the Solar System that promises to provide even more technology -- and the race is on. I enjoyed a lot of things about this novel. The characterizations are not bad, the story moves along in a linear fashion that does not lose the reader, these are its strengths. Unfortunately, some of the basic elements of the plot fail the tests of logic and plausibility -- you will see it if you get that far; I'm not going to commit a spoiler here. Had there been more attention to plausibility this otherwise excellent novel would have rated 4 stars or better, because really, there is a lot to like here. Yes, Mr. Larson, we would like a sequel. RJB.

This was a great read. I got sucked in pretty quick, but the character development was really good. Started on earth but with some plausible artistic licence we were at Area 51 and beyond. I'd like to see what happens next.

This is a typical BV Larson story. It is a bit predictable but not corny. It's about the alien spaceship that had crashed in the mid-western desert back in the sixties, that the US government had back-engineered to eventually give us all the modern technologies that we now enjoy. As it turned out, a piece of this same craft had also landed near Russia. The Russians had also back-engineered their part, and that had allowed them to eventually construct a spaceship that could fly faster than anything known on earth. So now we have a new space race akin to the one from the nineteen sixties during the nuclear cold war. But now it's all about who could quickly build the fastest

spaceship for interplanetary travel. Well they both eventually did it, and competing teams from the two space faring nations finally collided on Europa, Jupiter's water moon. They were severely disappointed when they touched down however, as they discovered that they were nothing but un-welcomed guests to the hostile resident aliens. After fighting off the aliens, they barely made it back home in one surviving Russian ship, to warn their respective governments of the impending alien danger to earth. For now we know that there are indeed hostile aliens out there on other worlds that we will have to deal with in future space missions, or when those aliens decide to mount an expedition to planet earth. The only lame nonsensical part of the narrative surrounds the question of: why would an expeditionary force to an alien world consists of only all scientists and no military personnel? Overall though, it was a nice and enjoyable BV Larson fiction.

Ok so guys. The back cover synopsis is horrible. And I am going to work on getting it changed. I bought the book just to support bvlarson as I love his other books. But sweet Lord this book is awesome! A core set of characters. A mysterious situation. A cold war started again! Characters killed left and right. An unwordly mystery or is it a threat? Fast paced chapter after chapter. Ahhhh!!! And then just an open ended ending where the future of humanity is both at risk and protected by our protagonists. Get on board guys!!!

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