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Fred Johnson

Bobbie Draper

Praxidike Meng

Mei Mena

Chrisjen Avasarala

Clarissa Melpomene Mao

Annushka Volovodov

Carlos c de Baca

Melba Alzbeta Koh

Dimitri Havelock

The Investigator

Amos Burton

Alex Kamal

Filip Inaros

Sauveterre

Michio Pa

Salis

Jakulski

Roberts

Namono

Vandercaust

Paolo Cortazár

Santiago Jilie Singh

Camina Drummer

Winston Duarte

Marco Inaros

Naomi Nagata

Basia Merton

Elvi Okoye

Manéo Jung-Espinoza

Josephus Miller

The Expanse is a series of science fiction novels, novellas and stories by James S. A. Corey, the pen name of authors Daniel Abraham and Ty Franck. The first novel, *Leviathan Wakes*, was nominated for the Hugo Award for Best Novel in 2012.^[1] In 2017 the series as a whole was nominated for the 'Best Series' Hugo Award.^[2]

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Publishing history As of 2017, The Expanse consists of seven main novels and five shorter works (two prequel short stories, one prequel novella, one novella set between Caliban's War and Abaddon's Gate and one set around the events of Nemesis Games). Two more novels are planned, [3] as well as two more novellas. [4] The series has been adapted for television by the Syfy Network, also under the title of The Expanse. The series premiered on streaming services on November 23, 2015 and on Syfy on December 14, 2015.^[5]

Novels

ISBN

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The books follow various characters through the political, cultural and economic change brought on by contact with the remnants of a powerful but presumably extinct, ancient civilization.

referred to as the "slow zone", an alien space station controls the gates and can also set instantaneous speed limits on objects inside of the hub as a means of defense.

All of the novels up to Persepolis Rising and all the novellas have been released as audiobooks, with Jefferson Mays as the narrator for all novels and the novellas The Vital Abyss and Strange Dogs. [12] Erik Davies is the narrator for the

The Expanse is set in a future in which humanity has colonized much of the Solar System, but does not have interstellar travel. In the asteroid belt and beyond, tensions are rising between Earth's United Nations, Mars, and the outer

The series initially takes place in the solar system, using many real world locations such as Ceres and Eros in the asteroid belt, several moons of Jupiter, with Ganymede and Europa the most developed, and small science bases as far out

As the series progresses, humanity gains access to thousands of new worlds by use of the ring, an artificially sustained Einstein-Rosen bridge or wormhole, created by a long dead alien race. The ring in our solar system is 2 AU from the

orbit of Uranus, and passing through it leads to a hub of starless space approximately one million kilometers across, with more than 1,300 other rings, each with a star system on the other side. In the center of the hub, which is also

There are two main point-of-view characters in the first book (plus two for the prologue/epilogue) and four main characters for the following four books. In the sixth book, Babylon's Ashes, the number of POV characters jumps to 15,

■ Clarissa "Claire" Melpomene Mao a.k.a. Melba Alzbeta Koh a.k.a. Peaches, a daughter of Jules-Pierre Mao, magnate of Mao-Kwikowski Mercantile from Luna; as Melba she is a licensed

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■ Strange Dogs (July 18, 2017^[10]). The story takes place between Babylon's Ashes and Persepolis Rising.

Four digital comics based on the books and tying into the television series were published by ComiXology.

as Phoebe around Saturn and Titania around Uranus, as well as well-established domed settlements on Mars and the Moon.

The crew of the *Rocinante*, an independent gunship crewed by the survivors of the ice hauler *Canterbury*, include:

• Naomi Nagata, a Belter engineer and executive officer and chief engineer of the Rocinante

■ Roberta "Bobbie" W. Draper, Martian gunnery sergeant in the MCRN, of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force

Josephus "Joe" Aloisus Miller, a Belter who worked as a detective for the Ceres station security firm, Star Helix Security

Dr. Praxidike "Prax" Meng, the chief botanist of the RMD-Southern soy farm project on Ganymede and father of Mei Meng

Frederick "Fred" Lucius Johnson, a former UN marine reviled as the "Butcher of Anderson Station" and now the leader of the OPA

Juliette "Julie" Andromeda Mao, the oldest child of Earther plutocrat Jules-Pierre Mao, former pinnace racer and Outer Planets Alliance convert

electrochemical technician. After forming a bond with her, Amos gives her the nickname Peaches.

Carlos "Bull" c de Baca, a member of the OPA serving as chief security officer aboard the Behemoth

Chrisjen Avasarala, the UN Assistant Undersecretary of Executive Administration, later UN Secretary General

Santiago Jilie Singh, a captain in the Laconian Imperial Navy and commander of the Gathering Storm

that Franck had created and thought they should make a book series out of it, "People who write books don't do this much research".[18]

Anton Trejo, High Admiral of the Laconian Imperial Navy and captain of the Heart of the Tempest

The series overall has been well received, with the first novel *Leviathan Wakes* being the highest praised.

■ "It's been too long since we've had a really kickass space opera." — George R. R. Martin

■ "The Expanse series is the best space opera series running at full tilt right now." — io9

■ "The science fiction equivalent of A Song of Ice and Fire." — NPR Books

■ "This is the future the way it's supposed to be." — The Wall Street Journal

Publishers Weekly gave *Abaddon's Gate* a starred review saying "series fans will find this installment the best yet." [23]

Publishers Weekly also gave Cibola Burn a starred review and called it "splendid" and it "blends adventure with uncommon decency." [24]

Paolo Cortázar, a former member of Protogen's nanoinformatics research division, he is now the lead researcher on Laconia.

Ty Franck began developing the world of *The Expanse* as an idea for a massively multiplayer online role-playing game. After a number of years the idea

shifted to become the setting for a tabletop game. Abraham, who had already written several books on his own at this point, noticed the depth of the setting

It has also been observed that there are marked similarities in the political and social setting of the series to the 1957 book The Stars My Destination by Alfred

James S. A. Corey is the pen name for writing partners Daniel Abraham and Ty Franck, who share the writing workload. Franck writes all the Holden, Bobbie

and Anna chapters, while Abraham writes the Miller, Melba, Avasarala, Bull and Prax chapters.^[20] They also meet weekly to discuss upcoming chapters and

The novels are written in a third-person limited style. Each chapter is told from the point of view of a character central to the story, while the prologue and

epilogue are told by a recurring character or a one-off viewpoint. Traditionally, each book employs four point-of-view characters (plus the prologue/epilogue

viewpoints), except Leviathan Wakes which features two, and Babylon's Ashes which features sixteen. James Holden is the only character to be used as a

For Caliban's War Wired.com's Geek Dad and Publishers Weekly both praised the novel, with GeekDad citing the book's "believable human personalities and

"Combining an exploration of real human frailties with big SF ideas and exciting thriller action, Corey cements the series as must-read

■ Leviathan Wakes (2011) — Hugo Award for Best Novel nominee 2012, Locus Award for Best Science Fiction Novel nominee 2012

• The Expanse Hugo Award for Best Series nominee. This is an additional category for 2017 only, but may become a permanent

from the show. Each character has special abilities that must be correctly exploited in order to gain the upper hand in the struggle for control. [28]

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Abaddon's Gate (2013) — Locus Award for Best Science Fiction Novel winner 2014, Goodreads Choice Awards, Best Science Fiction

The American television channel <u>Syfy</u> announced a straight-to-series commitment to a television adaptation of *The Expanse* in April 2014, ordering the production of ten hour-long episodes for a first season^[25] and premiered in

December 2015. The series stars Thomas Jane as Josephus Miller and Steven Strait as Jim Holden. The rest of the crew of the Rocinante are played by Dominique Tipper as Naomi Nagata, Cas Anvar as Alex Kamal, and Wes Chatham as

An Expanse board game, designed by Geoff Engelstein and published by WizKids, was released in October 2017. The authors of the book series collaborated with Engelstein on its development. The game focuses on politics,

conquest and intrigue similar to the board game Twilight Struggle, although with a shorter playing time. Players represent Earth's UN forces, the military of Mars, the O.P.A., and Protogen Inc, each struggling to become the dominant

power in the Solar System. They use cards and action points to move and place Fleets and expand their Influence in contested areas. The cards represent characters and events from the universe of The Expanse, each bearing key images

Amos Burton. Shohreh Aghdashloo as Chrisjen Avasarala, Chad Coleman as Fred Johnson, and Florence Faivre as Julie Mao are the other major cast members. Frankie Adams joined the cast in season 2 as Bobbie Draper.

Rev. Dr. Annushka "Anna" Volovodov, a Methodist pastor at St. John's United on Europa

Filip Inaros, a teenage member of the OPA and son of Marco Inaros and Naomi Nagata

Dmitri Havelock, a security contractor from Earth & former partner of Joe Miller

■ Amos (Timothy) Burton, the Earther mechanic and general muscle of the *Rocinante*

■ "Drive" (November 27, 2012 in *Edge of Infinity*, July 9, 2015 available online (http://www.syfy.com/theexpanse/drive/))^[11]

Title Pages Publication date Leviathan Wakes 561 June 15, 2011 595 Caliban's War June 26, 2012 Abaddon's Gate 539 June 4, 2013 Cibola Burn 583 June 17, 2014 Nemesis Games 544 June 2, 2015 Babylon's Ashes 608 560^[6] Persepolis Rising Tiamat's Wrath 608^[7] Unknown

December 6, 2016 December 5, 2017^[6] December 4, 2018^[7] 2019^[8] **Novellas** Four novellas have been published. ■ Gods of Risk (September 15, 2012). The story takes place between Caliban's War and Abaddon's Gate. ■ *The Churn* (April 29, 2014). Prequel to the series. ■ The Vital Abyss (October 15, 2015^[9]). The story takes place between Abaddon's Gate and Cibola Burn.

■ "The Butcher of Anderson Station" (October 17, 2011)

first two novellas that were released (Gods of Risk and The Churn).^[13]

■ The Expanse Origins #1: James Holden (February 1, 2017)^[14]

■ The Expanse Origins #2: Naomi Nagata (April 19, 2017)^[15]

■ The Expanse Origins #3: Alex Kamal (May 24, 2017)^[16]

■ The Expanse Origins #4: Amos Burton (July 12, 2017)^[17]

with several only having one or two chapters from their point-of-view.

■ **Alex Kamal**, the Martian pilot of the *Rocinante*

■ Basia "Baz" Merton, a welder from Ganymede

Sauveterre, the captain of the MCRN Barkeith

Winston Duarte, High Consul of the Laconian Empire

Aliana Tanaka, Chief of Security aboard Medina Station

Dr. Elvi Okoye, a biologist from Earth

Inspiration and writing

swap completed chapters for the other to edit. [18]

technology that is easily recognizable" as a highlight. [21][22]

■ "Superb ... a thrill to follow." — The Washington Post

List of translations by language

Translations of *The Expanse* series

Title(s)

1. Левиатан се пробужда

2. Войната на Калибан

3. Вратата на Абадон

1. Buđenje Levijatana

1. Leviatan se probouzí

2. Kalibánova válka

4. O poklad Ciboly

6. Popel Babylonu

2. Calibans strijd

1. Leviathan ontwaakt

1. L'Éveil du Léviathan

2. La Guerre de Caliban

3. La Porte d'Abaddon

4. Les Feux de Cibola

1. Leviathan erwacht

2. Calibans Krieg

3. Abaddons Tor

4. Cibola brennt

5. Nemesis-Spiele

6. Babylons Asche

1. Leviatán ébredése

2. Kalibán háborúja

3. Abaddon kapuja

5. Nemezis játékai

6. Babilon hamvai

1. 巨獣めざめる

4. Cibola meghódítása

1. Leviathan il Risveglio

2. Caliban — La guerra

4. Cibola Burn — La cura

1. 익스팬스 : 깨어난 괴물

1. Leviatã Desperta

2. Война Калибана

3. Врата Абаддона

4. Пожар Сиболы

5. Игры Немезиды

1. Buđenje nemani

3. Abadonova kapija

4. Sibola u plamenu

1. El Despertar del Leviatán

2. La guerra de Calibán

1. Leviathan Uyanıyor

2. Caliban'ın Savaşı

3. Abaddon Geçidi

2. Kalibanov rat

1. Trezirea Leviatanului

1. Пробуждение Левиафана

3. Abaddon's Gate — La fuga

5. Nemesis Games — L'esodo

6. Babylon's Ashes — Il destino

1. Przebudzenie Lewiatana część 1

2. Przebudzenie Lewiatana część 2

5. Hry Nemesis

3. Abaddonova brána

4. Сибола гори

1. 利维坦觉醒

space opera." — Library Journal

Awards and nominations

nominee 2013

Derived works

Television series

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Language

Bulgarian

Chinese

Croatian

Czech

Dutch

French

German

Hungarian

Italian

Japanese

Korean

Polish

Portuguese

Romanian

Russian

Serbian

Spanish

Turkish

Manéo "Néo" Jung-Espinoza, a young Belter from Ceres

James "Jim" R. Holden, the Earther captain of the Rocinante

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Earth:

Laconia:

Bester.^[19]

Writing process

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