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Rika Outcast: A Tale Of Mercenaries, Cyborgs, And Mechanized Infantry (Rika's Marauders Book 1)



Synopsis

In the Age of the Orion War...Rika is mech-meat, a cyborg killing machine, created by the Genevian military and cast aside when the war was lost. Now she slings cargo on Dekar Station, falling deeper in debt as she struggles to make enough money to keep her cybernetic body functioning. The local gangs would love to have her join their ranks, and the takings would pay her bills, but the only thing Rika hates more than what she's become, is killing for others. But morals don't buy repairs and she's at the point of utter desperation when her loan holder cashes in her debt and sells her to the highest bidder. When Rika wakes, she's in a warehouse on a planet she's never heard of, and a trio of mercenaries are reassembling her body. Their mission is to kill the world's president, and her mods and abilities are just what they need to get the job done. Whether she likes it or not, Rika is in the business of killing once more as she joins the ranks of the Marauders.

An Aeon 14 series
The events of the Rika's Marauders series occur during the New Canaan time span in The Orion War series. This series may be read at any time after reading *Destiny Lost*, *New Canaan*, or *Orion Rising*.

About M. D. Cooper & Aeon 14
M. D. Cooper is a New York Times bestselling author who has envisioned a rich future for humanity, one where planet-sized megastructures house trillions of humans, but traveling between the stars still takes decades, or even centuries. Fans of Alastair Reynolds, Honor Harrington, *The Expanse*, or Elizabeth Moon's *Vatta's War* will feel right at home in this, the first book of the *Perilous Alliance* series.

What is Aeon 14?
The universe of Aeon 14 is based on the premise that advanced, intelligent, starfaring life takes 14 billion years to evolve. In astronomy an aeon is a billion years. In Aeon 14, humanity is at the leading edge of this evolution in the Milky Way Galaxy. Humanity and the AIs they have created spread out amongst the stars and find that they are alone, though it may not always be that way...

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Customer Reviews

Rika first gets screwed by the justice system, then is turned into a part human machine by the military. Once the war is over she is set adrift to make her own way. Kinda hard for someone with no real face to get a job. Ends up working on the docks loading cargo. Starts saving money to fix her face. Borrows money from the wrong person and ends up being auctioned off to the highest bidder. There are two bright sides to this story, first Chase, a coworker, loves her and she finally goes to the bars to meet him and they kiss for the first time. Once Rika disappears Chase vows to find her. The second bright side was who won her at the auction, a member of the Marauders, a mercenary group that have been trying to get her to join them for a while. Ok you are going to have to read the story to find out what happens!!

Boy oh boy! Ever feel a question upon your digital taste buds on why a certain tale has such wonder that your enjoyment app registered approval? Weeeeell, just go with the flow herein. The spiritual stars of Chase & Rita which finally embraced 1 night have once again touched. After a 4yrs separation. Chase searched. Rita's inadvertant sale into mech servitude got her challenges. She now nolonger dwells on her humanity. Or lack thereof. Her decision to spare the Thebian president has brought Chase & her together in Balisk company. Mission complete, for now.

I love M D Cooper's Aeon 14 universe! He's got a great way of writing that brings his characters to life. Rika has had a very rough life, to say the least. Railroaded by her own government to become what they call a mech and treated as a sub-human, she's forced to fight. The story picks up a few years after they lose the war and Rika must find her way while fighting herself and others that would use her for their own ends. I was so into this book that there were parts that were hard to read because of what Rika was going through. But in the end, it's a great book and I'd recommend it to

anyone that lives sci-fi!

Great book! Rika is a young woman who has been modified into a killing machine but she's still a young woman with a heart. Are war and heavy lifting really all she's good for? Lots of action, lots of surprises, realistic characters and even a touch of romance!

More than just shoot em up space opera (some of this in there too) with a chance to experience the verse from a partial cyborg point of view. Also a welcome dive into the kind of story where you can spend time relating and experiencing life in this verse through the main character. Great read!

This is a good read. The story is all action and adventure. The author makes all the characters fit well and makes a story come to life.

Good military type action. Nothing too technical or outlandish. Recommend you read the earlier episode books prior to this one.

Love reading about Rika and her adventures. It is a nice addition to the aeon 14 universe so far. Have enjoyed reading her story so far.

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