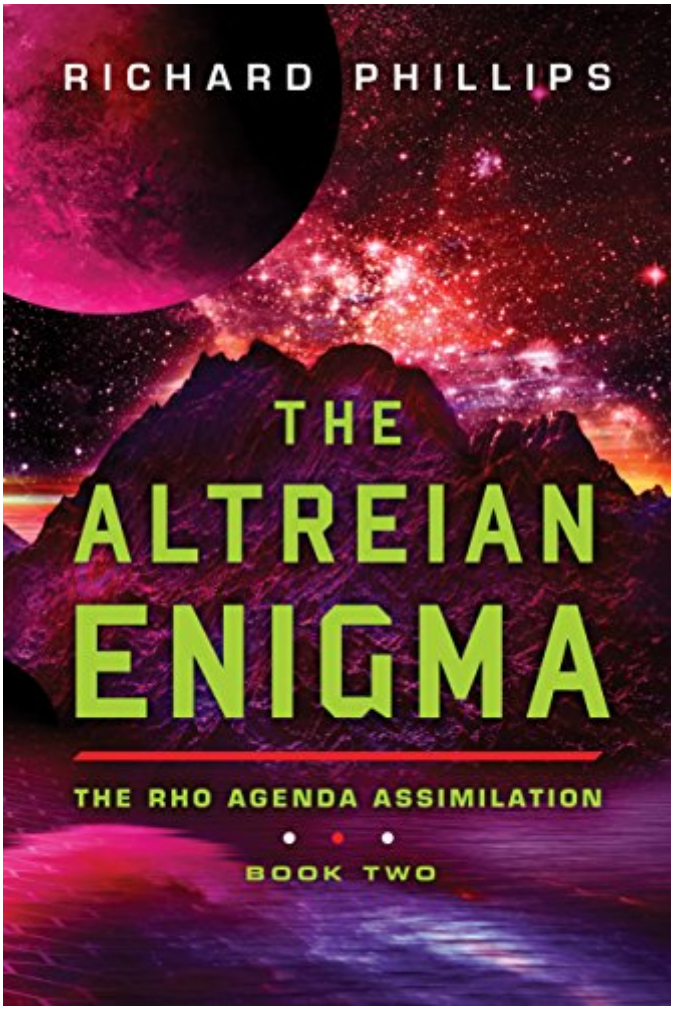
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Synopsis

When Mark and Heather Smythe saved Earth from the conquest-hungry Kasari Collective, they thought their work was done. But the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s vast new government continued its quest to make extraterrestrial contact. And now, as a new gateway is activated to welcome the Kasari, whom world leaders take to be benefactors, only the Smythes stand a chance of countering their planetÃ¢â ¬â„¢s invasion and subjugation by a race of ruthless conquerors.Years after their failed first mission, the Kasari have returned, bearing irresistible promises while concealing insidious plans to enslave humanity. But not if the SmythesÃ¢â ¬â •along with fearless CIA agent turned mercenary Jack Gregory and his partner, Janet PriceÃ¢â ¬â •can help it. From the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s last stronghold, they take the fight to enemies both earthling and alienÃ¢â ¬â •even as their comrades-in-arms join the warrior Koranthians in battling the Kasari on a far-off planet. But the greatest danger lies within Earth itself, where an ancient artifact prepares to summon doom from another world.

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Customer Reviews

Loved it, and can’t wait for the finale. A pity almost every plot line has been left hanging, but as long as he continues to publish as regularly as he has, it’ll be worth the wait. I’m enjoying how he’s exploring the impact of collateral consequences on character who aren’t trained soldiers, while keeping up the pace of the plot.I have to mention the unintended chuckle I got at the memory of Robbie catching a 2 pound trout though; I’m from New Zealand, and a 2 pounder would be a disappointing catch and release due to being so undersized!(Spoilers below)My only minor gripe was how easily Jack orchestrated a rebellion on an alien world, straight after transforming a flabby body unused to exercise into an unrivaled fighting machine in a matter of weeks. The rest of the book seemed well thought out and consistent, but that pushed credulity a little too much. Aside from that

Richard Phillips is one of those writers who can keep you tense and interested from the beginning to the very end of the book, with so many excellent ideas, so many twists and turns, all leading coherently and often surprisingly to a very satisfying end - which is also a new beginning :DD. Alien aliens? Check :). Psionic ethos? Check. Human hybrids? Exciting technologies? Breathtaking vistas? Action-filled sequences? Character progression, but also clarity of purpose? All there, and so much more...If his other books were excellent, this one is positively amazing and a true joy to read :-). Heartily recommended!PS. If you haven’t read the Rho Agenda Trilogy and The Kasari Nexus, please do it - you will find them a truly excellent read, allowing you to become really attached to the characters. They are one of the first books I always transfer to a new Kindle :).

This series has been excellent, and this book is no different. Although it’s definitely science-fiction with an absorbing plot, Mr. Phillips uses his background in physics to inject general technical concepts that engage the reader on multiple levels. I would suggest reading Second Ship, Immune, Wormhole, and The Kasari Nexus (in this order) before reading The Altreian Enigma just to get the most out of the series. The prequel (The Rho Agenda Inception) also provides more background and better defines some of the characters for this series. It’s a great way to spend time relaxing over the holidays, on the beach, or in the airport.With many books on , you can purchase the paperback version (for reading around the house) and get the Kindle version (for traveling) for an addition 99 cents. I don’t do this a lot, but have done this for all of Mr. Phillips’ books.

I was wondering how Phillips was going to weave the multiple story lines in his previous books into

one story (at first I didn't even realize they were all related - I guess I wasn't paying attention), this book answers the question. You've got the kids that found the headsets, the ripper, and the hackers and somehow it all works. You'll be lost if you haven't read the previous books, so read them first (which isn't a bad thing since I enjoyed them too).

I considered giving only four stars simply because I wanted more, but that is not fair to the author. These books are inventive, eventful, and evolving in a way that the best of the genre aim for. The characters make horrific decisions with a cold calculus few can truly appreciate. This is probably due to the author's military background and the lead character, Jack Gregory, has another standout performance here. I won't offer any spoilers, but you can see how his imprint has affected his students. The Smythe/McFarland children have become so much more engaging as they've matured. Jennifer is an elite soldier in the Koranthian army now and Mark and Heather are still fomenting revolution back on Earth. Jack gets busy applying his particular set of skills while developing yet another student in a very unexpected place and also manages to pick up some new tricks in the process. I can't wait to read the next book.

I hate waiting between these books. When this one was released I first re-read the first of this trilogy, then this second book. It's just great entertainment. I am SO looking forward to the several reunions that will doubtless occur during the final book.I hardly need to tell you how fun these are. So I'll just say that if you've already read all of the previous Rho Agenda saga, there's no way you could be disappointed by this continuing story./ Steve.

I do not know if any entity has purchased the film rights (but they should be taken by now), but ever since "The Second Ship" I've been grabbing everything that Richard Phillips offers up, and waiting for Rho to go mainstream - it is as good as "The Martian." A smart and gifted storyteller, with the ability to develop characters, and handle plausible technology with ease. Go back and start at the beginning, also read the prequels (to more fully explain Jack), and you will not be left wondering why, only wondering what will happen next. Highest recommendation.

As the series has unfolded, the varied cultures of the home planets are bring richly developed. There is no thinning of plot or narrative here in an attempt to make a dreaded twenty volume epic. That said, I would like to see the disparate threads recombine soon. Perhaps even some happiness for Raul (a hated figure when the action played out on Earth).My advice to newcomers is to go back

to The Second Ship and travel with Heather, Mark and Jennifer at the start of their galactic journey, intersecting with the Bourne-like Jack and Janet on the way. Phillips has created the best cast of characters - those that linger in the mind when the last page is turned and against the backdrop of genuinely original, believable sci for the fi.

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