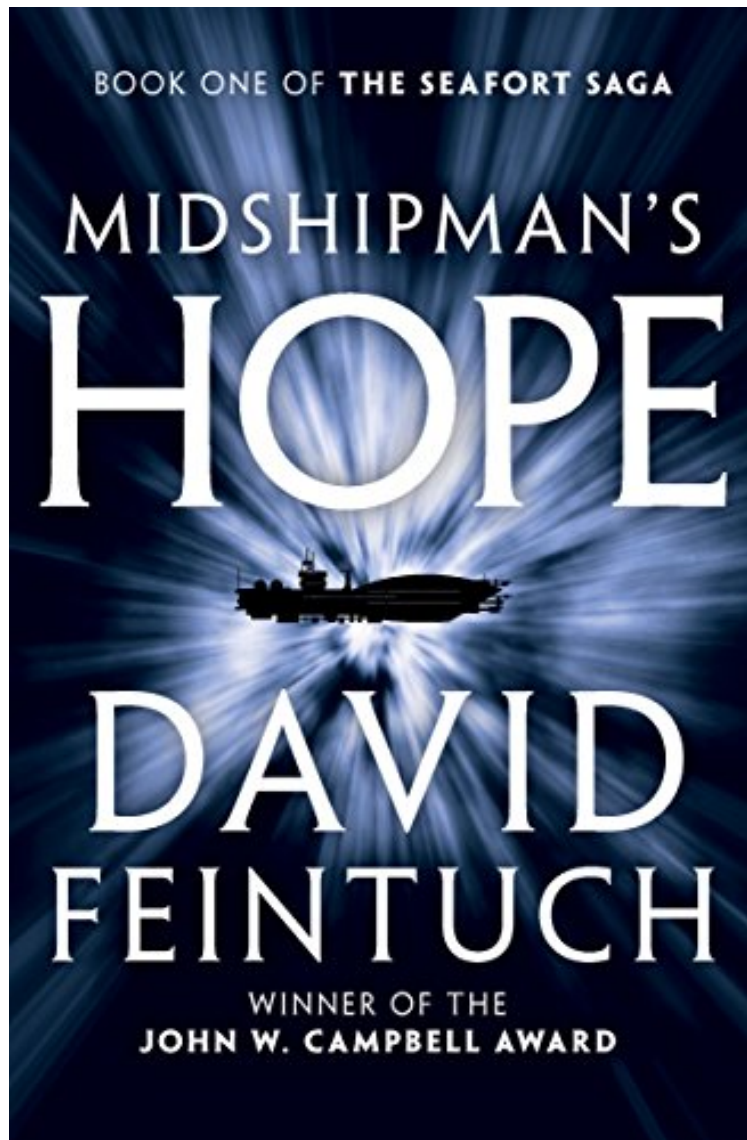


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Von David Feintuch : Midshipman's Hope (The Seafort Saga) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Midshipman's Hope (The Seafort Saga):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. There are more than ten good reasons to avoid this one...Von Ein KundeThere are more than ten good reasons to avoid this silly yarn.Well there seems to be an unusual amount of controversy surrounding this novels merit, or lack of merit I am firmly in the minority of reviewers who have found the tale ludicrous and insulting. As a combat vet I found its

overblown portrayals of officer angst pathetic and whiney. The enlisted men are all unbelievably passive and undeveloped. While they mutter and mutiny constantly the hero Nicky just executes them willy-nilly. Some reviewers have referred to this as a military sci-fi novel, a swashbuckling tale of future naval activities flavored by a romantic past. Gee I don't get that at all. I will concede to its swishbuckling tendencies but hasten to add that the military procedures and tactics employed throughout are weaker than the plot. There is no real military drama here. That is unless you consider the Hardy Boys as thrilling adult fare. The plot is moved along and along by failure after failure. There is no believability in the plot twists that cause all the capable officers to die leaving the 12 to 18-year-old boys in charge. These boys who go from mundane cadet tasks to interstellar starship responsibilities get entirely too many spankings. Every time an infraction occurs they get a demerit. Whether running in the halls, playing grabass in the wardroom or messing up on astro-navigation when they get ten demerits they get bent over and spanked with a cane. Put bluntly this happens so much that anyone who doesn't see homoeroticism is either blind or pursuing an agenda. The author tries to ameliorate the situation by putting Nicky in bed with a female passenger, who is under their regs. technically his subordinate. In my opinion their lovemaking was awkward and actually a pointless addition to the plot. It served no purpose except to apply a veneer of hetero masculinity on the lad. I can say with a clear conscience that observing and commenting on the novels homoerotic theme is a valid criticism. No where in the description of the book by the author or the publisher is there a hint to this constant theme. Perhaps they are concerned about marketing the tale to a possibly homophobic readership. Who knows, but as readers we deserve a clue as to the nature of a book. Although there were many reasons why I disliked the book that alone would have been enough to steer me to another author. A few reviewers have gone to some length to deny and ridicule the comments made by others but the negative reviews I read were substantially accurate, just unpopular with the fans of Mr. Feintuch's meager effort. This does not make the other negative reviewers or me homophobic, just observant. The books content is mild and not stridently homoerotic just pervasive and irritating. I suggest that if you can't decide the issues raised in the reviews you may as well get a copy. Then you can see for yourself if the adventures of; Nicki, Alexi, Sandy, Ricky, Vax, Derek, and Rafe are to your liking. I will close with a quote lifted from *Midshipman's Hope* page 205 in the paperback version. Nicki just got a particularly rough spank from one of the other midshipmen. Remember these are supposed to be Naval officers in interstellar space, leaders of men. "Cadet come with me." I turned to the corridor. Derek followed. I led him to Lt. Dagalow's empty cabin near the bridge, shut the hatch behind us. "Stand easy Mr. Carr" Derek sagged against the bulkhead, fighting for control. Now I would get through to him, if ever I would. "Is it bad Derek?" My voice was soft. He turned away, pressed his face against the bulkhead a sob escaped him. "Oh God. You don't know! I tried, I did" He fought shuddering gasps, unable to speak further. I gave his shoulder a squeeze. It was too much for him; he was completely undone. When his crying eased, he whispered "Why is he so brutal, Mr. Seafort? Why is there so much cruelty." 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A pretentious homoerotic space opera . Von daidhaid Top Ten Reasons...why I really didn't care for this book. #10. The book revolves around 13 to 18 year old boys who are officers in the Space Navy. Because kids don't get some space disease caused by the engines power wave. Unnhuh. #9. All the line officers die, tragically of course, and at all the places they stop there are no officers to assume command of a starship full of colonists. Young Captain Nick must go it alone in spite of his massive insecurity and inexperience. #8. The Officers spank each other for minor infractions. They do this on a regular basis, while disrobed and bent over a barrel. Seriously they spank each other and it is described in great detail. The author seems to really enjoy the spanking sessions there are a lot of them. #7. For anyone to touch the Captain for any reason is an automatic death sentence. But the Captain who is 18 likes to make frequent exceptions for the exuberant young midshipmen. #6. The Captain executes quite a few enlisted men by hanging them in a cargo bay. Yup that's the future get drunk act up and get hung by the neck till dead. The way it is presented is would be silly in a high seas pirate tale, in a sci fi novel it is a trainwreck. #5. The Captain is haunted in his dreams by the ghosts of the men he executed. As corny as that is it is better than reading about yet another spanking. #4. The tactical mistakes and errors in judgement defy belief, while propelling the plot on and on and on. #3. I lost track of all the actual mutinies that young Captain Nick had to quell. I'm afraid that all the the conspiracies to mutiny really accomplished was, to leave me hoping that someone would succeed. #2. I never did figure out the weird deep space animal that could shoot power bolts out of its power bolt orifice. Yeah I know it sounds pretty hokey but, gee whilikers that thing could knock out a Naval Starship. Fortunately young Captain Nick escapes alive. And the #1. reason I didn't like this book can be illustrated by Captain Nick's description of a 16 year old boy, a Naval officer just assigned to his ship. "I turned to him and fell silent. He wasn't handsome he was beautiful. Smooth unblemished skin, wavy blond hair, blue eyes, a finely chiseled intelligent face. He could have been lifted from a recruiting poster." snip Well it goes without saying this kid is gonna get a spanking sooner or later. Actually young Captain Nick finds out that this guy is a sadist, so of course he has to utterly break him. That was a subplot that would leave any heterosexual male confused about what was going on in young Captain Nick's mind. This book was a very mild but obvious gay fantasy. I am not opposed to that, if you like that sort of thing then this one is for you. However, I wish I had chosen a different novel for the weekend. I finished it so I could review it with a clear conscience. *Midshipman's Hope* is very very lame. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Forrester turns in his grave Von Ein Kunde I have to agree with some of the previous reviewers.

This is a (admittedly quite well written) dull, gay SM fantasy set in space - its as though someone asked him to write a "spanking good yarn" and he took them at their word. Do yourself a favour and read the Horatio Hornblower books instead, full of crisp well written action, and where the rosy red cheeks have been caused by a brisk Nor'westerly wind and not a swishy cane!

Kurzbeschreibung David Feintuchs acclaimed Seafort Saga begins as Nicholas Seafort sets off on an interstellar naval adventure he will never forget