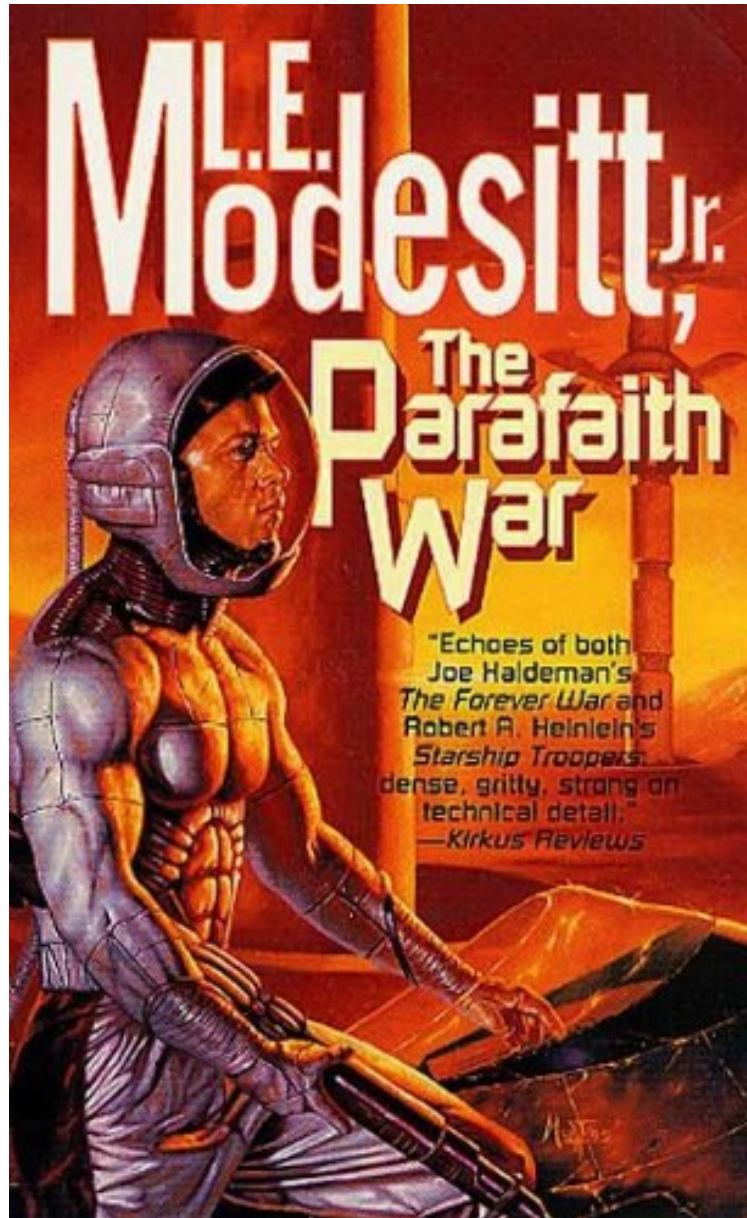


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Von L. E. Modesitt Jr. : The Parafaith War before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Parafaith War:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tense story of a man determining how far his duty extends.Von boyd@chem.ucla.eduThe Parafaith War is a three-part fugue

on the basic theme of a soldier's responsibility to look beyond the immediate impact of his actions. This book draws on many of the elements of genre favorites such as *Starship Troopers*, *The Forever War*, and *Armor*, but attempts to go beyond what the authors of those stories say about a soldier's possible greater responsibility: by performing his duties to the best of his ability, might he not be extending the war needlessly and harming his cause? And what can he do to discharge his duty in such a way that the end of the war really is approached? Tristan Desoll's solution is helped by an advanced alien race interested in testing humanity's capacity for overcoming just such paradoxes (a race which looms in the background as severe judges should humanity fail), but his own abilities and skills are tested to their limits. Desoll's development is well-handled, the action is tense when at its best, and Desoll's bleakness of personality fits well with his motivation to go beyond mere orders. The setting is necessarily artificial and somewhat shallow, you won't find the excessive richness of society and history such as that for which Frank Herbert is famous, but I believe that is by design; any more description than what is given would only distract the reader from Desoll's development and dilemmas. The perhaps larger questions of theology and society that are raised similarly serve as props for the morality play that is at center stage in the book, and might even have been toned down without adversely affecting the impact of the conclusion. Seems like it was written with conversion to screenplay in mind; perhaps a movie will be forthcoming.

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Von Craig Daniels This book has created a world, a bunch of characters, and some motives for these characters. But what is most interesting is that LE Modesitt has created a belief system for these people that his characters fight against and come to know eventually. I was impressed by the writing in this novel, the story was interesting enough in its plot twists and use of futuristic technology, counting only that, this novel was good. But then add to that the facet of religion, and the role it plays in bringing about the downfall of a culture, how one man uses this influence in religion to speed up this process, and how this book makes us reevaluate our own values and you have a book that approaches literature. The arguments Modesitt makes aren't always right, nor on the conservative side in terms of religion, but all his points are thought provoking, and it is for this reason I suggest reading this book.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good action novel with some technical faults

Von Ein Kunde This is a good, fast-paced, action story that is an interesting read. The societies involved are fairly well thought out and the reader does not get hung up in the backgrounds, which, nevertheless, support the story well. Two problems do not detract much from the story line. The author seems not too familiar with weapons, even though the first half of the book depends upon use of military firepower. For example, the author has the hero "switch to semi-automatic" fire on an assault rifle and has the rate of fire increase! using more ammo. The opposite, of course would occur. The other problem I had was with the homelife and society of the religious fanatics being apparently a clone of common American 20th century society. Any religious society I know of has the fanaticism imbedded within their cultural interactions at home as well as when addressing foreigners.

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