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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Ambitious career mercenary Devi Morris, believing her advancement stalled in the prestigious Blackbird company, accepts a security position on the notorious trade ship *Glorious Fool*, a ship so prone to interesting times that one year served there counts as five years served anywhere else. Devi discovers a diverse crew of aliens and humans under a demanding master, and a ship full of secrets worth killing to protect. Swarms of alien slavers and predator-infested derelict ships lost in the depths of space are dangerous enough, but can Devi survive the *Glorious Fool* herself? All of space opera's conventions make appearances, including violent aliens, mysterious powers, high-tech weaponry, powered armor, sympathetic mercenaries, and feudal societies. What Bach fails to demonstrate is much ability to blend her stock set pieces into a coherent whole or put a new spin on familiar clichés. (Nov.)

Review

"If you liked *Star Wars*, if you like the Kate Daniels series, and if you are waiting for *Guardians of the Galaxy* to hit the theaters, this is your book." ***Ilona Andrews***

"This book kicked ass... I JUST LOVED IT!" ***Felicia Day***

"Rachel Bach's *Fortune's Pawn* is based on a fascinating premise and launches what looks to be a superb military science fiction series." ***Eric Flint***

"Rollicking space opera starring a tough, sexy, armor-clad space chick...Lots of fun." ***Kirkus***

"Bach makes her SF debut with this series launch that introduces a strong female heroine whose mind is mostly on her career -- and her high-tech suit of armor -- yet who finds herself inexplicably drawn into a relationship that could damage her life and her honor. Fans of Lois McMaster Bujold's Vorkosigan series and David Weber's Honor Harrington novels should enjoy starting another potentially long-running SF military saga." ***Library Journal***

"Bach's space opera is a fantastic, action-packed and accessible exploration of deep space. Devi is hands down one of the best sci-fi heroines I've read in a long time...Fans of Douglas Adams, Scalzi and Fforde will absolutely devour *Fortune's Pawn*." ***RT Book Reviews (4 1/2 stars)***

"*Firefly*-esque in its concept of a rogue-ish spaceship family... The narrative never quite goes where you expect it to, in a good way... Devi is a badass with a heart." ***Locus on The Paradox series***

About the Author

Rachel Bach grew up wanting to be an author and a super villain. Unfortunately, super villainy proved surprisingly difficult to break into, so she stuck to writing and everything worked out great. She currently lives in Athens, GA with her perpetually energetic toddler, extremely understanding husband, overflowing library, and obese wiener dog. You can find out more about Rachel and all her books at rachelbach.net.

Rachel also writes fantasy under the name Rachel Aaron. Learn more about her first series, *The Legend of Eli Monpress*, and read sample chapters for yourself at rachelaaron.net!

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