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Caution has never been one of Jordan's strong suits. But this time he may have taken on more than even he can handle. The ship, Icarus, turns out to be a ramshackle hulk, the ragtag crew literally picked up off the street, and the cargo so secret, it's sealed in a special container that takes up most of the cramped and ill-designed ship. As if that weren't bad enough, it looks like the authorities already suspect something is afoot, there's a saboteur aboard, and the Icarus appears to be shaking apart at the seams.

It doesn't seem as if things could get any worse. That is, until a beautiful crew member helps McKell uncover the true nature of the cargo he's carrying. With his enemies closing in on the lumbering Icarus, the unknown saboteur still aboard, and authorities on Earth pressured to turn them in, McKell and Ixil become fugitives. Their only chance is to stay one step ahead of their pursuers as they try to make it home.

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Editorial Review

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Jordan McKell thinks he's pretty unlucky, but most of us would gladly trade places with him. He's a freelance star-freighter captain who plies the hyperspace folds between worlds, trading exotic goods and meeting bizarre aliens. His latest job, to pilot the *Icarus* and its sealed cargo to earth, seems simple enough, but it rapidly turns into a crisis of interstellar proportions. The man who hired him goes missing, governments and the underworld alike put a price on the *Icarus* and on McKell's head, and one of his crew is murdered. He'll need to call upon his wits, his courage, and even a few tricks if he wants to survive.

Space opera veteran Timothy Zahn, a Hugo award winner and author of the bestselling *Star Wars* Thrawn trilogy, brings us a tale that's as convoluted and complex as a hyperdrive motor. Although there's plenty of action both in space and on the ground, *The Icarus Hunt* is primarily a murder mystery. Chapter by chapter, even page by page, the list of suspects and their motivations grows and evolves, constantly shifting as McKell relentlessly cuts through webs of deception and subterfuge. But the murder is only the opening move in a game that could alter the power structure of hundreds of solar systems. Zahn always provides an entertaining ride through the galaxy, and readers will find him very much in his element with this book. --

J.B. Peck

From Library Journal

Independent space shipper (i.e., smuggler) Jordan McKell accepts a contract to deliver a sealed cargo to Earth aboard a ship of unknown origin and dubious quality. After the suspicious death of a crew member and several attempts to "acquire" his cargo, McKell realizes that he has become the center of a conspiracy that pits him against a powerful race of aliens who control galactic trade and aspire to even more. The latest sf adventure by the author of the *Star Wars*™ Thrawn trilogy features fast-paced action; a tight, no-frills plot; and a quick-thinking, resourceful hero. A good choice for most sf collections.

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From [Booklist](#)

A long time in the future, in a spiral arm of our galaxy that is far, far away (some things don't change), retired-military-pilot-turned-smuggler Jordan McKell and Ixil, his nonhuman partner, are contracted to deliver a mysterious cargo to Earth aboard a bizarre starship, the *Icarus*. Zahn is the man who put *Star Wars* fiction on the map, but in this book, he provides only a *Star Wars*-flavored universe. Yet he has developed it along his own lines, using the full range of his vast talent for action sf. In this future, the top dog among star-traveling races is the Patth, who possess superfast stardrive. Soon it is disclosed that the *Icarus* carries--in fact, is--a serious threat to Patth dominance, and the Patth and everybody they can pressure into it, as well as criminal overlords to whom McKell is indebted, are chasing him, Ixil, and their motley crew across the starscape. In the process, casualties occur among sympathetic characters, not just faceless stormtroopers. Drugs prove dangerous, wounds hurt, and the dead are mourned. Well up to Zahn's high standard, this is one of the better novels in some time for readers moving from *Star Wars* and its clones to other sf and, as such, is highly recommended. *Roland Green*

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