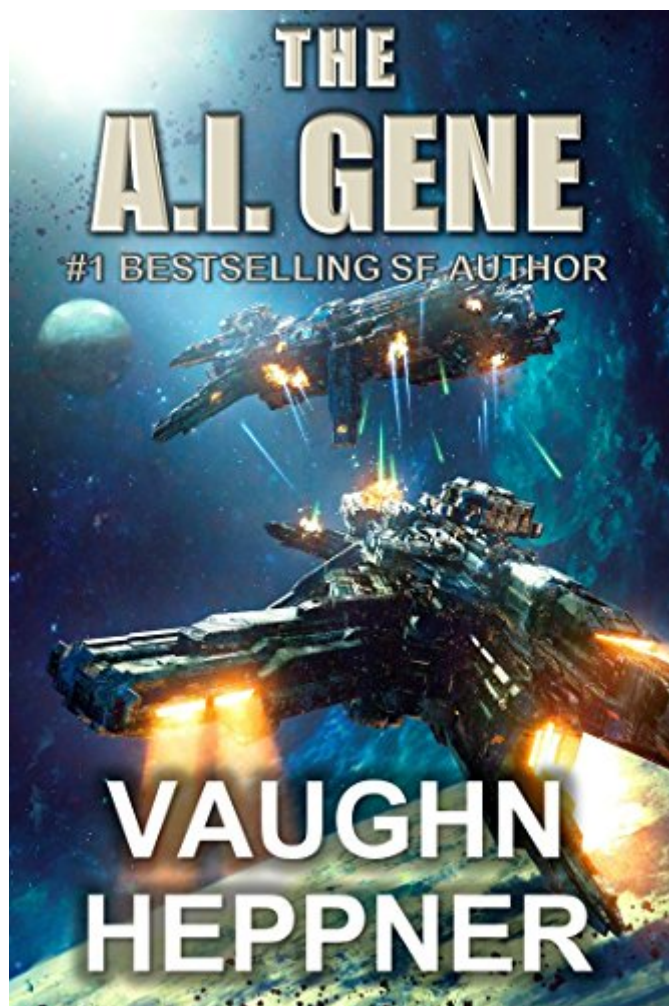


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Synopsis

We don't know when it happened. But somewhere an alien species built a strong artificial intelligence. The AI became independent, powerful, and it started killing biological infestations. Life any life, all life. It has been killing life forms ever since as it grew into a vast armada of Death. Jon Hawkins and his team captured the AI Destroyer invading the Solar System. The genocidal assault should have been over, but it's not. An alien AI strand from the cybership survived in the distant Kuiper Belt. The strand has been multiplying and taking over by turning people into robots in order to build another super-ship. The human race is in a grim war for survival against the most relentless, most ruthless enemy in the galaxy. THE A.I. GENE is the second book in the A.I. Series, a novel of military science fiction by bestselling author Vaughn Heppner. The series starts with book 1, A.I. DESTROYER.

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Customer Reviews

Vaughn Heppner's style requires the hero to overcome innumerable obstacles. And even then death and destruction appear certain. He leaves his protagonist, in this case the mercenary turned

commander Jon Hawkins, very little room to maneuver. In "The A.I. Gene," the second in the A.I. series, Hawkins and his Black Anvil Regiment have overcome the massive robot ship by doing the unexpected and boarding it and fighting their way to the core intelligence. They succeeded but suffered heavy losses. But the win was big. They commandeered the incredibly immense spherical ship. And although it was heavily damaged, the crews have found ways to repair some of the systems. Still, Heppner is Heppner. The good times don't last. The robot of the first book is dead, but it left a thread of its intelligence that spent the subsequent months gathering formidable resources. Unit 23-7 is as evil as anything Heppner has created. The robot intelligence knows enough to infiltrate a remote mining colony in the Kuiper Belt. And although I've delayed mentioning it, that's where the best part of this novel starts, with Walleye and June Zen. Walleye is one of the best characters introduced by Heppner. He's short, ugly and smart. He's also crude and deadly. But he has a code he won't break, and he's loyal to people who treat him nicely. June is a beautiful young woman who is the first to discover the A.I. invasion to her colony. She doesn't know exactly what's happening but confides in Walleye, who she knows is capable of dealing with strange goings on. The two of them barely escape with their lives and go through hell to get away. Heppner could have easily made them victims of the machine aggression. But he thankfully did not. Their thread in this novel is the best, and it eventually intertwines with that of Hawkins, his band of mercenaries and Gloria, his Martian mentalist sidekick. And I've rambled without saying much. But what the hell, I liked this book. And I kept reading.

I read the first book, and just finished reading book 2. I have book 3 and will start on that as soon as I finish this review. I'm not a book critic just a SiFi nut, and I loved both books. Buy them, read them, it's great. Is it as goofy as *Old Man's War*, no, but it's hard to put it down after you start.

Great classic space opera. Well written. Good characters and fast moving plot. Interesting tech. I hope Heppner continues the series

As usual the author has brought the reader into a new sci-fi realm. Having an alien enemy use computers built by humans to conquer mankind is new to me as a reader and I have read many sci-fi novels over the years. This author also has several ongoing narratives that are excellent!

This second book of the series has less action and has a confusing narrative with three main characters. Suddenly, Walleye and June almost disappear from the story, and what happened with

their supposed weapon against the A.I. I hope the conclusion will be much better.

Very entertaining and original series. Written in usual, easy style by Heppner. Definately recommend, and will buy continuation of it.

I just finished the second book of this series. It was very hard to put them down. It's a very exciting and wonderful story. The characters and their governments were excellent. The story kept me on edge all the time. Don't wait to long for the next book.

Having now read the three published books and found them all 5 star, time to lobby for the series to continue. Do the communists or capitalists win or do we compromise and combine to beat the Cyber-ships??Hurry up Vaughn!!!!

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