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Vicky Peterwald: Rebel (A Vicky Peterwald Novel)



Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of the Kris Longknife series comes a military science fiction adventure featuring Vicky Peterwald...Vicky Peterwald is no longer just the heir apparent to an imperial dynasty. She survived naval training and proved her mettle in combat to help the starving people of the ravaged world of St. Petersburg. Now, she is truly a Grand Duchess, leading a growing battle fleet in a rebellion against the tyranny of her stepmother, the Empress. Determined to stop her spoiled stepdaughter's betrayal from upsetting the balance of power within the Peterwald Empire, the Empress is leading her own armada to St. Petersburg, intent on killing Vicky and every soul on the planet that gave her refuge. But Vicky is her father's daughter, and it would be a grave mistake to underestimate her...

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Customer Reviews

This is the 3rd book in the Vicky Peterwald trilogy by Mike Shepherd. In this one Vicky realizes that she has no other choice but to lead a rebellion against her stepmother the Empress and her family. Her father the Emperor has ordered her home and she knows that her stepmother will have her killed if she complies. Having been recently kidnapped by her stepmother's henchmen and the escaping she has her friends and a doctor make her injuries look more severe than they really and pleads that she is unable to travel but assures her father she will as soon as possible. In the meantime she is getting more planets to come to her side as well as many ships of the Greenfield

Space Navy. The problem is that her stepmother is also raising ships to fight Vicky. After several failed attempts to ambush Vicky and her ships in space the Empress leads a battle group of ships and attacks Vicky and her ships. Vicky knows that to lose this battle will not only mean her death but the death and enslavement of the planets who have sided with her. This is a great finally to this trilogy and I hope we see more Vicky Peterwald books from Mike Shepherd in the future.

Mike Shepherd has his formula and sticks to it. The Peterwald books branched off the Kris Longknife series and are somewhat lightweight in comparison, although the Longknives are far from Dostoevsky. Still, a developing plot, some goodish characters and quite a bit of action make for a decent read. Lots of that cutesy dialog of which Shepherd is so fond -- gets a bit sick making at times.

The story tone flips all the time sometimes silly other times bloody, but what I like the least is that Vicky Peterwald's character is becoming too much like Kris Longknife Jr. by parroting her rather than finding Vicky's own solutions. The story is highly melodramatic with everyone falling like cards before the Grand Duchess, but the ending still seems anti-climatic and is a cliffhanger.

Vicky Peterwald is turning more and more likable with each book in this series. It's like watch a child grow up and become a responsible adult. The action is good and it starts to tie in with the main Kris Longknife series. I really like the universe Mike has created and I purchase these books the day they come out. I did sit down and read this book all in one sitting because it was such a page-turner.

Rebel by Mike Shepherd is the the 3rd book in his Vickie Peterwald series. This series was a different type of read for me. It is sort of sci fi space series with ships, planets and military. Vicky Peterwald is our heroine, having been introduced in Shepherd's famous Kris Longknife series. The premise of this story has Vicky, now the Grand Duchess, Lieutenant Commander Victoria of Greefield gathering the Navy and other planets to support her rebellion against her step mother, The Empress, who is out to kill Vicky any way she can. The Empress has taken control of the Empire, and has become sort of a dictatorship; she wants Vicky out of the way. Having rallied the troops in the first two books of this series, and using her knowledge of battles that she learned from the infamous Longknife, Vicky is on course to fight the Empress and her many ships to save her own life, as well as all those planets trying to survive and return to the normal lives they had under her father. Vicky Peterwald is an unusual heroine, as she is fearless, very outgoing and sexual, but she

is also smart and savvy, thereby winning over the Admirals to her side. This is not a standalone, and though it was not necessary, I did feel I was somewhat at a disadvantage not have read the Kris Longknife series. Do not attempt to read this unless you read at the first two books. This was confusing for me, but I did enjoy some of the humor, and did like Vicky. As we reach the climax, with Vicky just about face to face with the woman who is out to destroy her, we are left hanging. I am not sure if this series will continue under the Vicky Peterwald name or move this to continue under Kris Longknife. Rebel was an interesting and at times fun read, though not really my type of read. If you like sci fi, space and battles using much of the military terminology, then give this a try.

This is just an old fashioned ripping good space opera. Lots of action, adventure, political intrigue, and shoot 'em up space battles. What's not to love about this book. This is a great rainy afternoon read were you want a good story.

What is next for poor Vickie? While some of the story is predictable it is still an excellent read, and Vickie is not the incurable sl#t that she is often made out to be and has a brain in her head. Waiting for the next installment.

Very entertaining read. Another home run for Mike Shepherd, just like his Kris Longknife series. Always waiting for another great story. Never disappointed by the end result. Looking forward for the next one.

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