

Earthman Jack vs. The Ghost Planet: Highlights

Thank you so much for your interest in *Earthman Jack vs. The Ghost Planet*, the first book in the 7-part Earthman Jack Space Saga! I wrote this book as a love letter to all the great sci-fi movies and TV shows I grew up watching in the 80's, and wanted something that inspired that Spielbergian sense of awe and wonder that defined geek culture in that time period. Here are some highlights about the book that you might find interesting:

- The book is often described as a mixture of *Harry Potter* and *Star Wars*, and is aiming to fill the void the Harry Potter series left behind.
- Though it is a Young Adult novel, many adults and science fiction fans love the book as well, and pick up on the more adult themes it explores easily.
- Some of the 80's science fiction the book references is: *The Last Starfighter*, *Flight Of The Navigator*, *ET*, *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*, *Stargate* (pretty much anything with "Star" in the title), *Back To The Future*, and *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy*.
- The hometown of the main character in the book is based on the author's own hometown of Beaver Creek, Ohio.
- The Paragons in the book are warriors who use Quantum Physics to fight the bad guys. They are a cross between Jedi and Wizards, with a little bit of Stephen Hawking thrown into the mix.
- The "magic" of the Earthman Jack universe is based on real theories surrounding Quantum Physics, and is meant to help get kids who read the book more interested in science.
- The action scenes in the book are so descriptive and exciting, many reviewers claim they could see this book easily made into a movie.
- The humor in the book resonates very well with readers, with many reviewers saying they actually laughed out loud while reading.
- A favorite character of the readers, Heckubus Moriarty, is a robot who is also an evil genius. The character is a mixture of Professor Moriarty from *Sherlock Holmes*, Dr. Evil from *Austin Powers*, and Mr. Burns from *The Simpsons* – with just a touch of Sheldon Cooper, from *The Big Bang Theory*.
- There are numerous hidden easter-eggs in the book which reference other well known (and not-so-well-known) sci-fi franchises for readers to pick up on.
- The book was inspired by a dream the author had in college about a young boy who finds a totally awesome spaceship at the center of the Earth. The plot of the book then grew around that idea.
- This is the first book in a seven-book series detailing the adventures of Jack Finnegan and his rise to become the greatest hero the universe has ever known.

I hope you find these highlights about the book interesting and insightful. Again, thank you for agreeing to look at the book! I truly hope you enjoy it.

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