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The bad news is that two of the best ways of making enemies ever invented are insisting on enforcing the rules . . . and thinking outside them when other people don't. Travis learned that lesson the hard way as a young volunteer in basic training, and he knows that if he could just keep his head down, turn a blind eye to violations of the rules, and avoid stepping on senior officers' toes, he'd do just fine. But the one rule Travis Long absolutely can't break is the one that says an officer in the Royal Navy does his duty, whatever the consequences.

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About the Author

With over seven million copies of his books in print and seventeen titles on the *New York Times* bestseller list, **David Weber** is the science fiction publishing phenomenon of the new millennium. In the hugely popular Honor Harrington series, the spirit of C.S. Forester's Horatio Hornblower and Patrick O'Brian's *Master and Commander* lives on—into the galactic future. Books in the Honor Harrington and Honorverse series have appeared on fourteen best-seller lists, including those of *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*. While Weber is best known for his spirited, modern-minded space operas, he is also the creator of the Oath of Swords fantasy series and the Dahak saga, a science fiction and fantasy hybrid. Weber is has also engaged in a steady stream of bestselling collaborations including his Starfire series with Steve White, which produced the *New York Times* bestseller *The Shiva Option* among others. Weber's collaboration with alternate history master Eric Flint led to the bestselling *1634: The Baltic War*, and his planetary adventure novels with military science fiction ace and multiple national best-seller John Ringo includes the blockbusters *March to the Stars* and *We Few*. Finally, Weber's teaming with Linda Evans produced the bestselling Multiverse series. David Weber makes his home in South Carolina with his wife and children.

Timothy Zahn is a Hugo award winner and author of the #1 *New York Times* best seller *Heir to the Empire*. Born in Chicago, Zahn earned a B.S. in physics from Michigan State University and an M.S. in physics from the University of Illinois. He sold his first story to *Analog* magazine in 1978, and immediately attracted attention as a new writer of science fiction based on real, cutting-edge science. Other Zahn creations include the Conqueror and Dragonback series. His books for Baen include his popular Cobra SF adventure series and now the Manticore Ascendant series, cowritten with David Weber. The Timothy Zahn author page on Facebook has received over 50,000 likes and can be visited at <http://www.facebook.com/TimothyZahn>.

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