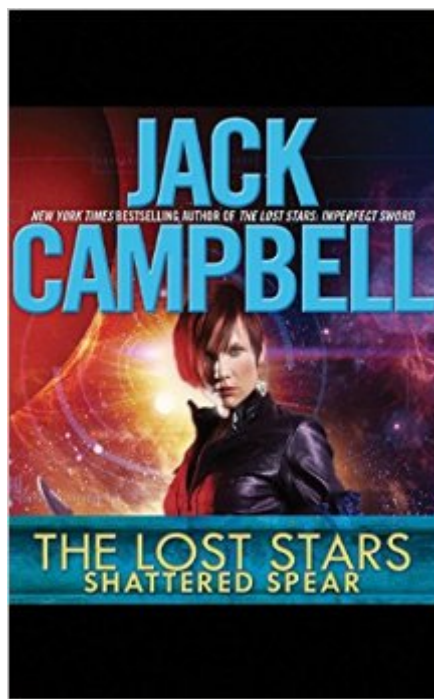


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Shattered Spear is the fourth title of the *Lost Stars* series, which was initially a splinter from the *Lost Fleet* series. It continues the story of the Midway star system of its two ex-*Syndicate* leaders who rebelled against the cruel, oppressive and totalitarian regime dominating the *Syndicate Worlds* and received help and support from Admiral *Black Jack* Geary and his *Lost Fleet*. The story is a continuation of the previous episodes with many of the same ingredients. The implication is that it is

advisable to read the books in sequence. This book contains very few new features, with the main one being an implacable new warlord and female pirate with a deep grudge against Gwen Iceni, the President of Midway. However, a number of other features are further developed. One is looming and multiple threats against the lives of both Gwen Iceni and Artur Drako, the general commanding the ground troops. There are no less than four intrusions in their high security offices and residences with three of them being attempted assassinations. These episodes are simply gripping, even if not entirely original. Another set of features are the multiple threats that converge against the independent Midway system and its forces. In addition to the female pirate mentioned above and which has captured a neighbouring system, the Syndicate forces are seeking to attempt a come-back and the very mysterious and just as murderous and hostile "Enigma" aliens are coming and intent on wiping out any and all humans that cross their path, leaving no witnesses behind. Here you can expect a number of (mostly) space battles of the type that have largely made the author's name, and one ground battle, with the usual winners (the "goodies", of course).

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