Reader’s Group Guides for Discussing Great Science Fiction Novels
Reader's Group Discussion Guides
for Fans of Science Fiction

We know a lot of our readers like to set up reading groups. It's a time-honored tradition. So we thought we'd do our part to help and have put together a few Readers Group Guides. This is a list of all the titles for which we've prepared a guide. Within you'll find guiding questions and topics for discussion to help you get the most out of Baen Books.

While this is a core list selected from some of our top sellers, there may be other titles that could bear such close examination. If you've found a title you think deserves a guide, or perhaps would like one prepared to one day aid a future reading group session, please let us know, and we'd be happy to look into it for you. Send all feedback to: info@baen.com
A Few Good Men by Sarah A. Hoyt

The Wild Side edited by Mark L. Van Name

Ghost Ship by Sharon Lee and Steve Miller

Gentleman Jole and The Red Queen by Lois McMaster Bujold

1636: The Devil’s Opera by Eric Flint and David Carrico

Black Tide Rising by John Ringo

Under a Graveyard Sky by John Ringo

To Sail a Darkling Sea by John Ringo

Islands of Rage and Hope by John Ringo

Strands of Sorrow by John Ringo
A Few Good Men
by Sarah A. Hoyt

Sequel to Darkship Renegades and Darkship Thieves. On a near future Earth, the son of an assassinated ruler escapes prison and tries to take hold of the reins of power, and in doing so he discovers a conspiracy, used to enslave humanity for generations, and instigates civil war and revolution against the powers that be.

Reading Guide: Examines heroism, cultural contact and conflict, and questions the proper and improper uses of armed conflict.
The Wild Side
Edited by Mark L. Van Name

A collection of contemporary urban fantasy stories, from light-spirited romps to black-hearted noir, from steampunk London to the bleeding edge of the present, tales of love, betrayal, and seduction in a beguiling vein. Best-sellers Tanya Huff, Caitlin Kittredge and Toni L.P. Kelner join Dana Cameron, Sarah A. Hoyt, John Lambshead, Diana Rowland, and editor Mark L. Van Name to create a dazzling cast of vampires, werewolves, witches, and zombie.

Reading Guide: Explores several short stories about paranormal romance and what they have to tell us about ordinary love.
**Ghost Ship**
by Sharon Lee and Steve Miller

Installment of Sharon Lee and Steve Miller’s Liaden Universe® series. Ace starship pilot Theo Waitley survived the pilot Academy and has become one of the best pilots in the galaxy, but her greater destiny as master pilot and leader of a powerful Liaden clan calls, and there are LOTS of enemies who will try to make sure she’s quite dead before she has the chance to make an answer.

**Reading Guide:** Examines heroism, cultural contact and conflict, women’s rights in a military context, and questions the proper and improper uses of armed conflict.
Gentleman Joel and the Red Queen

by Lois McMaster Bujold

Newest installment of Bujold’s Vorkosigan Saga. Three years after her famous husband’s death, Cordelia Vorkosigan, the Vicereine of Sergyar, returns to the planet that changed her destiny, and her friend Oliver Jole, Admiral, Sergyar Fleet, finds himself a part of her web of plans in this science-fiction social comedy that investigates the possible consequences of galactic technology.

Reading Guide: Examines heroism, cultural contact and conflict, women’s rights in a military context, and questions on the ethics of colonization and pioneering, as well as the use of science and scientific knowledge to adapt to difficult conditions.
In this installment of the Ring of Fire series, the modern West Virginians who were thrown back in time by a cosmic accident take on a murderous conspiracy in 1636: Swedish chancellor Oxenstierna, a leader of aristocratic reaction against democracy, tries to assemble forces of the hidebound ruling class in Berlin in order to incite a civil war right in Magdeburg, the capital of the United States of Europe.

**Reading Guide:** Areas examined include modern culture compared and contrasted with early Renaissance medieval European culture, and historical developments and questions of rights and values examined in an engaging new light.
Black Tide Rising Series
by John Ringo

After the release of an airborne “zombie” plague, the Smith family (Steven, Stacey, Sophia, and Faith) escapes to the Atlantic with a group of Marines, where, as civilization falls, they evolve from desperation into Wolf Squadron. After banding together with what remains of the U.S. Navy, they plan to retake the mainland from the infected, spearheaded by Smith's teenage daughters (zombie hunters of unparalleled skill) who may hold the key to the rebirth of civilization on a devastated planet.

Reading Guide: Contrasts a modern culture with post-apocalyptic one.
Reading Guide: This book is suitable for an older young adult or adult audience. Examines issues of global collapse, terrorism, responsibility to others and heroism.
To Sail a Darkling Sea
John Ringo

The Smiths and a rag-tag fleet of yachts and freighters known as Wolf Squadron must take on a massive challenge: clear the assault carrier USS Iwo Jima of infected and begin to take the world back from the infected.

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Islands of Rage and Hope
John Ringo

Wolf Squadron is about to embark on a journey to cross the Atlantic, rescuing survivors and salvaging ships as they make their way towards Guantanamo Bay in an effort to produce more of the vaccine that may turn the tide in the war against the infected.
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