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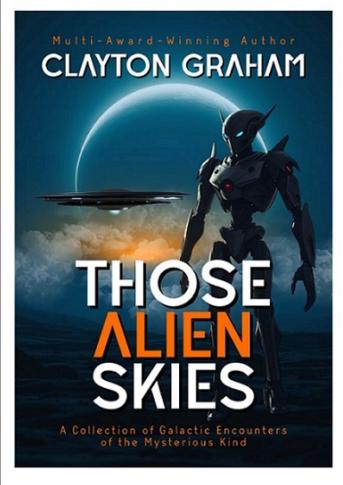


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Those Alien Skies by Clayton Graham. "Collection Of Galactic Encounters Of The Mysterious Kind"

Cross the threshold into uncharted realms.

Three linked worlds. Three captivating tales.

An unforgettable journey across distant planets and alternate dimensions from multi-award-winning author Clayton Graham, a rising star in the science fiction genre.

★★★★★ "Those Alien Skies is a mind-bending and immersive entry into the world of science fiction and the many possibilities and characters that deep space can conjure up. Author Clayton Graham is someone whose work I have read in the past, so his vivid imagination and intensive character development come as no surprise." - Readers' Favorite Review, Grant Leishman

★★★★★ "This is a masterclass in visionary science fiction. Highly recommended." - The International Review of Books

★★★★★ "I loved the challenges and personal dramas, the richly imagined settings, and the world-building of alien civilizations. The novellas each have a distinctly different storyline but are connected through the characters. I highly recommend Those Alien Skies to fans of epic space opera, complex alien civilizations, and hard science fiction." - Readers' Favorite, Saifunnissa Hassam

"Those Alien Skies show how Graham deserves a position among science fiction's most thoughtful voices because he offers readers thrilling adventure and profound philosophical reflection alike." - The Book Review Directory

...The Hunt for Elias Weber starts on Mars and finishes on Earth (for most of the cast). It is a tale of sought-after-revenge, wistful desire for days long gone, and a reflection on how severe mind propaganda can influence a person's thoughts and actions.

...Few and Far Between is a story of a search born out of love, an otherworldly encounter, and a reminder that children are the future. The action takes place on Venture and a strange alien artificial planet. As always, nothing can be taken for granted.

...Battle Lines takes place on the alien planet Glieze and illustrates the futility of war and the necessity of trust. It is a contest between World War and extinction or survival and faith in the future. Sometimes the way forward springs from the most unlikely source.

Each novella offers a glimpse into strange new worlds, where danger, wonder, and discovery go hand in hand.

Perfect for both longtime fans and newcomers who enjoy bold ideas and thought-provoking adventures, Those Alien Skies is a smart, suspenseful collection that challenges the limits of imagination and defies expectations.

It is a timely reminder that the universe still has secrets waiting to be found.

The perfect addition to your sci-fi library.

"Those Alien Skies is a sharp and imaginative collection of three novellas that dive into the vast unknown of space and the strange corners of the human mind. Each story is a window into a galaxy thick with mystery, alien worlds, and the stubborn will of people trying to find meaning in chaos." - Literary Titan

Books by Clayton Graham:

Book: 'Saving Paludis'

First Contact Series:

Book: 'Aliens Arising' (Free Short Story)

Book: 'Milijun'

Book: 'Amidst Alien Stars'

Book: 'Alien Whispers': Conflict and Communion

Science Fiction Short Story Collections:

Book: 'Looking for Life'

Book: 'Silently in the Night'



Awarded 5 Stars By The Editor At Book Marketing Global Network. "Collection Of Galactic Encounters Of The Mysterious Kind" by Australian Author Clayton Graham.

"Those Alien Skies" is a collection of three novellas which bring the reader beyond the "Milijun Trilogy". The stories take place in different parts of our universe. Each novella starts with a glossary which defines the places and people. Here is a glimpse into "Those Alien Skies".

Novella: "The Hunt for Elias Weber" starts on Mars and finishes on Earth. Elias Weber is bored and eager to get back to Earth. Returning to the mother planet was all he lived for now. Not that life on Mars was bad; it was good and offered more than his sojourn on the moon ever had during his time as Damien Dayananda's second-in-command. It is a tale of sought-after-revenge, wistful desire for days long gone, and a reflection on how severe mind propaganda can influence a person's thoughts and actions.

Novella: "Few and Far Between" takes place on Venture (AD 2291) and a strange alien artificial planet. Nothing can be taken for granted. Laura Sinclair is worried. The twins Len and Ben should have returned by now. After three years, on their new planetary home, Venture, the boys had grown into rambunctious teenagers whose self-confidence knew no bounds. But they always arrived home from their explorations on time, if only to sample her latest culinary creation. Except for today!

Novella: "Battle Lines": This story takes place on the alien planet Gliese and illustrates the futility of war and the necessity of trust. It is a contest between World War and extinction or survival and faith in the future. Sometimes the way forward springs from the most unlikely source.

Let Author Clayton Graham take you to the stars!

Also Awarded 5 Stars By The Editor At Book Marketing Global Network:

...Read the "Milijun Trilogy" and discover the moment that changed everything. BMGN awarded 5 Stars to "Milijun" (book one) because it explores our deepest darkest fears. To this day, mankind has been fascinated with extraterrestrials. Dating back from ice-age cave walls, ancient Egyptian carvings, Hollywood movies, and continued space travel. Now a new moment has arrived!

... "Amidst Alien Stars" (book two). BMGN awarded 5 Stars. This book will capture your imagination. Laura Sinclair and her son Jason desperately try to navigate the dangerous planet where aliens threaten not only their survival, but the whole human race.

... "Alien Whispers" (book three). BMGN awarded 5 Stars. Engaging the Tellurian Empire is met with communication and conflict. The entire universe hangs precariously in the balance.

... "Looking For Life" (stand-alone). BMGN awarded 5 Stars to this collection of science fiction short stories filled with paranormal.

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... "Silently In The Night" (stand-alone). BMGN awarded 5 Stars to this collection of tantalizing tales.

In 2024 Clayton brought us "Aliens Arising" which goes back to the origins of Milijun.

We invite you to journey to the stars with all Clayton Graham's hard science books.

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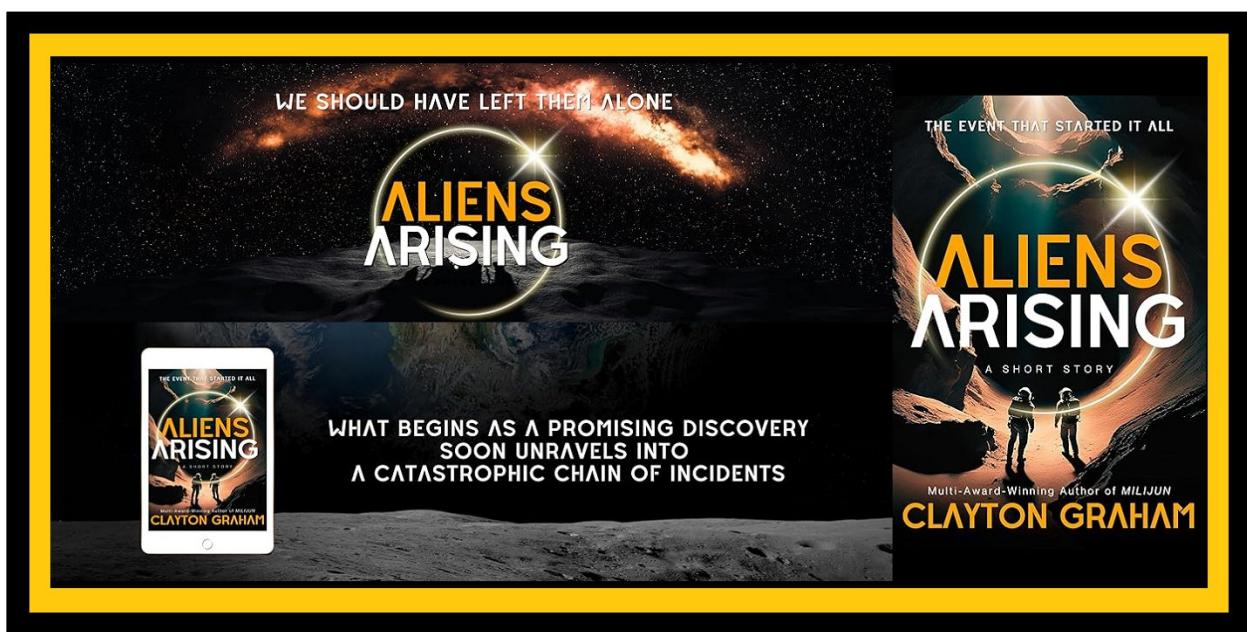
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Aliens Arising: Origins (Short Story) by Clayton Graham

Related To: Milijun - A Gripping First Contact Series

THE EVENT THAT STARTED IT ALL...

On the far side of the moon, a mining expedition uncovers something that should have stayed buried. What begins as a promising discovery soon unravels into a catastrophic chain of incidents that will forever alter humanity's future.

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The question is... Are we ready for First Contact?

Get your copy!

Books by Clayton Graham

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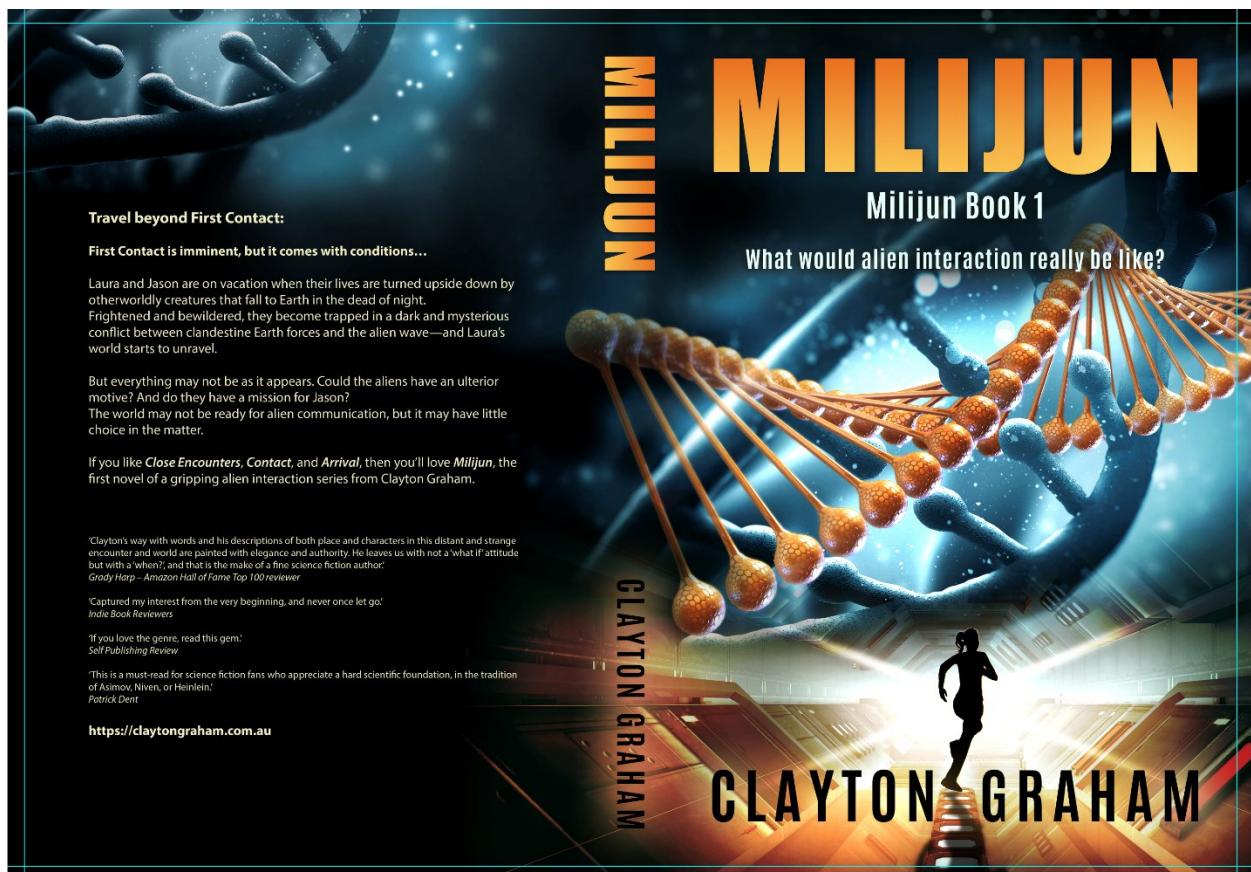
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Milijun by Clayton Graham

Book 1-Milijun Series.

5 Stars: Explores our deepest darkest fears!

Milijun: What Would Alien Interaction Really Be Like?

A tangled web of alien intrigue traps a mother and son in its deadly embrace ...

When aliens capture Laura's son, it's going to take a lot more than a mother's love to get him back. After infiltrating a military research base, Laura discovers a terrifying secret: their plans to engineer humans for galactic exploration.

Laura battles to save Jason, several mothers-to-be, and herself from alien control. But she quickly realizes the aliens have their own mission for her. Soon she faces a choice, take a chance at an impossible escape or accept the aliens' vision of a new humanity.

Milijun is the first installment of an action-packed sci-fi alien invasion story. If you like tales of first contact, secret military operations, and the people caught in the middle, then you'll love Clayton Graham's fast-paced sci-fi thrill ride.

Buy Milijun to discover the future of evolution.

"Captured my interest from the very beginning, and never once let go." Jenna – Indie Book Reviewers.

"If you love the genre, read this gem." Julius Zon – Self Publishing Review.



Awarded 5 Stars By The Editor At Book Marketing Global Network. Explores Our Deepest Darkest Fears!

Mankind has always had a fascination with extraterrestrials which dates from ice-age cave walls, ancient Egyptian carvings all the way to Milijun by Clayton Graham.

This well-written novel explores our deepest darkest fears that as a planet we are not ready for an alien incursion, in fact we pretend our intellect can save us. However, in Australia 2179 AD main character Laura Sinclair is faced with the unimaginable when she and her son Jason witness aliens descending to earth.

It is earth's exploration and mining on the lunar surface that begins the conflict that ultimately results in the alien incursion into the Australian outback. Laura and her son Jason are faced with alien-driven technology that severely tests a mother's love and resolve to protect her offspring at whatever cost.

It is my intent to share a quote to show you the author's writing style without spoiling the story.

... "It was almost 6:30 pm when Laura came across what would later be called the Rawlinna nest. The sun was dropping in the western sky as she staggered wearily to the top of a modest incline and surveyed the collection of old aluminum shacks spread out before her.

...She dropped to the ground, partly to avoid detection but also from sheer fatigue. Her face was covered with sweat and there were several dirt marks down both cheeks where she had attempted to clear bothersome flies from her face. Closing her eyes briefly, she sat in silence, not wanting to act in haste but acutely aware that time was crucial. Earlier, she had made a brief stop to drink water from the choppa's emergency rations but now felt the need for more. She quenched her thirst then nibbled at a foul-tasting energy bar as she thought through her next move."

I invite you to the Australia outback where things are not as you might imagine. Milijun is a striking name for this novel. I dare you to find its meaning. It is an Australian aboriginal word which also has a Serb-Croatian context.



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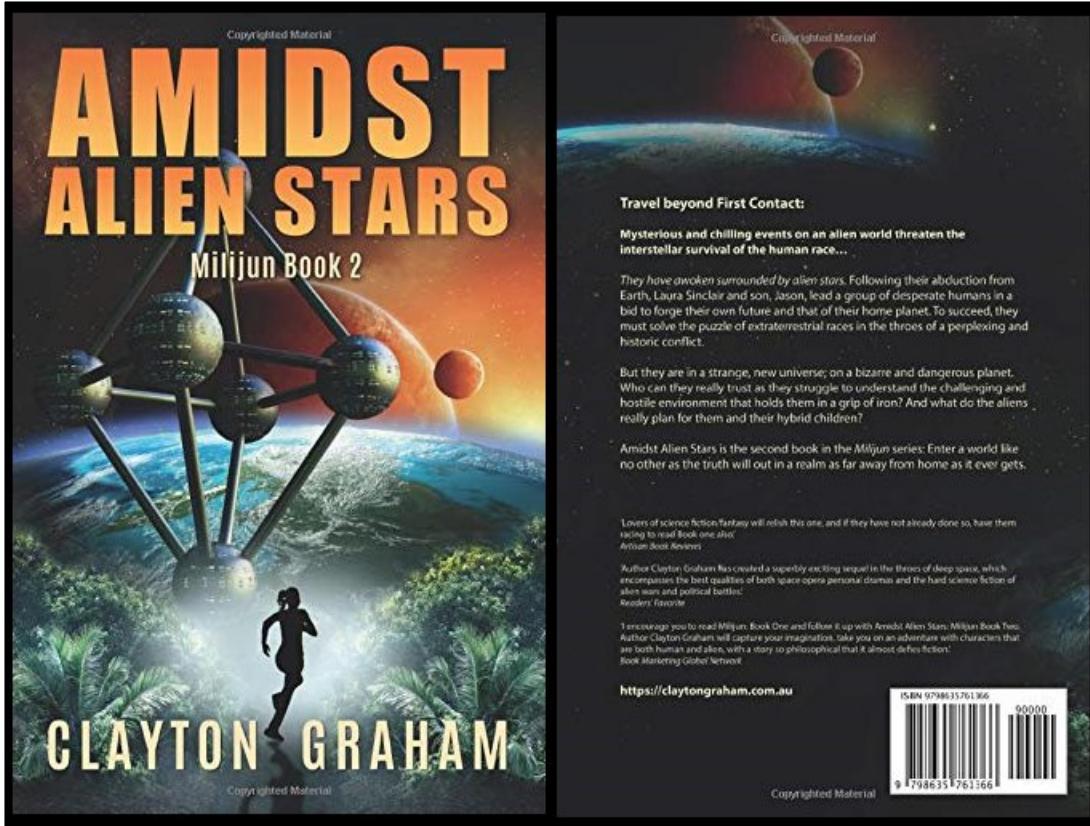
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Amidst Alien Stars by Clayton Graham

Book 2-Milijun Series!

5 Stars: It will capture your imagination!

An unbidden journey to a new world. A mind-bending search for intergalactic empathy. Will mankind ever understand the true meaning of the alien interactions with Earth?

Following their terrifying capture from their home planet, Laura Sinclair and son, Jason, lead a group of desperate humans in a bid to forge their own future, and that of the entire human race.

Aboard an alien space station, orbiting a mysterious planet in a strange new galaxy, they find themselves as collaborators in a breathtaking scheme of cosmic survival—for aliens and humans alike. But who can they really trust as they struggle to understand the challenging and hostile environment that holds them in a grip of iron?

To succeed, they must solve the puzzle of extraterrestrial races in the throes of a perplexing and historic conflict. But will that be a bridge too far?

If you like Close Encounters, Contact, and Arrival, then you'll love *Amidst Alien Stars*, the standalone second book in a spellbinding new alien interaction series from Clayton Graham.

"There is world building of such depth and lush detail that you could almost feel it." Kay Mack TOP 1000 REVIEWER

"Not only is this an exciting, but action-packed page turner also - I love the intelligence reflected, the witty dialogue, and the genuine depth in the characters' emotions." Meenaz Lodhi

"Admirable world-building and the unsurpassable, indefatigable, drive of the human spirit to not just survive, but to thrive, power this engrossing sequel to the author's debut science fiction novel, *Milijun*." Mallory A Haws



Awarded 5 Stars By The Editor At Book Marketing Global Network. It Will Capture Your Imagination!

Milijun Book Two: Amidst Alien Stars is finally here. Laura Sinclair and her son Jason desperately try to navigate the dangerous planet where aliens threaten not only their survival, but the whole human race.

Chapter one finds Laura “studying the growth tanks” where each child will grow to maturity with her son’s DNA. Now in her forties, she finds herself grandmother to many, part human and part alien.

Here is a conversation between Jason and Helena Belmonte in Chapter Eight: “Helena Belmonte suddenly appeared from behind a nearby tree.

...As always, she was dressed in her Eucla clothing: a white dress blouse and dark uniform trousers. Her blond hair flowed free, and her face carried a nervous smile. She carried her tunic under one arm. She doesn't look like someone trained to kill with one well-placed blow, Jason thought. Still, appearances are deceptive. He briefly wondered how she could have been so stupid as to succumb to the moronic advances of Simon Cordell.

...She took a step towards him. "Can we talk?"

...Jason shrugged and sat down with his back to the wall. Helena came and sat beside him, a metre distant, her slim legs almost up to her chin.

... "I suppose you heard about Simon?" Helena said.

...Jason glanced at her. Her eyes were red from crying. The smile was gone, and her face was a picture of misery.

... "I heard. Did Susan Carmody send you?"

...With tears threatening, she shook her head. "She told me what she had done to Simon, but she did not ask me to speak to you."

... "I don't know whether Simon Cordell deserved what he got, and maybe only you can answer that, but I don't agree with what Susan did."

...Helena looked into the distance, a faint tremor on her lips. "We were stupid. I was lonely and frightened of this place. It's not natural. None of it." She managed a faint smile. "They tell me the aliens will fix his injuries in next to no time."

... "I don't think he will bother you again," Jason said.

... "I can heel-kick as well as any officer here," Helena declared. "I do have some strength. I think Susan meant well. She was trying to protect me."

... "One of her girls."

...Helena almost laughed, then her face grew serious. "I said Susan didn't send me. She didn't. It was me who wanted to see you." She appeared nervous. "You know the aliens more than anybody here. Can I ask you some questions?"

...Jason could feel the tension in her voice, see it in her aura. He just nodded. On Earth, he had been the First Seen. Chosen by the aliens, or, rather, by the RNasia. His vacation with his mother had been savagely interrupted, and he had been forced into adulthood more rapidly than seemed good for his mental well-being. But now, what storms had raged through his mind had abated. Turmoil still existed, but it was a gentle, thought-provoking turmoil, one that led him to accept his role among the human captors. Schooldays were a mere candle in the roar of a nuclear sun, a distant memory buried in a distant world. He remained the First Seen and perhaps would always be so.

...Helena said, "I know we have provided the hybrids for the aliens.

...I know they are supposed to be an improvement on both our races. I even think I understand how they will use them to explore the galaxy without fear of physical or mental degradation." She turned her face towards Jason, and he saw such a loss of future hope, such despair, that he felt his own strength and beliefs beginning to crumble under an assault of uncertainty. "But I don't know how the women fit in, even how you and your mother fit in. Have they finished with us?

...Are we eventually to be discarded once the hybrids are free of the tanks? Will we meet them, see our own offspring? And what happens then?" She put her head in her hands. "Will they want more hybrids from us? Will we ever see Earth again?"

...The possibility that the Gliezans would repeat the hybrid experiment on this orbiting station disturbed him. He wondered whether it was the obvious thing for them to do—produce more hybrids with their captives and never return to Earth at all. That would devastate everybody and would rule out the need for interplanetary collaboration.

...The thought made him sick to his stomach. The Milijun enhancements and direct contact with the aliens had matured him well beyond his fifteen years, somehow increased the power of his mind, but there were times when teenage naivety broke through.

... "I wish I could answer your questions," Jason responded eventually, "but I can't. I can only repeat what we have been told. We are part of an alien plan for future cooperation between our two worlds, and that might have a great and wonderful outcome, or it might turn out to be a genetic and spiritual disaster. We are, if you like, an experiment that will enable both worlds to explore the cosmos as allies."

I encourage you to read 'Milijun' (Book One) and follow it up with 'Amidst Alien Stars' (Milijun Book Two). Author Clayton Graham will capture your imagination, take you on an adventure with characters that are both human and alien, with a story so philosophical that it almost defies fiction.



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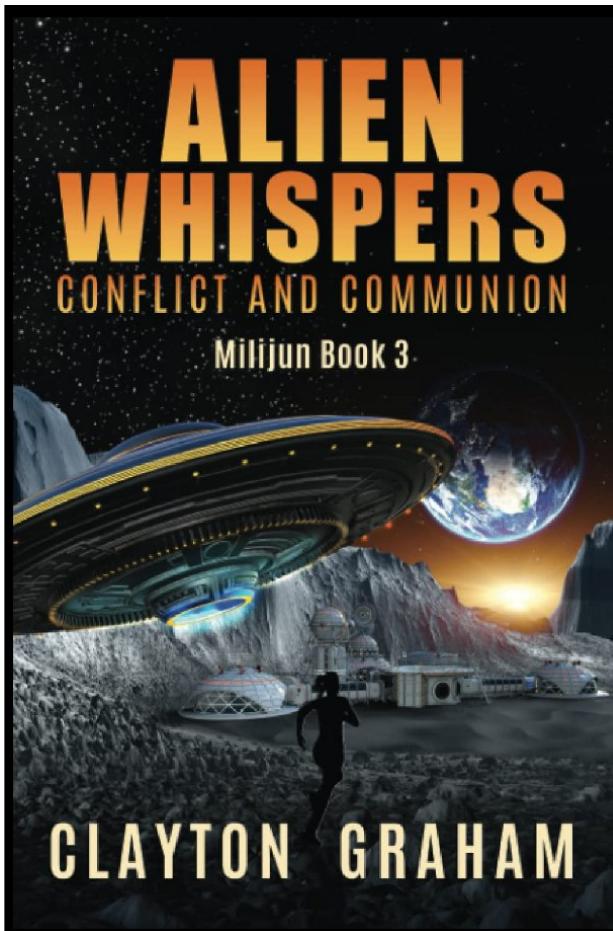
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Alien Whispers by Clayton Graham

Conflict and Communion (Milijun Book 3).

5 Stars: Engaging the Tellurian Empire!

The battle for the minds and hearts of humans is on...

A hundred years after her abduction to the alien planet Gliese, Laura Sinclair returns to Earth on a mission to find out what happened to her long-lost husband. But she finds the planet in turmoil under the oppressive regime of the authoritarian Tellurians. Humans are confined to the surface of their world and all extraterrestrial activity is forbidden.

Laura is a member of an ancient organization, now led by her son, Jason, which pioneered alien collaboration. From their secretive Martian base, they must find a way to free mankind from brutal tyranny. But one dangerous man stands in their way, a man who'll stop at nothing to achieve his domination of Earth.

Weapons of Mass Destruction have been forbidden on the planet for a century, but something strange is happening on the moon—and alien insurgents stand ready to take advantage of the chaos. The future of humankind hangs in the balance. With her alien allies and members of Earth's Underground, Laura must find a way to defeat both the renegade aliens and the overwhelming might of the Tellurian Empire.

The stage is set for an electrifying showdown that will decide the future of the Earth and that of the entire universe.

Alien Whispers: Conflict and Communion is the third standalone book in the Milijun series. Join the battle to save Earth from a fate that is crushing the planet's will to survive.

Praise for the Series:

"If you love the genre, read this gem." Julius Zon – Self Publishing Review.

"This is a must-read for science fiction fans who appreciate a hard scientific foundation, in the tradition of Asimov, Niven, or Heinlein." Patrick Dent.

"Be prepared to leave the world as you know it behind and enter another where an alien could become your best friend or your worst enemy." Artisan Book Reviews.

"A superbly exciting sequel in the throes of deep space, which encompasses the best qualities of both space opera personal dramas and the hard science fiction of alien wars and political battles." K C Finn Readers' Favorite.

"It was clever from start to finish, and no detail was left overlooked. A thoroughly impressive contribution to the genre, and a mind-bending experience for those already eager for the future." Veritas Vincit.



Awarded 5 Stars By The Editor At Book Marketing Global Network. Engaging The Tellurian Empire!

Those of us who turned the last page of 'Amidst Alien Stars' (book two) waited patiently to get our hands on the next deep space installment in the 'Milijun' series. 'Alien Whispers: Conflict and Communion' is worth the wait. This captivating hard science fiction series continues to draw readers in with more suspense, as the battle for the fate of Earth and the entire universe hangs in the balance.

It is AD 2288. Laura Sinclair (mother of the First Seen) journeys to Earth from a secret base on Mars hoping to find out what happened to husband Dek a century ago. She also needs to collect her thoughts, ground herself, and regain her normal emotional state after the intergalactic Gliezan interlude. Her son, Jason, had warned her that the home planet was in dire straits: that it was in retrogression. What did that mean anyway? On the way to oblivion? Marked for human extinction?

Upon arriving, Laura is drawn into conflict. With the help of alien allies and the local Underground, she must find a way to defeat both renegade aliens and the overwhelming might of the tyrannical Tellurian Empire.

Let me bring you into the story at Chapter 18 where Laura Sinclair is a part of a dedicated military team going to Earth's moon to investigate the activities of the Tellurian Empire. Their mission is to negate any risk that the Tellurians pose to ACE (the Alien Collaboration Enterprise):

"She entertained no lofty ideals about the mission. It would be hazardous. Great stealth and cunning would be required. She had firsthand experience of how ruthless the Tellurian military could be. And that is why she had insisted on Nur (an advanced robotic alien) being with them..."

...There were two contemporary editions of the Rbuzen sailships on board, sleek and shiny, their energy convertors now hidden within their glittering skins—maybe a design lesson learnt over the past century from study of the Rkem interplanetary craft. In all likelihood they would be sharing hangar space with a horde of dormant RNasia, which would be ready to play their part when the ship arrived at their destination."

You will not want to miss the results of their mission.

If you love hard science authors like Alastair Reynolds, Sir Arthur Charles Clarke, and Frank Herbert, you will not want to miss Alien Whispers: Conflict and Communion by Clayton Graham. Each book in this exceptional science fiction stands alone. I have enjoyed reading this series from the very beginning of 'Milijun'.

'Milijun' (book one) explores our collective, deepest darkest fears. 'Amidst Alien Stars' (book two) will capture your imagination with its deep space intergalactic conflict. 'Alien Whispers: Conflict and Communion' (book three) takes you further into the battle that threatens human existence as we know it. The characters are both human and alien, with a story so metaphysical, it almost defies fiction. I can't wait to see what Author Clayton Graham comes up with next.



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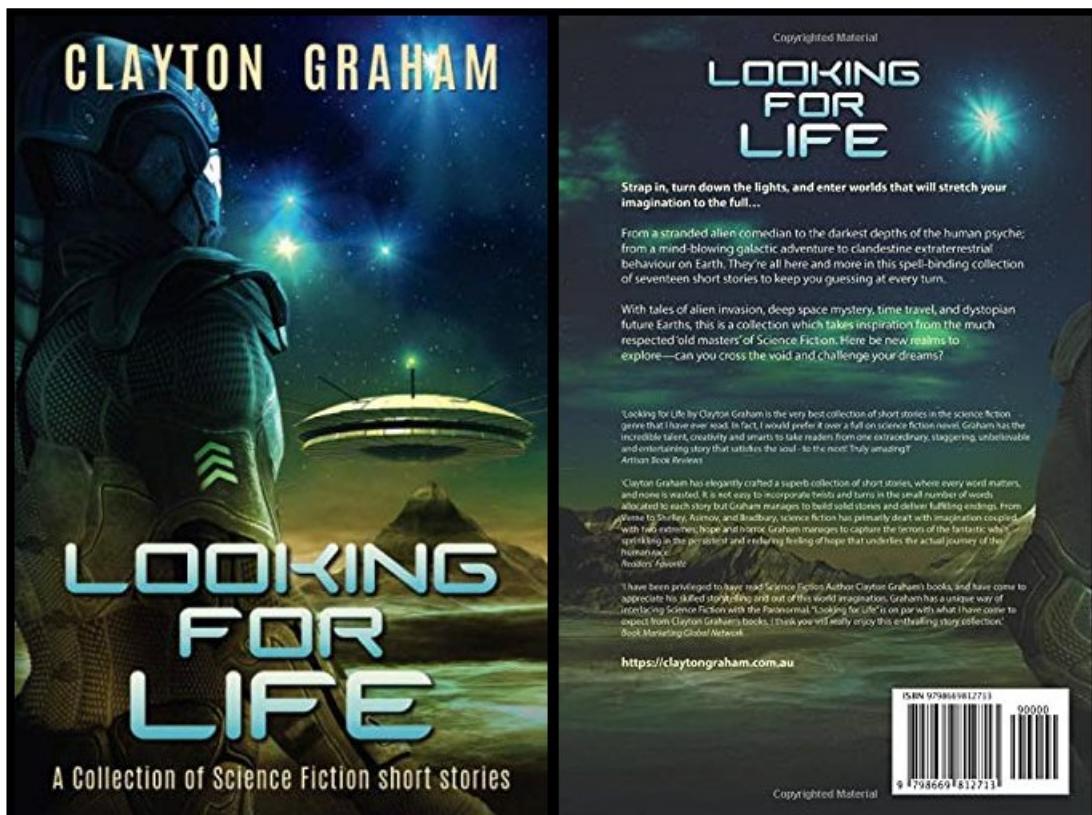
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Looking For Life by Clayton Graham

A Collection of Science Fiction Short Stories.

5 Stars: Science Fiction with the Paranormal.

...Readers' Favorite Finalist 2021

...Literary Titan Book Award 2021

...Author Shout Top Pick 2021

Strap in, turn down the lights, and enter worlds that will stretch your imagination to the full...

From a stranded alien comedian to the darkest depths of the human psyche; from a mind-blowing galactic adventure to clandestine extraterrestrial behaviour on Earth. They're all here in this spell-binding collection of short stories to keep you guessing at every turn.

With tales of alien invasion, deep space mystery, time travel, and dystopian future Earths, this is a collection which takes inspiration from the much respected 'old masters' of Science Fiction. Here be new realms to explore, can you cross the void and challenge your dreams?

Explore Looking for Life and escape to strange and wonderful new worlds. From the author of Milijun, Amidst Alien Stars, Saving Paludis, and Silently in the Night.

'Clayton Graham's book will have you excited, scared, sad, agitated, happy, and feel all sorts of things as you move from one story to the next.' Aaron.

'I can recommend this book if you're in for some Sci-fi that you can't put down and want to start reading again!' Dan.

'Graham knows how to keep his readers entertained and thrilled. Fantastic collection.' Alex P.



Awarded 5 Stars By The Editor At Book Marketing Global Network. Science Fiction With The Paranormal.

I have been privileged to have read Science Fiction Author Clayton Graham's books, and have come to appreciate his skilled storytelling, and out of this world imagination. Graham has a unique way of

interlacing Science Fiction with the Paranormal. "Looking for Life" is on par with what I have come to expect from Clayton Graham's books. I think you will really enjoy this enthralling story collection.

Let me give you an excerpt/synopsis of each short story and let you decide.

WAITING FOR WATER: Farming is now futuristic. The government can send in a seeding drone to help with rainfall metrics. I quote from a government letter: "Failure to trigger the seeding, or failure of triggered seeding to produce rain, will unfortunately result in cancellation of your management permit and you will be required to leave your holding forthwith, as it will be deemed unsustainable." How will this work out for Karl and Maria Kerr?

LOOKING FOR LIFE: "Now Charlie," Alexander said, "you may wonder why you have been awoken at this particular point in time. I don't know when it is—it could be a hundred or a thousand years from when I made this recording. Little matter. Your on-board Looking for Life computer is keeping Earth time." Fantom decided to answer. "It's plus 150 years." Predictably, the image before him never flinched. "The fact is, your ship has detected life on a nearby planet. And you are now zeroing in on that life. Everything has been automated." Alexander leaned further into the screen. "But once you hit that planet, Charlie, you are in charge. You go out there and explore, and capture something living for us."

THE COMEDIAN: The story of a stranded alien who seeks the sound of applause, by any means. Will he survive in a strange new world?

THE SCORCHED GARDEN: Jay and Debb Svenson were the new pioneers. They were stretching the limits of man's expertise to the farthest reaches of the solar system. Living a dream that few others shared. Will their groundbreaking new home survive, or will their new lives fall victim to Earth's interplanetary wars?

MOTHER: A family of roo-dependant beings discover a terrible secret, after an alien artifact arrives by the river. Will they unearth their real purpose in life?

DESPERATE TIMES: Phil convinced himself he was in complete command even though this was the first manned time travel mission; the first with a human payload. Technically nothing could go wrong. Historically, socially, physically, there was lots of scope for error. But he could always return of his own free will, which was really good to know.

DAVE AND GOLIATH: Ulcon's two moons were up, casting ghostly light over the expanse of the chilled plain. There was no sign of Goliath. Stars were out in their thousands. Was one of them the cargo ship? Dave sincerely hopes so.

THE SPECIAL FRIEND: Floppy's burrow was on the moon. It was quite a long burrow with a large cave at the end. The cave was lit from above by strips of lights that ran its entire length. The walls were smooth, not cave-like at all. Most surprising of all, there were three other Floppy Rabbits operating strange machines.

EXCERPT FROM 'AMIDST ALIEN STARS': Helena said, "I know we have provided the hybrids for the aliens. I know they are supposed to be an improvement on both our races. I even think I understand how they will use them to explore the galaxy without fear of physical or mental degradation." She turned her face towards Jason, and he saw such a loss of future hope, such despair, that he felt his own strength and beliefs beginning to crumble under an assault of uncertainty. "But I don't know how the women fit in, even how you and your mother fit in. Have they finished with us? Are we eventually to be discarded once the hybrids are free of the tanks? Will we meet them, see our own offspring? And what happens

then?" She put her head in her hands. "Will they want more hybrids from us? Will we ever see Earth again?"

THE DECADY ALIEN: Jan smiled and gestured him inside. "A brief briefing, I think." Once inside, she closed the door, and they sat opposite each other across a low table. The cubicle, like all the station's single quarters, was small: no more than three metres by four. The bunk currently lay snugly against the ceiling but could be lowered to just above the table when needed. A cream self-cleaning carpet ran from wall to wall, and several miniature oil paintings hung slothfully from an aluminum picture rail, as if unsure that the artificial gravity was sufficient to keep them in position. The bathroom was communal and situated further down the corridor, the quarters only being intended for temporary visits. One small window gave Jan a view to the stars and the endless, black sky. Karl managed a smile. "How's my favorite veterinary for extraterrestrials?"

THE VISITOR: John Allan McClean sat snoring in his favorite chair. The glow from a single- bar electric heater warmed his feet. A retired miner from Broken Hill, Mac, as he used to be known, now lived a life of solitude. His old weatherboard was, for all intents and purposes, a hermitage; a bastion against the onslaughts of frenetic humankind and their infernal technologies.

TRIAL BY CONFESSION: Their voices soared into his confused mind like scouting vultures, eventually to settle amidst his memories, squawking and stabbing sharp beaks into his defenseless subconscious. He had to remember. He had to. It was now or never. His head swam with a message, something from the past, something from a crowded room. The subconscious mind is my data-bank for everything. It stores my beliefs, my memories, my skills. Everything that I have ever seen, done, or thought is held there. All I have to do is remember.

THE WHISPER OF WAVES: Tomas was working as a scientist and a researcher for the government. Or had been until the world grew cold. He was tall and angular, his once-short blond hair growing longer, it seemed, by the minute; his face covered by an itchy growth that drove him crazy. The cave was his home. There was no other. The generator provided power, and when it died, he would die with it. In addition to his bed, there was a table, a single chair, a refrigerator and freezer, a small oven and microwave, a chemical toilet that was past its use-by date, and very little else. On a small stand, in one corner of the cave, an audio and video intercom link to the surface stood neglected, as defunct as a hailstone in a heatwave.

OTHERS OF OUR KIND: For seventeen ship-days, the sphere led them a dance through the chosen star's system until it eventually reached its destination. They arrived in orbit around an inner planet that lay bathed in mellow sunshine. The sphere hovered nearby and seemed to be saying: The next move is up to you. Below them, the new world apparently waited with open arms for the newcomer's attention. Somewhere down there, Sean thought, there are intelligent aliens. The thought induced strange feelings: excitement, fear of the unknown, even hope—all mishmashed together in a cocktail of conflicting emotions.

WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION: They had found her and put her in a residential group home, and there she had remained until she was seventeen. She hadn't minded it, mostly because it was there that she developed what she called her powers. For the most part, the other kids gave her a wide berth, especially when she started telling them about their inner secrets. It had been fun for a while, until she had gotten bored. And it was then that the Department picked her up.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER: Duane came to a green door. A black circle with a short, vertical line running up from the top was painted on the upper panel. It looked like an inverted helium balloon, the tether climbing up into the sky. He looked at the lock. This door was hand operated, unlike the one leading to the galley. Should I open it, or leave things as they are? The sounds inside seemed to answer, but they were dull and

distant and meaningless, and perhaps not to be believed. He hesitated, finger poised over the door button, weighing whether to open the door. He was on his way back to Earth, safe and ready to join his family. On the other side of the door was an unknown quantity: something that could prove to be his Achilles' heel, something untenable.

THE WEAK SHALL INHERIT: Standing, Chanuk moved over to the rail and looked at the water below. The reflections of the moons danced on the ever-changing surface of the ocean, and flickering patterns of untold fantasies gently invaded the metallic drabness of the floating city. His heart soared at the beauty of it all. The Corlens were a proud people, and Chanuk, in his own way, was very proud of them. Looking out over the glistening sea, he made out a dark shape on the horizon. That would be Tarn, their next stop on the harvesting journey. Tarn was an island that the Corlens had devoted to fruit growing and was the last but one call on this trip. Far below deck, in the bowels of the floating city, the holds were already full of grains, frozen vegetables, dried fruit, sugar, spices, and other delicacies—all that they required for food during the coming year. As far back as history was written, the Corlens had never eaten creature flesh, though lore had it that they had once done so in the primordial ages before the floods.

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Police agent Stefan Lattanzis never expected his planet to become a battlefield, nor Earth for that matter. But when scientists from Paludis share a technological breakthrough with Earth authorities, peace escalates to the brink of war in a hurry. It doesn't help that the local aliens have a dangerous and mystifying agenda of their own. Meanwhile, a desperate human cult has its own plans to exploit the powerful new technology...

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Saving Paludis is an electrifying sci-fi thrill-ride. If you like futuristic technology, alien political intrigue, and high-octane, paranormal action, then you'll love Clayton Graham's interstellar adventure!

From the Author: Latest novel Saving Paludis is light years away from debut novel 'Milijun', but it occupies the same fascinating space between Science Fiction and the paranormal. The planet Paludis sits in the Pisces constellation, on the frontier of human exploration. It is a verdant planet, a beautiful planet. It has also been scarred by wars of colonization.

Human invaders control the planet and have done so for hundreds of years. Paludis is the planet's Earth name; the indigenous population call their home Musk.

The Muskans are now restricted to a remote peninsula in the north-east of the main continent. Humans have taught the aliens their language and some of their ways, but the Muskans prefer the traditions of their ancestors. Or do they?

So, what can go wrong? Well, quite a lot actually.

Saving Paludis is not just an interstellar war novel. It reflects human nature in all its extremes: hate, jealousy, control, love, and sacrifice. And what about the aliens – do they share these traits? In some ways yes, in others no. They are, after all, alien. But retribution is high on their agenda; an overwhelming desire to regain their planet. Quite how they attempt to do that must remain a secret!

I invite you to enter deep space, use the Einstein-Rosen bridges, and touch down on Paludis. Join Stefan and his friends to help save their world. You'll love it!



Awarded 5 Stars By The Editor At Book Marketing Global Network. A Reminder Of Human Nature!

If you think the book cover is intriguing, wait until you begin reading Saving Paludis by Clayton Graham. The author has shared two very interesting maps at the beginning of the book to help readers get a sense of this fertile planet called “Musk” by its inhabitants, and “Paludis” by Earth. Paludis is in the Pisces Constellation which is 143 light years from Earth.

The story begins in AD 3898 and we find that Earth invaders have taught the colonized population of Paludis their language and some of their customs. After Paludis scientists share a powerful new technology with Earth, it doesn’t take long for mysterious factions to exploit the technology, and the planet moves to the brink of war. The race is on to save Paludis.

With believable characters, and storytelling that brings your imagination to the edge of space and time, Saving Paludis tells of strange cultures and traditions, alien politics, and cult-like paranormal phenomena. You cannot help but keep turning the pages of this fast-paced interstellar adventure. From a woman’s point of view, here is a glimpse into the story.

... “Rain was falling in a steady drizzle as Selma turned into the road that led to her domicile. It was not yet fully dark and the final vestiges of sunlight creeping through a solitary hole in the clouds had turned the aluminium domes of the dwellings to a blood red. The roadway, smooth and black and shiny, snaked like a ribbon through the glistening streetscape and dark, low clouds threatened to crush the buildings beneath their ponderous weight.

...Strangely, she’d encountered few individuals as she walked through the streets and, like on the drive south, very little traffic. It was as if a giant hand had been placed over the mouth of Kentucky, stifling its usual raucous behaviour. Selma assumed most people were indoors and she wondered if a storm was approaching.

...She stopped outside her home, unable to resist a glance back to that part of the road where she had been abducted by Serpentine. Serpentine! Where was he now? She palmed the switch, pressed the code buttons in the right sequence and her door slid open. Entering, Selma turned on the light and the door closed behind her. The rain suddenly increased in ferocity, and she heard it rattling on the dome of the house.”

I invite you to read Saving Paludis as it is a reminder of human nature, whether here on Earth, or on the planets that we might colonize in the future or even invade while aliens struggle to save their own world.



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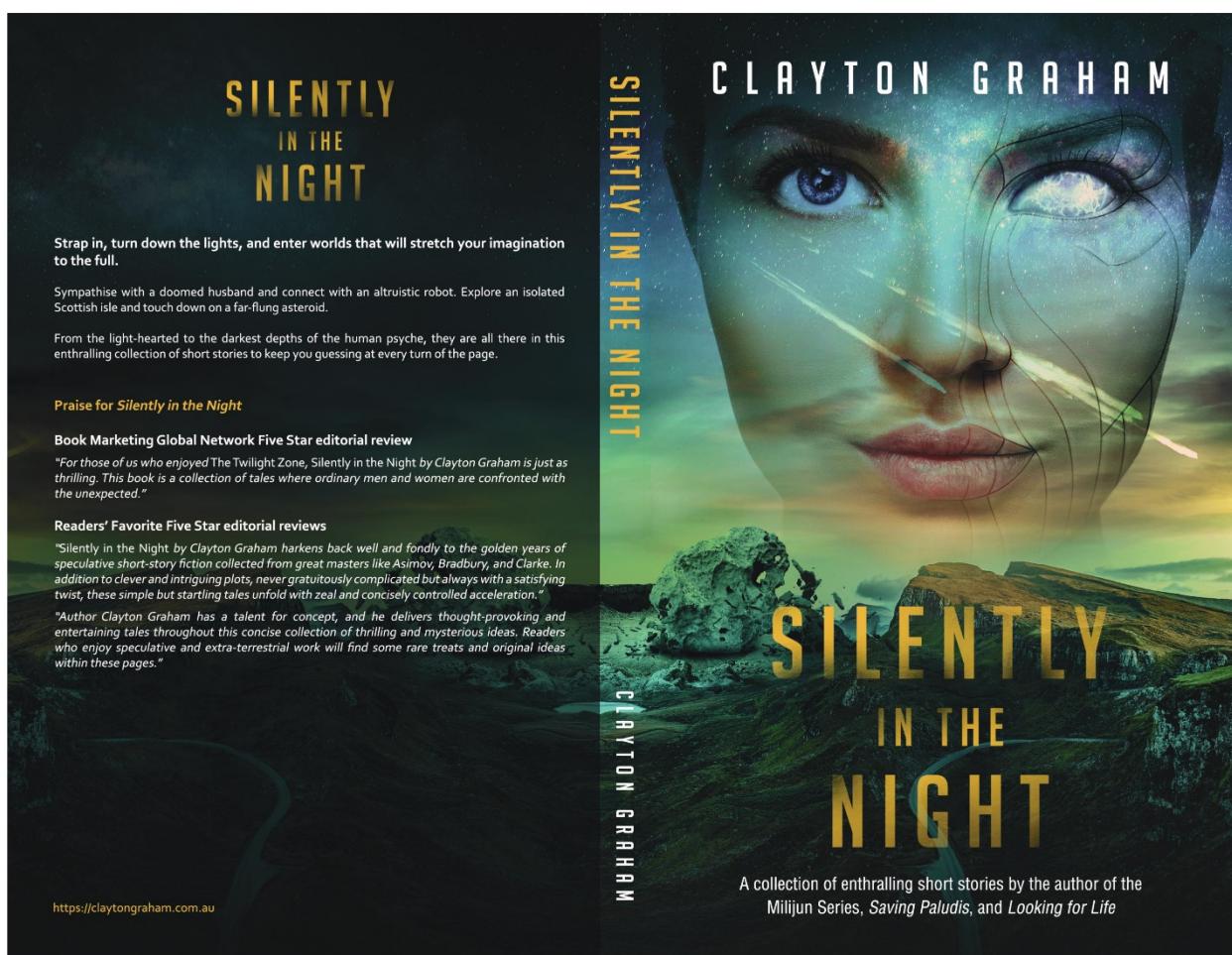
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Silently In The Night by Clayton Graham

5 Stars: Thrilling!

Top Shelf Indie Book Award Nominee.

A collection of tantalizing tales with more twists than Hampton Maze...

A plethora of enthralling plots that will suit fans of all ages and tastes, with stories varying from domestic not-quite-bliss, to an alternate Watership Down, a psychological thriller, a ghost story, and a bit of 'sci-fi not-so-funny after all' to suit your every mood.

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"This anthology of clever, twist-in-the-tale short stories by Clayton Graham, is worthy of the genre master Arthur C. Clarke's Tales of the Unexpected." Rosemary K.

"I was really very impressed with this collection which left me feeling such a variety of emotions after each one. I am looking forward to reading more of Clayton Grahams work." Maui Reader

"This collection reminds me of the stories collected in the old Twilight Zone Magazine that my mom used to subscribe to. Each tale is unique. You'll find a bit of mystery, thriller, paranormal and sci-fi. Grab this book while you can and delve into the world that is Clayton Graham." Helen V.



Awarded 5 Stars By The Editor At Book Marketing Global Network. Thrilling!

For those of us who enjoyed The Twilight Zone, 'Silently in the Night' by Clayton Graham is just as thrilling. This book is a collection of tales where ordinary men and women are confronted with the unexpected.

I love each story and will return to read them again. One story titled Watering Down, sticks out in my mind. It centers on the calicivirus, which can cause upper respiratory infections and oral disease in cats. Probably because I am a cat lover, or because I have memories of the Dustin Hoffman 1995 film titled Outbreak, Watering Down made such an interesting and unexpected tale.

I suspect, everyone who reads Silently in the Night will come away with one or more favorites. If you enjoy science fiction and mysteries that make your heart stand still when aliens, artificial intelligence, death, the unexplained or unexpected interact with your reality; Silently in the Night should be top of your reading list.

I am fortunate to have read Author Clayton Graham's science fiction debut novel titled Milijun. When aliens kidnap Laura's child, it's going to take a lot more than a mother's love to get him back.

I am looking forward to his upcoming release of Saving Paludis where "Nobody thought Paludis would become a battlefield, nor Earth for that matter, but in the darkest of times a glimmer of light can shine, resolute spirits can triumph over brutality and the strangest of strangers can become friends."



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About The Author: As a youngster growing up in the cobbled streets of Stockport, UK, Clayton Graham read a lot of science fiction. He loved the 'old-school' masters such as HG Wells, Jules Verne, Isaac Asimov, and John Wyndham. As he left those formative years behind, he penned short stories when he could find a rare quiet moment amidst life's usual distractions.

He settled in Victoria, Australia, in 1982. A retired aerospace engineer who worked in structural design and research, Clayton has always had an interest in science fiction and where it places humankind within a universe we are only just starting to understand.

Clayton loves animals, including well behaved pets, and all the natural world, and is a member of Australian Geographic.

Combining future science with the paranormal is his passion. *Milijun*, his first novel, was published in 2016. Second novel, *Saving Paludis*, was published in 2018. They are light years from each other, but share the future adventures of mankind in an expansive universe as a common theme.

The sequel to *Milijun*, entitled *Amidst Alien Stars* was released on December 1, 2019.

In between novels Clayton has published *Silently in the Night* and *Looking for Life*, two collections of short stories where, among many other adventures, you can sympathize with a doomed husband, connect with an altruistic robot, explore an isolated Scottish isle, and touch down on a far-flung asteroid.

He hopes you can share the journeys.

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