

# FIVE MOONS

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**Genre:** Sci-fi/Action Adventure. **Format:** Feature, R-Rated.

**Nutshell:** Firefly / Serenity meets Fifth Element.

**Logline:** An outworld veteran's quest to rescue one little girl turns into an epic battle against impossible odds to prevent an invasion.

**Tone:** uplifting. **Theme:** Making a difference starts with me.

**Character Arcs:**

Dallas starts out as a lone warrior, ends up a great leader.

Dallas begins as grieving and lonely. Opens his heart to Mariah, Sophie, and Emma.

Mariah starts the story self-centered, learns to love, opens her heart, becomes a loving mother to Emma and Sophie.

**Overview:**

**Five Moons** is Science Fiction with the full flavor and robust action of a guns-blazing Western, set as a far-future vision of life in the lawless outworlds. In the wake of the Corporate War, Dallas Blake, having lost his whole family to the evil Mercs, trying to start his life over, buys a starship never meant for sale. The Five Moons is engulfed in alien enigmas as the rescue of Emma from the Mercs unfolds and Dallas discovers his archenemy's plan to invade Panara-5. The Five Moons becomes mankind's only hope to stop the invasion.

**Summary:**

Outworld veteran, Dallas Blake, struggling to start his life over after the Corporate War. buys a war surplus starship never meant for sale. The alien enigmas of this ship engulf Dallas as he struggles to overcome his grief at the loss of his entire family. Dallas discovers that his artificial crew are all copies (called moons) of the human crew lost during the ship's last mission. The Five Moons sets out to rescue Emma, an innocent young girl. The Mercs had killed her parents and kidnapped Emma for a monthly ransom in gold to keep her alive.

In order to rescue Emma, Dallas needs help. So, he goes to Moss Kata to find Luke and Sam, but they all end up in jail. Mariah breaks the men out of jail. Dallas is nearly killed.

The Five Moons arrives at the jungle planet only to discover Dallas' old nemesis in orbit, but Dallas refuses to turn back. He's determined to save one little girl. To save Emma, though, Dallas must first save a young jungle girl, Sophie. She guides Dallas' squad through the jungle trails to Emma. Dallas' squad has to fight their way out to escape from the jungle planet with Merc forces

hot on their tail.

In their escape, Mariah discovers that their quest to save Emma was based on a lie told by an evil man, Marley Connell, leaving Emma and Sophie both all alone. Mariah opens her heart to them and adopts Emma and Sophie.

Unable to stop an entire Merc battlegroup with just war surplus fighters, Dallas devises an ingenious hit-and-run strategy with help from sixty-seven veterans in their war-surplus Echo-3 fighters to slow the Mercs down, hoping that Union Fleet can arrive in time to save Panara-5.

In the final battle, hundreds of veterans in their war-surplus fighters come to the defense of Panara-5. Even so, in the end, all appears to have been in vain as the Merc battlegroup descends upon Panara-5 to reduce it to rubble. Dallas' forces fight their hearts out only to face inevitable loss. Union Fleet only shows up at the very last minute to turn the tide of battle. However, evil to the core, Merc Admiral Santo refuses to face a loss and uses Dallas' own tactic to scatter his forces away. One more time, like Moriarty, Santo escapes.

Dallas is given Union Fleet's highest honors. Mariah and the girls are on the streaming news, which Marley Connell, Emma's evil false uncle, sees. Determined to wreak vengeance for his loss, Marley ambushes Dallas and family. Only their vehicle's automatic shields save them.

The Anaza woman in the core of the Five Moons ends the story by revealing that she is the fifth moon.

### **Characters:**

**Dallas Blake:** Hero, gregarious outworlder, a big man with a big heart. Alone and grieving in the beginning, he opens his heart to Mariah, Sophie, and Emma.

**Mariah:** Heroine, artificial but all woman, extremely intelligent, very tough, a walking argument but discovers the joy of loving Dallas, Sophie, and Emma.

**Jessica:** Artificial Copilot, nice, caring young lady. Mariah's BFF and fellow snoop.

**Jane:** Motherly android, loves to cook, in charge of ship's household.

**Hack:** The ship's Android Engineer, becomes Dallas' friend.

**Luke and Sam Nichols:** Brothers, Recon Rangers, love a good fight.

**Emma:** Innocent young girl. The Mercs killed her parents and kidnapped her.

**Sophie:** Orphan alien girl, taken in by Dallas, leads the squad to Emma.

**Kip Trang:** Fellow Recon Ranger, Dallas' best friend and partner.

**Captain Jacobi:** Villain, remotely jumped the Five Moons and killed its crew.

**Admiral Omori:** Villain, ordered Jacobi to remotely jump the Five Moons.

**Merc Admiral Santo:** The archvillain like Moriarty, extremely cunning foe, evil to the core.

**Marley Connell:** Evil, vengeful false uncle of Emma.



**Five Moons** is a five-star rated novel, a number 2 Best Seller on Amazon last year.