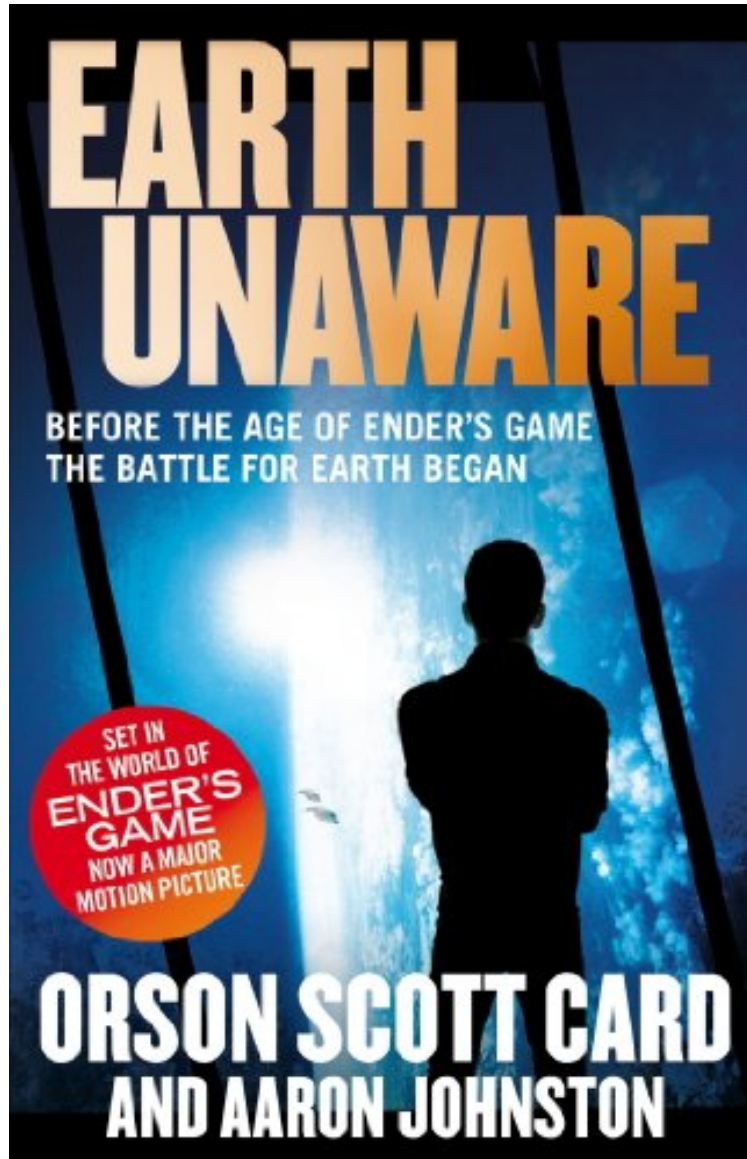


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**Von Orson Scott Card, Aaron Johnston : Earth Unaware: Book 1 of the First Formic War** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Earth Unaware: Book 1 of the First Formic War:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. By far, the worst book by OSC I've readVon January WeinerDon't get me wrong: once I started reading it, I couldn't stop, Orson Scott Card has that gift. But it was painful. This was worse than Christmas in Battle School (or however that

awful story was called). This was below the average sf B-movie. The space is cold, cold cold. Except that it isn't really, my dear Card (since vacuum is a good isolator). Mysterious interferences prevent communication with lasers. Gravity laser can be applied to metallic rock, but not to metallic objects. Travel times don't add up. Nothing adds up, actually, the explanations given (if there are any) are stupid and ad hoc. But I can go along with that, as long as there is a cool idea and the characters have personalities (personality goes a long way). Unfortunately, that is not the case. The characters are boring to the extreme. There are no memorable lines. There is no memorable scene. There is no idea in that book, actually -- there is no proper plot, just a sequence of events; don't expect any kind of point, any kind of complexity, any kind of ending. The editor came and OSC said: "but I'm not ready yet!" to which the editor replied: "doesn't matter, we take it as it is; you will finish it all in your next book". To which OSC replied "fine by me, when will I get my cheque?" So why am I giving two stars? Because you should ignore all reviews with one star or less as well as the reviews with five stars. This is just common sense. However, you really should read mine.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 4.5 stars! Card's writing is unforgettable. Von Detra Fitch Victor Delgado may only be a teenager, but he and his father are the best mechanics on the ship. The big corporate miners have stores of spare parts and resources on their ships. As free miners, Victor's people make do with what they have. If something needs fixing, they pull out the junked parts and use their imaginations. Victor is a genius innovator. His inventions keep the family operation running smoothly in the Kuiper Belt. His life forever changes when Edimar "Mar" spots something odd in space. Fourteen-year-old Mar is an apprentice spotter. Her job is to watch for movement in space: comets, asteroids, anything that might pose a collision threat to the ship. Mar notices an insanely fast mass moving in the far distance. Its velocity decreases over time and natural objects in space do not slow down on their own. Her gruff father would belittle her if this turned out to be nothing, so she contacts Victor. He agrees with her assessment. This object could very well be a near-light-speed alien ship. First contact is deadly. The aliens seem to be descended from insectlike creatures, so the free miners begin calling them "hormigas" (ants). These technologically superior creatures have no regard for human life. They have unimaginable firepower, a proven malicious intent, and are rocketing toward Earth. There is no way for the free miners to warn Earth and Luna and everyone in the Belts of what is coming. If ever there were a time to think "outside the box", this was it. The fate of humanity will rest on one of Victor's crazy ideas. \*\*\*\*\* FOUR A HALF STARS! My synopsis only touches the alien sections of this incredible story. This novel began as a back story to "Ender's Game". If you have not read Ender's infamous story, please do so! "Ender's Game" is one of the very best science fiction novels of our time (imho). You do not have to read "Ender's Game" in order to thoroughly enjoy this book. After all, this tale takes place long before Ender is even born. Yet for those who have read about Ender, you will receive glimpses of major players in their younger days. For example, Ender knows that humanity lives due to the brilliant tactical maneuvers thought up by Mazer Rackham. In "Earth Unaware" I am allowed to see which special military team would choose Rackham as a possible candidate, who would train him, and how. It is obvious that Card had given some serious thought into how the whole asteroid mining industry would work. This was not just a few ideas slapped together and presented to the public. Card Johnston explain the economic infrastructure that exists to make survival in the Belt possible. They explain the amazing tools the miners use in their everyday lives. Then the authors up the ante by having Victor test a new gadgets and ideas that he dreams up on the fly. How the items work and why they were needed is detailed for the reader. Fans of Robert Heinlein would especially enjoy the "Ender's Series", as well as this new story, "Earth Unaware". The meticulous thoughts and beyond-his-time-ideas in which Heinlein penned into his novels can be found in Card's as well. As with Robert Heinlein, the name of Orson Scott Card has made my short list of "Must Read" authors. And this new Formic War story is going to win awards - just watch. \*\*\*\*\* Reviewed by Detra Fitch of Huntress Reviews. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fr Fans von "Enders Game" ein Muss Von RBO. S. Scard schreibt ausgezeichnet. Obwohl die Serie der Military Science Fiction zugeordnet werden sollte, ist es viel mehr als eine simple Gut/Bse-Geschichte. Die Charaktere sind gut ausgebildet und vielschichtig. Die Handlung ist abwechslungsreich und spannend. Ich bin sehr gespannt, wie die Folgeromane den Bogen zu "Enders Game" spannen.

Kurzbeschreibung HUMANS THOUGHT THEY WERE ALONE IN THE GALAXY. UNTIL NOW. A hundred years before Ender's Game, humanity is slowly making its way out to the planets of the solar system, exploring and mining asteroids. The ship El Cavador is far from Earth, in the deeps of the Kuiper Belt, beyond Pluto. When the ship's telescopes pick up a fast-moving object coming in-system, they're unsure what to make of it. Little do they know that this object is the most important thing to happen to the human race in a million years. It's humanity's first contact with an alien race. The First Formic War is about to begin. BOOK ONE OF THE FIRST FORMIC WAR Pressestimmen A standout tale of sf adventure that gives Ender series fans fascinating backstory to the classic Ender's Game (LIBRARY JOURNAL) The story progresses nimbly, with plenty of tension and excitement and Card's usual well-developed characters (KIRKUS REVIEWS) Literate prose and superlative characterisation . . . excellent (BOOKLIST) Werbetext The start of a brand new space adventure series set in the world of ENDER'S GAME - a

classic science fiction novel due to be released as a major motion picture in 2013