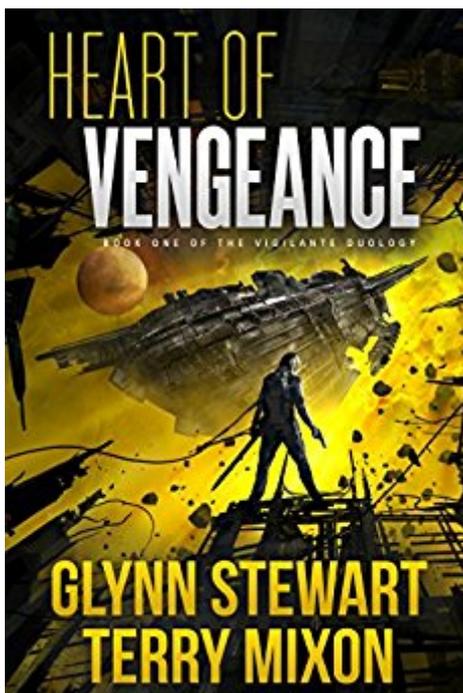


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# Heart Of Vengeance (Vigilante Book 1)



## Synopsis

A pirate attack with only one survivor  
A conspiracy woven across the planets  
A vengeance that will not be denied  
When pirates seize the inter-planetary freighter owned by Brad Mantruso's family, he is dumped into space. Saved from death by a passing Fleet ship, he is left with nothing but his skills, a gun, and a burning desire for vengeance. Acquiring a ship, he reinvents himself as the mercenary Captain Brad Madrid. Before he can pursue his enemies, however, he finds himself dragged into an unexpected conflict when his ship's history draws new enemies to him. Beset by pirates, slavers, and a woman who might be his savior--but definitely is a spy--it will take all of his skill, cunning, and new friends to claim his revenge!

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## Customer Reviews

Having read a number of books by the authors, I was unsure how these two talents might mix. All I can say is Bravo! Fast action and a satisfying ending.

I felt that the story progress was consistent and at no point did I feel like I wasn't being pulled along by the writers energy. My only disappointment is that I can't see the conclusion of the full story arc because it has yet to be written. I originally purchased this book because of Glynn Stewart's involvement, I have read books three of his series and I am chomping at the bit to read the third book in his Duchess of Terra series, Terra and Imperium.

I am a member of his ARC group so I was sent an advanced copy for review. I really liked the story as it was so rich I read it in one go.

Looking for spaced based action? Want space action, adventure and intrigue. Lots in this book. Looks to be a great series as well.

Good book that I found by chance. Love the plot, interesting characters, and good details. Hope the next book is even better.

First off in the spirit of full disclosure - I was given an advanced copy in return for an honest review of this book. Next - I liked this book so much that I went ahead and bought it. Why would I spend money to buy a book that I had already received for free? Because I want both Stewart and Mixon to continue writing, both individually and as a team. I am a huge fan of both of these authors. While they both write in more than one genre, they are as good as it gets when it comes to military fiction/space opera. I grew up reading my father's Sci-Fi books - Andre Norton, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Poul Anderson, Gordon R. Dickson, etc... On my own, I discovered and devoured the work of Lois McMaster Bujold. Her Vorkosigan Saga is among my very favorites. Strangely enough, I discovered both Glynn Stewart's and Terry Mixon's writings within a period of about two months, and it was awesome. My Star Trek-loving heart was overjoyed. I rapidly read everything that they had written and went on to purchase the audiobooks that were available for their work. So, you can imagine my delight when I found out that they had joined together to create a collaborative universe and series of stories. Heart of Vengeance is the story of Brad Mantruso. Pirates, led by the Terror, captured his family's inter-planetary freighter, Mandrake's Heart. Mantruso battled the pirates, but was left for dead, afloat in his space suit. He is rescued by a Fleet ship, his memory damaged from his time in space, but as he recovers his memories, his feet are placed on a path to vengeance. He acquires a ship and becomes mercenary Captain Brad Madrid. Along the way he manages to bring down a slaver ring and free a number of slaves, killing the head of the ring. By the

end of the book he discovers that family and crew from his family's freighter might still be alive and that he might just be targeted by the mysterious Cadre, the criminal organization behind the slaver ring. He is also determined to take down the Cadre and to make the Terror pay. Stewart and Mixon have created an exciting universe - one with many stories waiting to be told. I can't wait for the next one.

I love stories where the good guys act based on their own beliefs, even when it's not easy or popular, and the unexpected situations and crises just keep coming - and this one did not disappoint! Although my main genre for entertainment reading is urban fantasy, I love everything Glynn Stewart writes. His characters are amazing - they are "normal" people who stick to their convictions, and keep going in spite of adversity. And the action keeps moving, with lots of surprises and twists. In this book, Brad, our main character, is the sole survivor of a pirate attack on his family's starship. He makes it his mission to avenge the loss of the crew (including his own family) against the most feared pirate in the galaxy. There are characters to love and hate, and unexpected events to manage - what more could you want? I finished this one in a single day, just had to know what was coming next...Highly recommend! And, this is the first book I've seen co-written by Terry Mixon and Glenn Stewart - here's hoping it's an ongoing collaboration, I'd love to read more of Brad's adventures!

I received this book as an Advanced Reader Copy in exchange for an unbiased review. The collaboration between Terry Mixon and Glynn Stewart is a new one but it worked out very well in this new series. Brad Mantruso is a young security officer aboard his uncle's interplanetary freighter, Mandarke's Heart, when it is attacked by pirates. Despite his best efforts, Brad finds himself a Dutchman, adrift in space with just his vac suit and weapons. Rescued by the Commonwealth cruiser Freedom and with no memories due to oxygen deprivation, Brad only knows a burning rage and the drive to do something. As his memories return he remembers the face of the pirate known as the Terror who has taken his life and family away from him. He changes his name to Brad Madrid to separate himself from the Mandrakes Heart and sets off in search for vengeance. Twists and turns take Brad across space and into unexpected places with an ever expanding group of allies, Brad searches out all the pirates and corruption that has allowed the piracy to flourish.

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