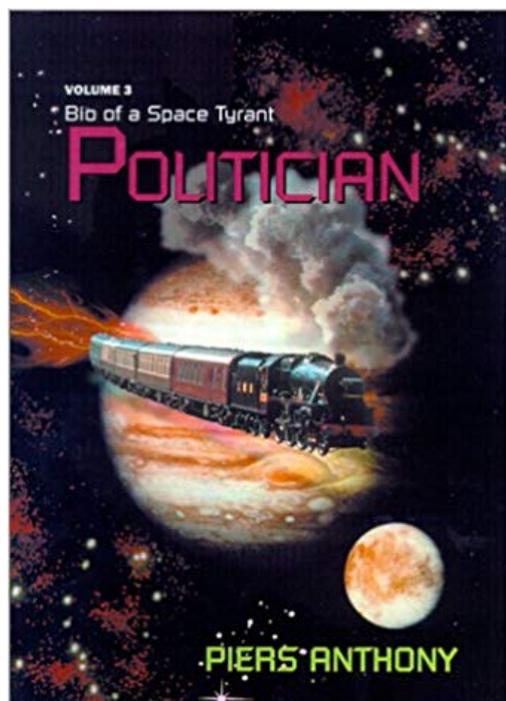


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This is the third in the series BIO OF A SPACE TYRANT, featuring the stages in the life of Hope Hubris, the Tyrant of Jupiter, and his beloved sister Spirit.



Reviews of the Politician by Piers Anthony

Venemarr

Good shipping. If you are a fan of Science Fiction, and happen to have liked Piers Anthony's works, read this if you haven't. Not this one first, but this series of books. Each and every one of these entries follows the path of a single individual, Hope Hubris ... an every man that is designed to be our lens to view his world. This is not the strongest piece in this body of fiction, but it was good times, nevertheless.

Jockahougu

Mr. Anthony is more fair and balanced than any news outlet currently in his treatment of different political views, while writing from the point of view of an opinionated politician, and I thank him for it.

Thetath

One of those works by Piers Anthony that has held its appeal quite well - and it's not one of the Xanth series (thank goodness). I've read this book at least four times over a very long period of time, and still find it enjoyable.

Skrimpak

Versatility in writing. One would never believe this is the same Author who wrote the Xanth novels. A must read!

Memuro

Well written and gripping.

Rolling Flipper

Great series.

Beazezius

Politician is the third book in the Bio of a Space Tyrant series by Piers Anthony.

Rest assured, readers of the previous two novels (Refugee, and Mercenary), this book is just as good. While the first book in the series dealt with the future "Tyrant's" initial journey as a penniless refugee, and the second book with his travails and adventures as a rising military figure in the Jupiter Navy, this novel deals with his entry into planetary politics and ends with his emergence as the Jupiter "Tyrant".

I loved this book. It was a fascinating look at a character who grows in popularity and power through his adventures in politics and in life. It is just as sci-fi as his other books, and is always intriguing and compelling.

It is one of these books that is interesting from the first sit down, and one that doesn't bore you with details irrelevant to the driving plot.

I didn't feel like I had to "get through it" like I do with some "literary classics", I felt like I had to get through it like a hungry person has to get through a delicious piece of cake --because it is tasty, and because he or she wants to get on to the next bite as soon as possible!

That being said, this book is not fluff. It is an intriguing look into character and into politics. I left this book with the feeling that I just had a great time, and with the certainty that I had just learned something important about the human condition and character.

If you enjoy this series I would also recommend these 3 other Piers Anthony authored sci-fi series: Split-Infinity, Cluster, and Omnivore/Orn/Ox. All are fantastic!

(This book is followed up by the fourth book in the series, "Executive", and the fifth book "Statesman".)

I've been recently reading novels from my past, especially those I recall enjoying. I felt like revisiting this series, seeing if I remember correctly.

Back cover of book:

Political Prisoner

He awoke in a tiny lightless cell, groping for memory...memory that had been erased. Hope Hubris, Jupiter governor, progressive populist, warrior hero, and presidential candidate...a "mem-washed" tool of the enemy. And if his captors' plan worked, Hope would destroy his own political career, leaving the fate of his planet in the hands of its corrupt presidential incumbent - Tocsin.

But Hope Hubris had a destiny to fulfill. He had the cunning to discover code words that could reactivate his mind...the strength to resist addiction to their drugs...the power to win the support of his countrymen, and finally the courage to make an agonizing sacrifice that would ensure his planet's future and his own destiny...

Tyrant of Jupiter

End back cover of book.

Hope Hubris chronicles his experiences in the hands of his captors as he attempts to recall his memory. I found the volume to be very entertaining and similar in approach to the previous volume. His ability of turning a bad situation into a good outcome and utilizing a person's strength to benefit both he and the person continued to engage me late at night. As opposed to a tactical combat in a naval battle, the reader is exposed to a popularity combat in a political battle. The similarities are interesting to experience considering the background of Hope Hubris.

My primary complaint (other than the new cover art with an actual steam locomotive in space) is the code words that could reactivate his mind. I feel a code word being expressed verbally or during a vision would unlock his mind as easily as his version of reading it. As a reader, think about how many times the last word would be expressed mentally (even after the second to last word if they must be done in order) when you find out the last word. I distinctly remember a code word being expressed pages before he discovered the word. An example would be the word "tyrant". If someone were reading this review out loud and said the word "tyrant" from the back cover of the book excerpt above, I should have an unlocking of memory and consequently if during that unlocking the word "Mars" were expressed and my mind comprehended the word I should have another memory renewed. The entire code word approach is fascinating but falls short when the code words become commonly expressed outside of his method of reading and do not trigger a restoration. I do not wish to spoil the book, but hopefully you'll understand my gripe after reading the book.

Thank you.

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