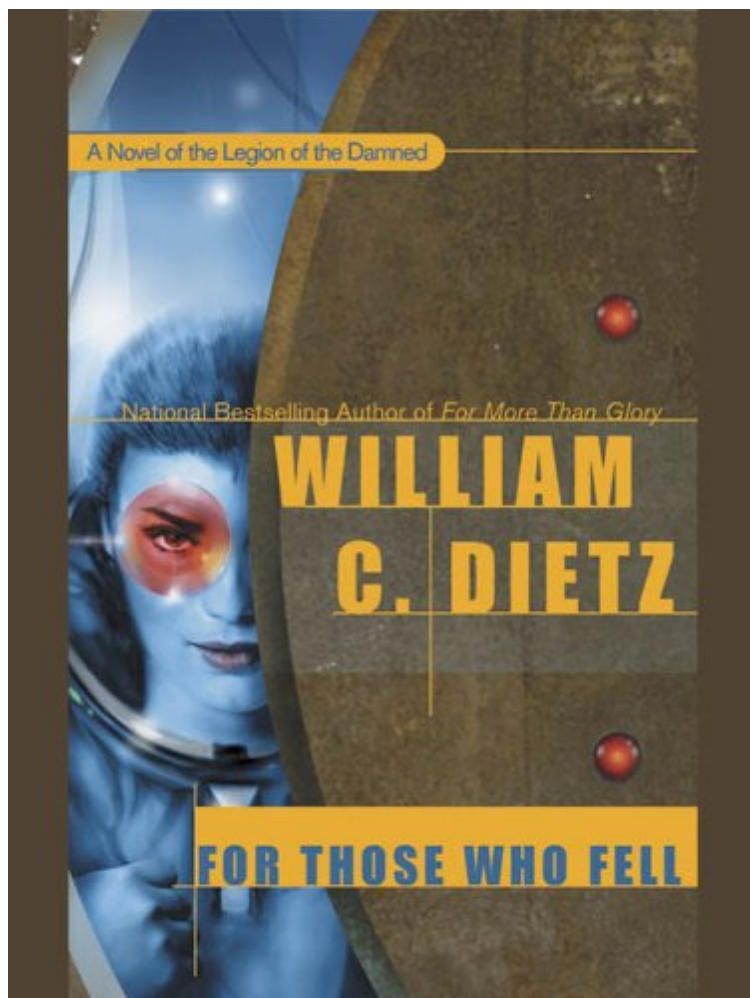


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Confederacy's alien races is secretly aiding the Ramanthians. Characters attempt to gather information, make political alliances and maneuver skillfully, but often their efforts degenerate into groping, murderous frenzy.

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Booly gets an intelligence windfall: in a Ramanthian fortress lies the key to instantaneous interstellar communication. The military advantages of this are too obvious to require comment, so the legion puts together a special ops mission to steal the secret or at least keep the enemy from getting it. Leading the mission is hardy, larger-than-life series perennial Lieutenant Santana, whose adventures, and also those of the humans and aliens he leads, constitute the usual fast-paced adventure we have come to expect in this series and from Dietz. Recommended for military sf collections, in particular. Roland Green Copyright

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