

Dear %FIRSTNAME%,

Rogue Submarine Newsletter

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Rogue Readers,

1. The Series... On life support.
2. Rogue Poseidon-Queen-(R?)
3. Your Opinion Needed!

1. The Series... On life support.

Last quarter, I shared the good news that ideas for Rogue Poseidon and Rogue Queen, another two-novel mission, were flowing.

Unfortunately, the words have not.

So, it's a good news/bad news thing.

The good news is that I have written the first third of Poseidon. As long-time newsletter readers may remember, when I reach the one-third point, I feel confident in finishing a book.

The bad news has been my health. It's improving, but it's slow and stagnating my writing. God willing, my present condition becomes a memory early in 2022, and I'll pump out Rogue novels soon.

2. Rogue Poseidon-Queen-(R?)

The two-book Neptune-Outlaws experiment is a year old, and it's inflicted less damage than I'd feared.

So, I'm going to do it again, but maybe even more?

The series' Golden Rule remains intact: the ultimate conflict is resolved by the fleet's assets facing other maritime assets. Otherwise, it's no longer the Rogue Submarine series. But since the 2-novel experiment of Neptune-Outlaws was a qualified success, I'm warming up to multi-book missions.

And while plotting out the mission in Nigeria, I may have uncovered 3 books worth of action.

I'm trying to pack everything into 2 books. That's the plan. But I keep pondering a third, which bothers me for several reasons.

First, I question if I'm seeking a 3-book series for the wrong reasons. Am I trying to gain an extra book in my backlog with minimal research/extra effort? Or, am I seeking a third because '3' is a magic number? Everyone loves trilogies, but I don't know what a 2-book or 4-book series is called.

I also question how readers would receive a 3-book mission. That's where you come in.

See below.

3. Your Opinion Needed!

Send me an email at john@subthriller.com if you want to comment on these questions:

1. *Could you enjoy a 3-book Rogue Submarine mission?* Consider the pace of the action. You enjoy the pace in a single-book mission, but if I keep that pace over three books, it can get exhausting to read. It's like trying to sprint a marathon. I either need to slow the pace or expect you to sign up for a three-book sprint. Maybe that's perfect. But if it sounds ugly to you, I'd like to know before writing it.
2. *If so, could you enjoy cliff-hangers in the first 2 books?* I think cliff-hangers are okay - for movies and television! But for reading, I don't like them. What do you think?

Thanks for reading! - John