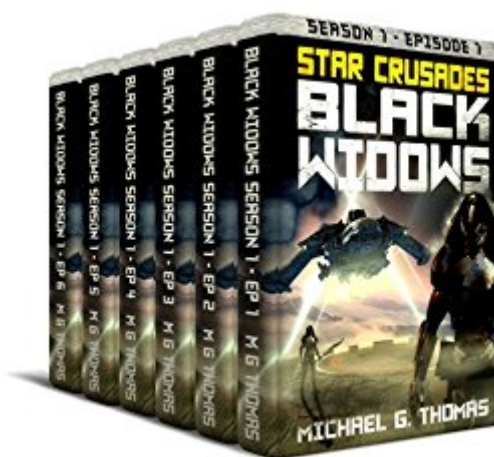


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# Star Crusades: Black Widows - Complete First Season Box Set: Episodes 1-6



## Synopsis

Black Widows: Season 1 includes the complete first season of six Black Widows episodes, previously only available separately: The Black Widows are an infamous, all-female mercenary unit. Aboard their heavily-armed ship Medusa, they embark on secretive missions throughout the crumbling Confederacy as it wages a terrible and bloody civil war. Each of the Widows is an elite operative, with skills and expertise that command a high price. Their very names spread fear and terror into the hearts of their foes.

**Episode 1** The lives of Syala and her twin sister Arana are changed forever on the day the slavers hit their home on the Skylla. It is a day that started like any other, before turning into a terrifying massacre as soldiers and hideous creatures swarmed through the facility killing or enslaving anyone in their way. The sisters struggle to survive as a desperate few try and fight back, but nothing can hold back the horde. Until they find a single mercenary dressed in black armour who refuses to back down. Her name is Zhang Wei, and she is a Black Widow. This chance encounter will send the twin sisters on an incredible journey with the mercenaries, one that transforms their lives forever.

**Episode 2** The Black Widows head for the massive transport ship MS Monterey, captained by the tough as nails Lothar Bartholomew. Following a series of difficult operations, they need to take on supplies and collect payment for a recent contract. While the Widows look forward to some time away from Medusa, Syala has other plans. She is looking for information as she desperately tries to locate her missing sister and the sinister slavers they tore her home apart. What none of them realise is that something left Skylla with them, and now it's on the ship and stalking its prey.

**Episode 3** The Black Widows land at the massive Kharybdis 1 Trading Post, deep inside the debris of the shattered moon. A valuable contract is on offer to retrieve an ancient artefact, but to their astonishment, the infamous Seven Sons mercenaries have beaten them to it. With funds low, and Medusa needing much needed repairs, they are stranded and in serious trouble. Until Syala, desperate to prove her worth to the mercenaries, sets out to steal the details of the contract from their competitors.

**Episode 4** Syala and the Black Widows have located a rich prize hidden deep inside the debris filled remnants of the Kharybdis debris field. It is a massive transport ship, crippled by an unknown enemy and ripe for plunder. If their information is correct it could leave each of them wealthy beyond their dreams. Syala is not interested in loot, all she wants is the information hidden inside, information that could lead to finding her missing sister. The Widows are not the only ones in the area though, and when a familiar warship arrives the routine salvage quickly turns into a desperate battle for survival deep in space.

**Episode 5** Syala and her new-found comrades are heading to the infamous Alpha Three Anchorage when their faithful ship Medusa finally succumbs to her wounds. With few options left, they are forced to seek refuge

and assistance at the most unlikely place, the Ángel Salvage Facility on the planet of Euryale. It isn't long before Syala discovers that Carlos Ángel, the enigmatic owner of the facility has many dangerous new friends. Episode 6 Syala and the Black Widows are heading home to the infamous haven for mercenaries, traders, criminals, and cutthroats from a dozen worlds. To Syala it is a chance to follow a lead on her missing sister, but to the Widows it's their home. This heavily defended installation is the Alpha Three facility, known colloquially as The Anchorage. The Widows run directly into a massive flotilla in the middle of a violent battle and each of them is on the run from their former home. Something has taken root at the Anchorage, and only by working together can have any chance of retaking the massive installation.

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## Customer Reviews

I had read one of the episodes of Black Widows when it was first released but decided to wait for the full collection to get a bit of a discount. I'm happy to say that this ended up being worth it as I avoided major cliffhangers in between releases and also essentially

received two episodes for free. The collection is set out more so in the structure of different episodes, something that one might expect to be seen in the format of a TV show, but truly reads like a fully fleshed out novel, staying true to a strong linear plot trajectory and pace that rarely slows down. This, in my opinion, makes it hard to not read the series in a single sitting because, to put it simply, it's gripping from start to finish. As well as this, I discussed some of the plot with my partner and we both agreed that the sci-fi genre as a whole is in need of more stories such as these that focus on strong female lead characters, as it has been lacking for quite a while. The end result is a read that is unpredictable and certainly unique compared to most others in the genre. So in that regard, I commend the author for trying something new and of course for pulling it off so well. Defiance has left me looking forward to season 2 of Black Widows, I only hope it's released sooner rather than later because I plan to wait for the complete collection again.

Enjoyed this compilation. Black Widows is similar to a spinoff of a TV show. Further background and characters to compliment and further move the Star Crusades series.

Really Enjoyed the Book wanted to read the background on the Black Widows. This is the way to start the Story. Great read as a Complete Book.

I cannot wait for season 2

Action from the first chapter through the last. No lag time for needless fleshing out of the characters, I will be looking for the next iterations of this series

Couldn't put it down from the moment I bought it, read it at work, at home and on the bus anywhere I would go. Fantastic read!

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