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**Book Title** : [Empire's Passing](#)

**ISBN Number** : /9780988775916

**Tagline Review** : "A new space saga emerges. This sci-fi novel is an epic triumph."

**Review 1** : Within the first few pages I knew that it was a winner. Within three chapters, I was in awe. *Empire's Passing: Imperium Succession Saga #1* by JW Morris is a triumph of epic proportions. Being a full blown sci-fi fan all of my life, I have read most of the "required" reading of space sagas. So, when *Empire's Passing* came across my desk, I was a bit apprehensive. To have the word Saga in your title is ballsy, but Morris pulls it off.

The story starts in the year 2937 and dives right into an interstellar war between Humans and Goths. Spoiler alert! The Goth destroy Earth in the Prologue. Humanity has, over several centuries, expanded from Earth outward with the use of "Chutes" through space to inhabit thousands of worlds and star systems. A succession of Emperors ruled these star systems using Dukes and Barons, but everything has to come to an end sometime doesn't it? The Empire is under relentless attack and one single galaxy in a secluded Chute may be the only hope against the Goths, breakaway Imperials and a Granancian spiritual High Priestess that uses some "interesting" methods of persuasion to control her universe. The author, Morris, centers the story line around the Dukedom of New Meyer and its lineage. Similar to a game of risk, can the Duke protect his Chutes from invasion while gathering support from neighbouring star systems? Trust me, there is no way that I can even broad stroke this novel in one paragraph.

Morris's character development is flawless. His fast pace keeps the reader thoroughly entertained. I kept looking at the page numbers and hoping that this ride would never end. It is his imagination and close attention to scientific detail that really captivates. Morris uses current and not too far in the future technology to have humanity escape to the stars and build its Empire throughout the centuries. But with centuries of time, also comes regression in the form of lost technology, seclusion in distant galaxies and the ever present politics of a feudal system.

Empire's Passing has been the best science fiction saga that I have read in years. I am totally hooked for Saga #2 coming out soon. As for the "required" reading sagas list I mentioned earlier, I vote that this one be added to the list of Foundation, Dune and many others.

**Review 2** :

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