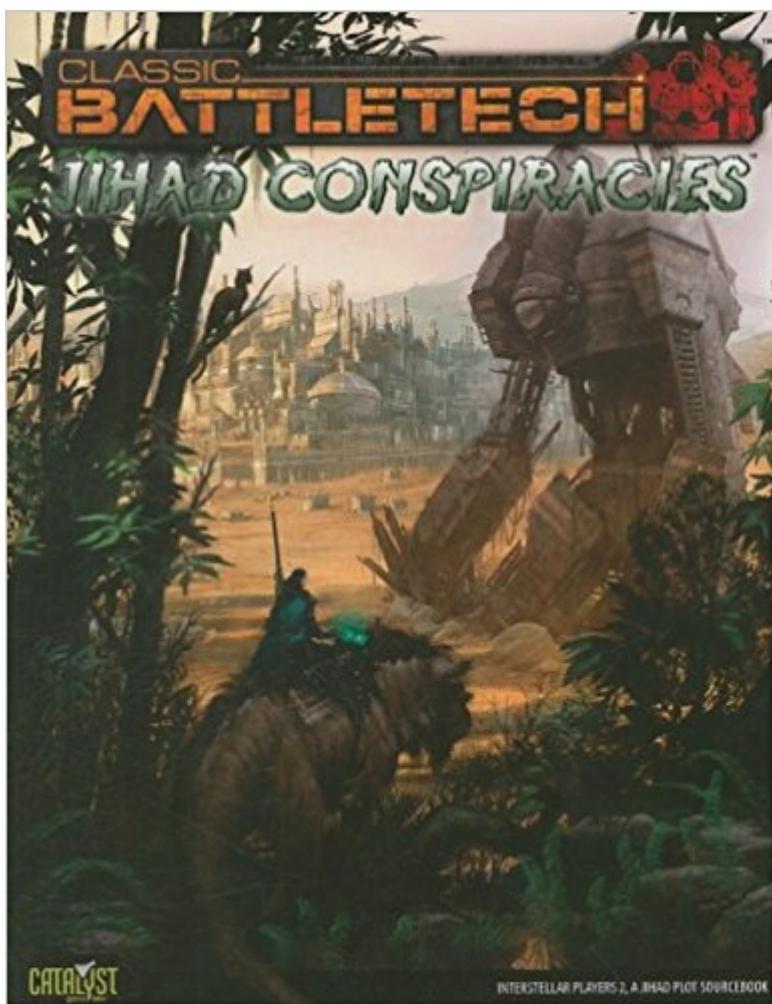


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This is the second book in the interstellar player series. This series is best described as X-Files, for Battletech. All three of these books are excellent reads, and will provide a wealth of possibilities for a BattleTech campaign. Although this book suggests that it is only for use in the jihad era of the BattleTech universe, The information inside can easily easily be applied to any era or campaign. This is grade a fluff. If you love BattleTech, think about it throughout your day why you're at work, and look forward to playing with your buddies on the weekend, get this book.

This is one of the better gaming surprises I've had in long time. I had originally bought this book just to keep my Jihad collection complete, but this is the best Battletech RPG supplement to date. This isn't the book for those looking for a lot of mech stats (there's one) or crunch for the miniature game (not a lot here either), but it is for those interested in some great ideas for the role-playing game or just to read about the Battletech universe. Fans of the novels may be happy to see information on Uncle Chandy or the Clan scientist conspiracy. They also may be happy to see other parts of the universe explored, like those living in the Terran system's asteroid belt. As the title suggests, this is a follow up to the original *Interstellar Players* and focuses on different organizations (for the most part)

within the Battletech universe. The original book isn't needed to use this book, though (I only remember one explicit reference to the first book). The "Jihad" part of the title is a bit misleading as the Jihad isn't central to a lot of the book. This isn't a knock, however, as it allows the book to be of use to those wishing to set a game during the Jihad timeline and to those interested in a different timeline. Actually, a lot of the book could be used in any science fiction game. The chapter on FTL travel, *Mysteries of the Void*, has enough mystery for three campaigns (e.g. What happens to jumpships when they go missing?). If you are loving the Jihad storyline, you can still get your Jihad on with entries on Devlin Stone, Thuggees, etc. and even the before mentioned *Mysteries of the Void* has ideas on how it can be incorporated into a Jihad campaign. Everybody wins. Since giant mechs play such a large role in the universe, it's understandable that people, particularly those that haven't read any of the fiction, might have a little trouble imagining a game outside of the cockpit. It's this book's ability to open up the Battletech universe (corporations, assassins, scientists, ancients, etc.) that make it essential for any gamemaster or Battletech enthusiast.

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