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Dark Space Universe (Book 1)



Synopsis

A STANDALONE SEQUEL TO THE BEST-SELLING DARK SPACE SERIES THE UNIVERSE IS DARKER THAN WE THOUGHT... Lucien Ortane is a Paragon in the Etherian Empire. His job is to explore the universe and spread Etherian doctrines of peace, justice, and immortality to sentient beings everywhere. Like all Paragons, and most citizens, Lucien believes that Etherus, the benevolent ruler of the Empire, is exactly who he claims to be: the one true God and creator of the universe. But not everyone is a believer. The Academy of Science circulates a petition to send a mission to the cosmic horizon and learn the true nature of the universe. Over a billion people sign it, and Etherus grants their request, but with a dire warning: evil is lurking in the dark. Undaunted by this warning, three hundred million scientists from the Academy prepare to leave the Empire on what will be the longest and most incredible journey in history. A small group of Paragons also join the mission, each of them for their own reasons. Lucien Ortane tells himself that he's going in order to settle other people's doubts, and to keep a bunch of hapless scientists safe. After all, he's a Paragon, one of Etherus's most faithful servants. Yet even the faithful have doubts. Is the universe infinite? Does it have an edge? Is it shaped like a sphere, or connected like a torus? Did it need a creator, or does it cycle endlessly, god unto itself? These are the questions that the Academy is trying to answer, but the answers they get could be their undoing. God or not, Etherus was telling the truth about one thing: evil is lurking in the dark....

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Customer Reviews

This book provides a fast-paced narrative after the first couple of chapters and it creates interesting situations for the characters. The author has developed a new construct of space and a future different than other sci-fi books. Jasper Scott also throws in a number of large and small plot twists to keep interest. I found the book inventive while staying true to science as we know it, making the story believable. He would use dialog to explain scientific concepts that readers may not know. His main character, Lucien, seems consistent emotionally for a young man, albeit a more mature personality than some. I plan to continue reading this series.

This book is much like classic adventure SF of a certain era: out of the frying pan and into the fire, in outer space. Futuristic weapons, exotic aliens, and girls. However while the premise is perhaps formulaic, the story somehow is not. Characters are not especially deep; but there are some interesting ideas and the author demonstrates a fairly sound grasp of physics and cosmology. It certainly kept me turning pages.

Starting out this was really difficult to get into. I am not sure where this will go and when you start examining specifics of the plot you see it weaken with all those of ultimate power plodding about with rather base goals which seems odd, to me at least. I do want to check the next installment so will see what is revealed. Hope it has more... something. I do appreciate the science which is well done for the most part.

This book has been well titled by the author. Once the story evolves you begin to feel that every plot twist will end badly for the characters. This book is an interesting melange of science fiction, religion, science and philosophy. The character development is slow but evolves as the plot thickens. There are a few incredulous leaps but it is sci-fi after all. The last chapter leaves a small glimmer of hope and left me wanting more. Well done.

The trouble maker from Dark Space isn't in this but his son is. He is not trying to stir up trouble it just seems to find him much like it always found his Dad. Not sure what happened but after defeating Omnius in Dark Space but humans are now following a very similar character in Etherus. Their new God gives humans everything they could want but not everyone is happy...

Another great read. If I had to find any fault it would be that there is no place to stop. This book flows from action to action with surprise after surprise. I enjoyed Dark Space and was looking forward to this book. I have not been let down. This was worth the waiting. I won't comment on the story. You will have to read it for yourself. Be assured you won't be disappointed.

Slightly different perspective on where humans fit in the universe. The flow was good and I didn't have to skip sections to finish the book. The writing level was definitely adult. I would rate the book at 4.3 out of 5.0, which puts it in the top 100 Sci-Fi books that I have read. This book is of the type and quality that I require in order to recommend it to a friend.

I have absolutely enjoyed every one of Mr. Scott's Dark Space stories...and Dark Space Universe did NOT disappoint. There are plenty of thought provoking ideas in this story as well as likable - and hate-able - characters. My biggest complaint is that I have to wait to read the next book (it is scheduled for an August 2017 release). Keep the stories coming Mr. Scott!

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