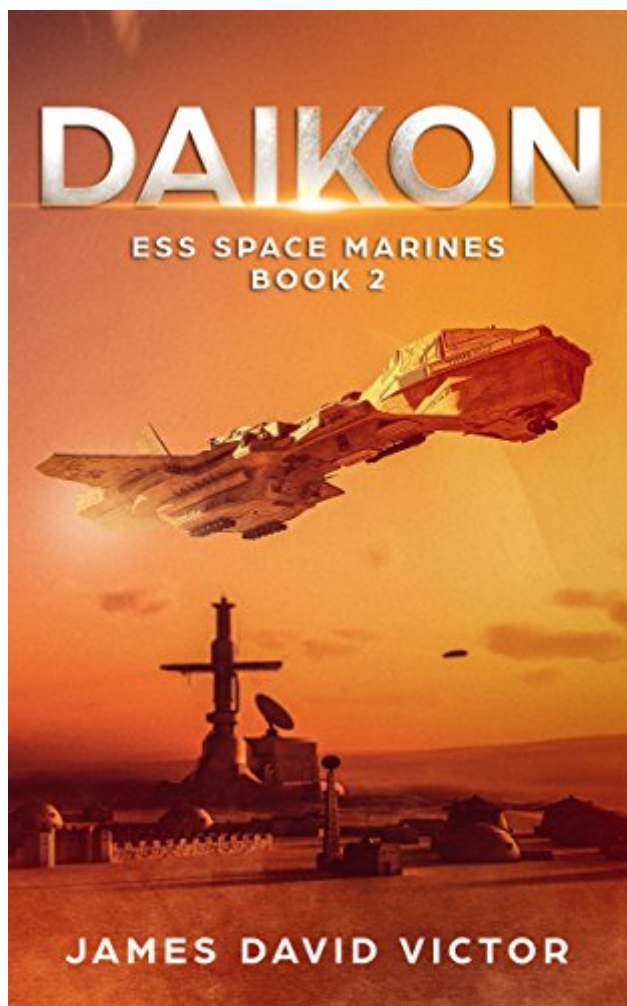


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Customer Reviews

I'm not sure why this author calls this a book.....it's really just a short story. Admittedly a good story, but still a short story.

I was disappointed at how short this book was. This is but a chapter of a normal book. Otherwise it has potential, but I felt cheated by buying these two books... sorry, these two chapters.

Andrea "Andy" Dolan was a marine, a squad leader, and she reluctantly walked toward the visiting room at the Harnari Penal Colony infirmary. She was there to ask her imprisoned mother about her genetic heritage from her father. Her mother again refused to tell her anything, but this was important now. An incident on Star Base Zenith, where she was the only one who had the power to resist mind control aliens, made it obvious there was something different about her. But for some reason, her mother said she absolutely was not able to tell her anything, even if she had wanted to. Major Carson started the briefing to let the squad leaders know about their next mission which would be the Daikon Colony. They had finally gotten a lead on the Kriori who dealt with trafficking and enslavement of others. A lucky occurrence of a tracer device on one of the captives gave them a lead that the Kriori were on Daikon Colony. This mission would be a rescue effort to save ESS alliance races captured by the Kriori. Andy's team moved toward the guarded compound and took out the guards. Roxanna squirmed with her empathic senses picking up the captives' emotions. They moved on to take out the communication systems. Were they going to be successful? Could they save the captives and get out safely? Although short, this was a very good book. The story line moved along quickly and held the reader's interest as the author refers back to a dangerous encounter in Book 1 and moves the reader on to the upcoming mission with the slave traders. The characters are well developed and interesting. The banter among Andy's squad helps the reader get to know them even better. And we have the mystery of Andy's genetic contribution from her father which is still unknown but gives her extra abilities she is still exploring. This was a fun read and I definitely recommend it. I was given a copy of this book and voluntarily chose to review it. My comments reflect my honest opinion.

Daiken continues the adventures of Sergeant Andrea (Andy) Dolan of the Earth Space Service Marines. If you haven't read the first book in the series by David James Victor, Zenith, I suggest you do so. You don't have to have read it but it explains and elucidates some of the forces driving Sgt Dolan. In this, the second book in the series, Sgt Dolan and her squad of humans and aliens are sent as part of a larger group to the planet Daiken where it has been determined the Kriori, some not so pleasant slave trading aliens, are holding all flavors of sentient beings for enslavement. Of course, Sgt Dolan's squad gets thrust into the middle of the action. This is

not just a space opera that will keep you turning pages but it also is a tale of how Andy discovers an additional special ability and how she reacts and uses it to her squad accomplish their assigned mission. These are not super abilities but they augment her human abilities and are drawn to the surface under pressure to help counter threats from aliens that are unlike anything she and her squad have encountered in the past. This volume and the first in the series follows how she is forced to quickly come to grips with her new abilities and, on the fly, learns how to control and utilize them to the benefit of her fellow marines so they can accomplish their missions, in this case of freeing enslaved sentient beings. This story will leave you wondering what will happen next to Andy and her squad and what new abilities will develop. The one question that is left hanging is where do these abilities come from? They aren't from her mother. Are they from the father she doesn't know or are they from perhaps a genetic program? We will have to wait for the next books in the series to find out. And you know what, it will be worthwhile to see what happens in the next one in the series and maybe some of these questions will be answered. So, as they say, stay tuned.

Episode 2 in this series about a space marine team led by Andrea (Andy) Dolan, who appears to have some very unusual and unexplained talents, although she appears to be a normal human. I like the lead character, she is confident but still betrays human doubts, and insecurities. Although the writing is good, especially the action sequences, the plot is necessarily quite simple as this is a short read, and also it is part of an ongoing series, and can't really be read as a stand-alone. But it is an enjoyable way for a science fiction fan to spend an hour or so. I received a complimentary copy of the book from the publisher.

What a great series. Each book is short, but is packed with so much action and great characters. The descriptions of the alien life forms are so good that you can picture them in your mind as you read. I am looking forward to the next book in this series and see what will be happening with Andy next.

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