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Building Victoria: A Military Science Fiction Space Opera Epic: Aeon 14 (The Intrepid Saga Book 3)



Synopsis

The Intrepid is drifting slowly between the stars. After near calamity at LHS 1565, the ship is headed for Kapteyn's Star to make repairs. There, the crew will need to spend decades building a temporary industrial base. Across the void, the Noctus prepare to leave Sirius for the same destination. Their plan is to colonize the system and forge a new lives for themselves ... if they aren't destroyed by their government first. In an epic tale spanning over a century, General Tanis Richards finds herself in another fight for her life as the new colony of Victoria is built under the threat of interstellar war.

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Customer Reviews

The continued adventures of our impressive Tanis, are as always very good. This book in my opinion suffers a bit from transitional exposition, and its ending is frustrating as we will have to wait for the next book. The structure of the book could have done without the sequel direct connect, as with the first one. It does work better but also it has a better flow. My understanding from the author's website is that this and the previous two books are actually precuels to the coming one. Which was supposed to be book one, we will see it ends working out.

While better than book two this one got a bit tedious at times because the beginning was just Tanis and Joe puttering around for 60 or so years keeping the AI, Bob, company during the flight to Kep. Then it kept jumping over years to get to a point in the future when ship repairs to Intrepid were done and the planet had been terraformed. There is some action towards the end. The beginning and middle just dragged in my opinion. I seriously hope the author just skips over the flight to the next system the Intrepid is headed to and starts the next book as the ship arrives. There would be no point since there is no longer any saboteurs or evil bad guys to delay the flight at this point.

Our fearless heroine is a skilled diplomat dealing with the refugee miners incident, a brilliant tactician battling the attackers from Syrius and the traitorous Victorians, a sensitive romantic and pioneer woman with her beau in the sanctuary during the long transit, and, of course, a fierce ninja/Navy SEAL/LaraCroft in close combat. The interactions with the AI's are fascinating - Angela, Bob, Amanda, Priscilla, Troy, and Corsia. Cooper foreshadows the anti-Edenist insurrection and the archvillain's subterfuge and sabotage. I was saddened by the loss of key characters. As expected, Tanis prevails. I was somewhat surprised that Cooper developed the Tanis and Joe relationship in such long chapters, and I don't think that the Sarah outburst during the eulogy enhanced the story, but,..... Setting up the next book is expected, but this cliffhanger in the epilogue is annoying. Ah, well, other books await in my Kindle Unlimited.

Book 3 was certainly better than book 2. My 2 biggest gripes are...a) While skipping ahead in time just to see the action scenes worked in book 1 I didn't like it as much in book 3. I would have liked to see more explanation of the colony build-out that just ...ohh we have , did I forget to mention that during the last few years we built them just so we can win this action scene?b) The end of the super-villain story arc was very very disappointing and anti-climactic. Ooh there she is... she killed Kenny, you bastard...die... so sad about Kenny

The story and plot rate a five star, but the missing and miss used words rate it a three or lower. All three books in this series could use a good line edit and proof read. The author has obviously thought a lot about travel through space and how thrust is applied to spaceships. Great job on the science part. Can't wait for the next book.

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