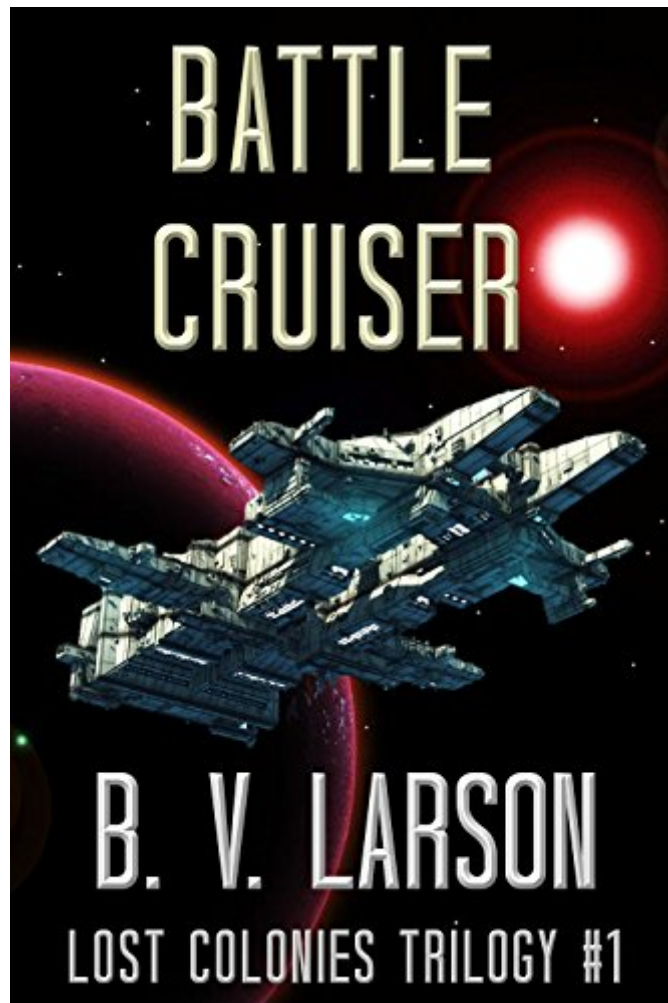


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Customer Reviews

I've read the author's Star Force and Undying Mercenaries series and am a fan. In those series, the writing style is similar - high paced, informal language, gratuitous sex. Fun, but not very serious. This

book has an entirely different feel, much more refined, profound and mature. Essentially, it's a single-character narrative, with the universe unfolding around one central character, Captain Sparhawk. Excluding that, nothing is the same as Larson's previous work. I'm anxiously awaiting the next chapter for what seems to be a significant shift in Larson's writing.

Not bad. A little slow at the beginning, but has a good ending. A new universe for Mr. Larson and it could prove very interesting as a series. Some of the science isn't great, but easily overlooked. I rate it PG-13 for language and violence. I recommend it as a decent start for a series

For fans of any of B.V. Larson's previous books rejoice! He doesn't disappoint with this book and his writing skills continue to improve. Earth has been severed from her many planetary colonists for over a century and a half. The "cataclysm", a solar flare event similar in nature to the "Carrington Event" of the mid 19th Century, destroys Earth's ability to access worm holes which makes deep space exploration possible. Star Guard Lt. Commander Sparhawk, a bumbling, by the book, Inspector Clouseau type character has the fate of the world thrust upon his shoulders when a derelict space ship is discovered out near the mining colonies of the asteroid belt surrounding Jupiter. Sparhawk begins to shed his innocence and grow towards his true heroic nature. Can he save the world? He is damned sure going to try... A fast paced adventurous romp. A great cast of characters. Another Larson success.

I loved this story. Great characters, I enjoyed the storyline and the possibilities for sequels are fascinating. I don't have a specific suggestion as to what Sparhawk should do next except get out into the galaxy and discover the current state of affairs! He will make enemies, discover unlikely friends and allies and get in and out of some hairy situations...

Great stuff. Nice empire spanning beginning. Good action and plot, strong believable characters. I did think some of the ship command tactics seemed a bit sloppy for a naval commander but heck, he was young. Loved it and waiting for the roll out of the next one !

Larson gives us a novel that establishes the fundamental nature and history of a universe we will no doubt see in future installments. The protagonist is honorable, honest and likable although naive and reactive rather than proactive. For a 70% clone bred and educated to be the heir of a powerful political family, he seems to not understand politics and human motivation very well and his

semi-royal family doesn't understand him at all. He mostly stumbles through this novel accidentally becoming a military hero by not much more than luck, good intentions, and monumental ignorance of the forces all around him seeking his downfall. He complains throughout the story of people who think he is getting ahead only because of his family connections, without realizing that his privileged upbringing and wealth are indeed keys to his success - for example the personal force shield that saves his life several times is too expensive for other officers to possess. I look forward to seeing if he will grow up and become a true leader without losing his essential wide-eyed innocence and trust.

When in space, the story is fairly entertaining. Unfortunately the same can't be said for the "non-space" parts - there is some attempt at political intrigue but it is poorly written and the characters are terrible, and there is even a completely unbelievable romance plot. The main character, William Sparhawk, is rebelling against his family's wishes, but it's not really explained why in any interesting detail. The main parties are the politicians, who seem to be opposed to the military section for monetary reasons - and the military who have very few ships, but at least three admirals. There isn't all that much that makes sense in the setup. The space parts are better, the action is entertaining and the crew members are the only characters that aren't completely one-dimensional. I quite liked the 'universe' setup, so there is here is potential for a decent series, especially if the author concentrates on the space action. I'm rating this "2 stars" for the "Earth" parts, and "4 stars" for the "Space" parts, so we get an average of 3 stars.

The characters in this book act so idiotically that I don't even know where to begin. Spoilers ahead. Nobody seems to do an autopsy on the first assassin to see if there's something different about it. They send the main character to 'investigate' the assassination attempt on his father, he does so for 2 hours and then changes his mind. The love interest, he sees her for less than 2 hours, one time, where she was less than impressed with him, yet this is enough to dictate his decisions at vital times. He has one chance to explain his side of the story to earth, he decides to do this via the love interest, a woman from a well known self serving family. To disastrous consequences. Nobody's superiors are that dense, they're unbelievable and cartoonish, nobody follows up on the fact that an admiral was given contingency plans that break about a million regulations, nobody asks this admiral who gave these orders to him either. I've read both his Star Force and Undying Mercenaries series, this doesn't read even remotely like Mr Larson, the action is off, the plotting is off, the writing is off, don't waste your time.

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