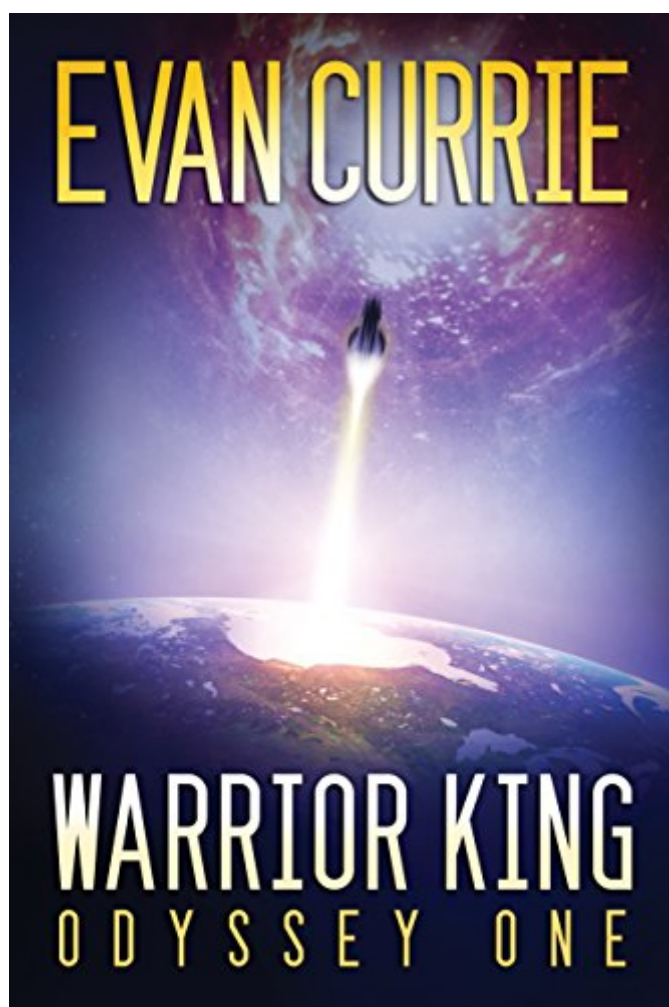


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Synopsis

Battle-weary after a desperate fight to save Earth from the Drasin alien onslaught, Confederation Captain Eric Weston is tasked with a perilous new mission. He and the crew of the *Odysseus* must hunt down those who unleashed the hellish attack on his homeworld and that of Earth's Priminae allies. But the situation turns dire when they catch sight of a ship belonging to the mysterious beings who orchestrate the fearsome Drasin's depredations. This powerful Empire, it seems, has two primary aims: to conquer new worlds and settle old scores. Weston's ultimate objective: keep humanity from becoming collateral damage as the Drasin war expands to engulf the galaxy.

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Customer Reviews

Captain Eric Weston now commands possibly the most powerful war ship in the Galaxy. It is one of the new Heroic Class of starships. He is sent on a mission across the Galaxy to find the source of the Drasin plague that has destroyed many worlds and attacked Earth. His powerful ship can leap across the light years in seconds and its advanced weapons are a match for any enemy. On his expedition he runs across an alien ship from the race that controls the Drasin and has used them to

destroy entire races of aliens. A battle starts as the alien ship attacks him and Eric realizes that he must win and return the valuable intelligence data back to Earth and their alien allies the Priminae. Eric also realizes that he has also done it again, gotten Earth into another war with the Imperial Empire. I am a fan of Sci-Fi and especially military Sci-Fi. Evan Currie has become one of my favorite authors and I have read almost all of his books and I have enjoyed them. This book is no exception as I found it entertaining and fun to read. I liked the continuous action and the space battles between Earth's new generations of war ships and the ships of aliens that belong to the Imperial Empire. This for me was a good story and it has set the groundwork for at least another 2 or 3 books. The only thing that I didn't care for was the absolute way that the book ended. I turned the page and boom, it was over. I would have liked at least two pages of a suspenseful lead in into the next upcoming book rather than a knife cut ending that just chopped the story to a halt. This is a good book and a good story especially if you like military Sci-Fi action. I rated it at 5 stars and I can't wait for the next book release for this saga.

*** WARNING - POSSIBLE MILD SPOILER *** I'm a big, big fan of this series, so almost anything Evan writes makes me happy, and the latest installment was no let down. The only thing that caused a bit of confusion was near the beginning of the book, when Admiral Tanner tells Weston that he was saddened to hear of the (false) reports of Weston's death. And then tells Weston that he'll have to tell him about the battles he fought against the Drasin during the invasion on Earth. It was as if they hadn't seen or spoken to each other since the events of book 2. However, at the end of book 4, Admiral Tanner came to the rescue of Weston and Earth. So he already knew Weston wasn't dead. I dunno, maybe I read it wrong, or took the wrong meaning from it. Still, that one quibble isn't nearly enough to distract from this great read. And now, sadly, I wait for the next installment. Highly recommended!

Interesting read, but had very little actual story development. The final 30 pages were exciting but ended very abruptly without any real resolution. The stage is set for the next book although with such a long wait for this installment the book felt very short and is definitely only a transition piece. Spoilers The combat was interesting, but the marginalization of the strongest Terran weapon system was disappointing. Very little lore or story development occurs to the point of the entire book being a travelogue. All we really learn is that the empire and the primis have a common history. There is a small portion of the book that covers the end of the companion series Rogue One.

I have been reading Evan Currie since he started writing and he has just gotten better as time goes on. He has picked up a writing style similar to David Weber or Jerry Pournelle. His characters come to life with both good aspects as well as humorous situations. The technologies used in his universe is presented in a way that is believable and new. You will not be disappointed if you try him out.

In this enlargement of the overall plot, we see the needed introduction of a thinking enemy with a similar tech base. It was nice to see some of the mystery of why the races are so similar explored, and there is good potential for a spinoff of a group or ship exploring just that aspect. All in all, another fun read that is reminiscent of David Weber's Honor novels.

Evan Currie wants his technology to be consistent, whether it's gravity or lasers, and has an occasional tendency to let his inner-geek too much leeway. Speaking for myself, I am happiest when that stuff is left under the hood. Apart from that, however, he is a master at writing exciting space battles, and "Warrior King" contains some of his best ever. This book moves the main story along only slightly and is actually more of a teaser. We learn a bit more about the empire behind the Drasin, but they are not really very "alien", much like the Priminae also were humans genetically related though not identical to Earth's. These connections obviously are leading to something important still to come. Interestingly, the empire is not sure what to make of Eric Weston's cruiser *Odysseus*, thinking it must come from the unwarlike Priminae. An alternative would have to be that it is an anomaly with more dangerous implications. There is a useful connection to "King of Thieves" but the previous *Odyssey One* books are essential reading.

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