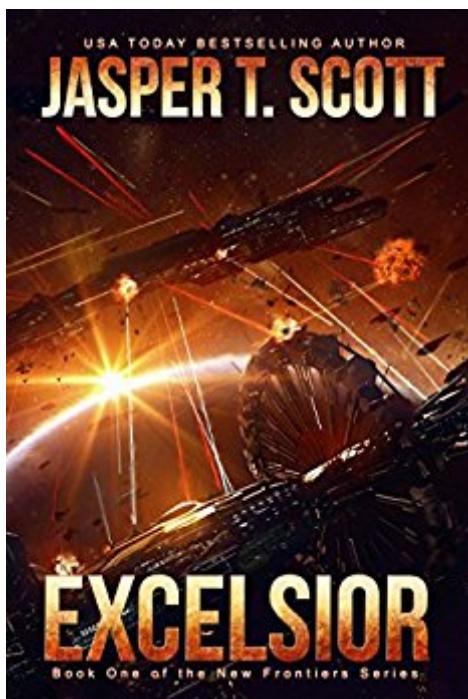


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Customer Reviews

Solid story, I liked the story in general, but the pacing never seemed to work for me. I felt as though some of the more interesting parts of the story were terribly rushed, and some of the more boring,

personal drama-filled parts drug on. I honestly didn't like any of the major character because none of them really made relatable choices, it seemed as though the choices they made were solely designed to drive the plot forward. Like in an old episode of Star Trek or something when Kirk finds some mysteriously dangerous, but hot alien lady, and decides to take her to bed. You know as you are watching that he's an idiot and she's about to betray him, as would any other rational person, but he does it anyways to advance the plot. Also, the author demonstrated a above average understanding of science and physics, but this is very much a space fantasy book wrapped in a garb of science fiction. He makes sure to use all the right phrases Einstein-Rosen bridge AND Schwarzschild wormhole, palladium glass (which is not a transparent glass, but is used as such), space elevators, nanobodies, gene-therapy etc. He goes on about how the crew of the main characters ship were drilled in the special use of G-tanks to keep them alive for a very special long-term high-g voyage, an piece of equipment not regularly fitted to ships, and then boom everyone has them all at once because plot-convenience. And don't get me started on subjecting babies and very young children to large g forces. He knows all of the hot button phrases, is up on the latest "techno-babble", but doesn't really know it's true application. The main character is in the whatever the future Space Navy is called, and he is the captain of a ship.

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