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A mysterious entity may be the key to a starship's survival—or a terrifying new threat—as the *Odyssey One* series continues...

The Empire has set its sights on its next target: human Terrans. As effective allies of the Priminae, the denizens of Earth have proven themselves enemies to the Empire, and now the Imperial forces know more about the Terran home world than ever before.

The battle for the planet's survival will see the *Odysseus* first into the breach. But more perils loom for Commodore Eric Weston and his comrades. They're at odds with the political conflicts dividing Earth's government and challenged by the mysterious presence haunting their vessel—its intentions unclear, and the extent of its powers unknown.

As the Empire brings the battle home, the crew of the *Odysseus* will need to determine whether this entity will support them in their fight for survival, or prove to be another dangerous foe.

There's no turning back...and the only way forward may be a pathway to doom.

Odysseus Ascendant Details

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Vincent Archer says

Good mil-fi series.

But I get the feeling that the series is falling into a common mil-fi trap in which each side needs to get far more dangerous every round to sustain the suspense. Now, if you're stretching the wars over decades and the power plays are more the result of chance, this works, but here, there's barely a handful of months between each round, and the Empire's progression is logical... which requires leaps in tech from the other side to keep the balance.

And here lies the trap for the series: at which point do you stop believing. The writing - very good - helps, but I still get this little pit in my insides that says "this is going to go downhill soon". Not yet, but potentially soon.

But if you liked the series, you'll still like this one. Even if there's some bits that are slightly more inconsistent (notably regarding the Gestalts Entities).

Ben says

Fleets at war in space

Interesting space military sci-fi novel displays the author's soaring imagination and writing skill. He manages to hold the reader's attention in a novel whose action builds slowly until the climax when the opposing fleets clash in an epic battle

Epic , but not decisive. Not a spoiler, because this book was number seven in the series and their more to come.

I thought the characters were interesting and the action believable.

I had not read the precipitous books, but it did not detract from my enjoyment.

I received a free copy through Goodreads to read and review.

Jen says

Set in the far future of space travel, Odysseus Ascendant (#7 in the Odyssey One series) continues the battles of survival against The Empire. I've read all of these and enjoy each new installment.

This science fiction is known as Space Opera (Space opera is a subgenre of science fiction that emphasizes space warfare, melodramatic adventure, interplanetary battles, chivalric romance, and risk-taking.) Source

Think Star Wars, which is probably the best known space opera of all. The only thing missing is romance.

Canadian author Evan Currie's characters are more concerned with friendship, duty, and allegiance.

The novels are full of adventure, suspenseful, and strangely believable. I look forward to each new offering!

Read in March; Blog review scheduled for May 1.

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Mick Bird says

A great continue of this series of books, Our author Evan has once again placed Commodore Eric Weston and his crew with a major problem. The Empire has decided that it must wipe out the humans and their allies. But as expected the Commodore take a pasting idea to the next level to give his people the edge that they need. But I have a feeling that the new character Saul is going to be the one that we will need to watch. Looking forward to the next book.

Christof Damian says

I think it is enough for me now. All these king setups, big fights near the end and finally the save with some miracle invention.

I'm also getting tired of the military being the best thing in the world.

Can we bring this to a close with the next book?

Also: how pointless are these "gods"?

Bradley says

This latest space battle in the fight for humanity against the Empire continues to be light-hearted despite the stakes.

Technology and bluffs save the day!

Truly, I do think this particular book has a bit more oomph and less light-lag than the last few entries. I liked the others well enough but this one didn't need to rely on slow reveals and mysteries revolving around the extra intelligences hanging around. Indeed, they're all pretty much out in the open and getting accepted by the brass.

Little kid Odysseus is cute. :)

These books continue to have that certain space opera popcorn charm we've come to know and love. Pew pew! :)

John (JP) says

The war between the alliance of Earth and the Priminae versus The Empire moves from skirmishes to a direct attack on systems. Mean while the planetary entries begin to openly worry about how this war will affect them. Odysseus the entity on the ship Odysseus begins to mature and openly wonders about human behavior, his place in the crew, and where he fit among the other entries. While all this is happening Weston contemplates the consequences of his chosen strategy.

This is a complex story where all the key characters get their time in the spotlight. Currie does a great job of inventing plausible technologies and integrating them in realistic battles. I like the fact that unlike other military science fiction novels the other side is given a voice.

This book in particular as well as the whole series in general is a good summer read. I think you should get your library to buy it.

Jed says

New toys!

I enjoyed the new tech. Overall this was another good addition. I read it in a day or two. Not a lot of character depth, just space ships and space battles with a little intrigue mixed in. Definitely more about the tech than the people. I wanted more from the entities.

Koit says

Evan Currie is really giving empires a bad name — I wonder what they ever did to him? Too much of the social aspect on these novels now seems to be a bit too “perfect” if this makes sense. If the social conduct of this foreign power was a bit different, if the hierarchies worked a bit different, if there was a clear underlying motive to what they are doing...

I did enjoy it — but that's more due to the amount of innovation and enterprising solutions which get presented, though I was not a fan of that last and final one. What was impressive was how good a tactician some of the people in it were, and therefore how thoroughly thought out some of the action starting with Books 3 and 4 has actually been. This was an aspect which increased my estimation of the author.

Lastly, every book that passes makes it look as if there could be twenty more — although Mr Currie also indicated in which direction this series is going and who is the “real” antagonist, which is a fact that is probably quite obvious to the reader but not to the people in the actual novel. We'll see how true this course is — or, at least, I will, because despite some of the negatives above I will read the next one as well.

Originally posted here.

Bee Glosson says

Love this series...ever evolving...big welcome to Eric Weston and the odyssey series. Each book gets better from start to end

Jennifer Lanak says

[When the Imperials break for Earth instead of Ranquil, Weston must transition right into the system or risk being too late to save Earth. In true Earthling style, they reveal a new weapon that has the Imperials turni

Shane says

Wow, this book hits all the marks; tension, intrigue, humor and drama. A lot has been built up over the last several books in this series. Currie brings all of it together and wraps it in a great big bow. I had a very hard time putting this down and was surprised really that the story was wrapped up so neatly by the end of this book.

I don't believe this will be the end of this series by any means (I certainly hope it isn't). There is still a great deal to be explored and a couple questions left unanswered. I just strongly felt that all the books before this were building up to this moment. I wonder what can top this.

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

Evan Currie writes really kick ass science fiction. He has not let up on the action, danger and tension in Odysseus Ascendant. I enjoyed the book even though I have not read all the book in the Odyssey One series. I knew I had missed the action from some of the previous books but it was still an easy story to get into. While the danger is countered the big problem is still roaming the galaxy so look for more action and adventure in future books.

I received a free copy of the book in return for an honest review.

Trish says

BWAHAHAHAHAHA!

After being somewhat disappointed by the previous book, this one showed the author back to his old self.

In this 7th installment, Terran and Priminae forces scramble to come up with some sort of plan because it's only a matter of time before the Empire comes back with a vengeance - and it's especially dangerous for Earth after the information they managed to download in the previous book.

The Empire is more vexed than ever because nothing they know about Humans makes any sense. So one of the vector lords decides to smash the enemy (us), even if he will be called out for using excessive force. But is it excessive or will Commodore Weston, once again, come up with something to stick it to the Empire? Can project Prometheus be of any help perhaps?

This book had it all: space battles, new and creative technological developments ((view spoiler)), hilarious scenes, glorious banter, and some more info about the Empire as well as the entities - the sentient spaceship being just one new aspect (albeit the best one). And some serious foreshadowing.

The author actually manages to insert significant moments about gender identity side-by-side with military action, codes of honour, and a mad race to save our home planet (our only planet). Again.

I'm so happy that we're back to the usual high standard of this series and can't wait for the next installment and where the author will take the story.

John Purvis says

"Odysseus Ascendant" eBook was published in 2018 and was written by Evan Currie (<http://evancurrie.ca>). Mr. Currie has published more than 20 novels. This is the seventh in his "Odyssey One" series.

I received an ARC of this novel through <https://www.netgalley.com> in return for a fair and honest review. I categorize this novel as 'PG' because it contains scenes of Violence and Mature Language. The story is set in the far future. The primary character is Commodore Eric Weston of the Priminae/Earth Alliance.

While Weston is the primary character, the story spends time with several other characters on both sides of the conflict. After two unexpected defeats, the Empire wants to destroy those who have dared to oppose them. As an Empire fleet bears down on Priminae space, Weston and the other allied commanders must find a way to stop them.

Complicating this is the being that was discovered living on the Odysseus in the last book "Odysseus Awakening". The creature appears as a young boy, yet it has considerable power. Is it the spacecraft embodied, or is it more?

I thoroughly enjoyed this 303 page science fiction novel. I have read most of the series and have enjoyed them all. I like the way the author has spread the story over many characters instead of focussing on just a few. This book reads well enough on its own, but I would recommend starting with the first book in the series. I like the cover art. I give this novel a 4.5 (rounded up to a 5) out of 5.

Further book reviews I have written can be accessed at <https://johnpurvis.wordpress.com/blog/>.
