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Beyond The Stars: At Galaxy's Edge: A Space Opera Anthology



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"Another amazing collection by the Beyond The Stars anthology authors! I like being able to read stories by authors I already know, and finding little treasures by new writers to enjoy." A dozen science fiction writers, including New York Times and USA Today bestselling authors, offer remarkable tales in this third collection of space opera stories presented under the Beyond the Stars banner. These twelve stories showcase strange new worlds, alien life forms, and deep space battles. Come with us to where the legends are born... at galaxy's edge. Books in the series: DARK BEYOND THE STARS, BEYOND THE STARS: A Planet Too Far, BEYOND THE STARS: At Galaxy's Edge, BEYOND THE STARS: New Worlds, New Suns (April 2017), BEYOND THE STARS: Unimagined Realms (August 2017). For giveaways, book news, or to learn about how to submit your story to the next volume, sign up here: Smarturl.it/space-opera-books

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Customer Reviews

Space opera is a fantastic theme to tell all sorts of interstellar stories, as the tales you can tell in this genre is truly limitless. From military sci-fi to desolate planets, to discovering new life forms and

bounty hunters after their quarry. Thereâ€™s even a paranormal story too plus many others; a true variety of short stories for everyone to enjoy. Following an insightful discussion of mankind and the future by author Jennifer Foehner Wells, take a journey far beyond the stars and follow the escapades being told in the following twelve original tales, starting with: Michael Ezellâ€™s â€œThe Good Foodâ€• â€œ Jensen and his canine sidekick Roy who can talk (!) land on a planet being terraformed, seeking to find out the cause of a peculiar problem. While there is no complex life present, what they discover will be far out of the ordinary! A powerful story about a soldier and his dog thatâ€™s also a terrifying tale with an inventive dilemma and a surprising ending. David Brunsâ€™ â€œThe Epsilon Directiveâ€• â€œ Tom is a soldier on a death squad tasked with hunting down every last Scythian after defeating them in the war. But Tomâ€™s heart isnâ€™t in it, especially after encountering a unique situation where conscientious objectors harbor the enemy! How Tom and his squad react to this is both thrilling and thoughtful, with some unpredictable twists. Christopher J. Valinâ€™s â€œJust an Old-Fashioned Lust Storyâ€• â€œ A highly skilled bounty hunter is hired to track down a rich guyâ€™s wife who stole her husbandâ€™s money. But when this job becomes more than that, they have a lot of fun together until theyâ€™re confronted by other bounty hunters!

I don't often like every story in an anthology, but I did in this one, even though the stories were quite different. Some made me laugh, one made me cry (my favorite!), some gave me chills, some made me think and reassess my beliefs and opinions (are they serving me?), and many made me want to look into other works by the authors. AND, two of them had dogs in them - my favorite species after my own, except for the times when they go to number one because of my own! (Oh yes, there were also a few badd-ass women - but I digress). Even though I liked them all to one degree or another, here are my three favs. (1) The Epsilon Directive, by David Bruns. David is one of my favorite authors. I follow his work religiously, and I have loved everything he has written. If you are new to his writing, buy his books and treat yourself to some great reads! This story is about - as he describes him - " a reluctant soldier, a closet conscientious objector, turned draftee" - who tries to do the right thing, and then is forced to watch it all fall apart - even asked to condone a horrible act. I won't give anything else away, but , after I read the story, I sat for a long time, trying to imagine being in his shoes while he tries to cope with his pain and disappointment. Yes, this is the story that made me cry, and to be moved that much - well, to me, that is worth ten stars! (Oh, I almost forgot that there is also a great miracle at the end - one known only to our hero - so it's not all sad). And, because of that, I loved this story even more! (2) Second Chance, by Nick Webb. This story was fun

and made me laugh.

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