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Space Team: The Collected Adventures: Volume 1



Synopsis

A laugh-out-loud, action-packed space adventure series from the author critics are calling "the unholy offspring of Douglas Adams and Terry Pratchett." When petty criminal, Cal Carver, is locked in a cell with a deranged, semi-naked cannibal, he suspects his life has hit its lowest point. He is mistaken. Abducted by aliens and whisked across the galaxy, Cal is thrown into a team of misfits and criminals, and sent on a top secret mission for the President of Space. And that's when everything starts to go very, very wrong... This box set collects the first three bestselling adventures of Cal Carver and the crew of the dread ship Shatner, by multi-award-winning author, Barry J. Hutchison: *Space Team*, *Space Team: The Wrath of Vajazzle*, *Space Team: The Search for Splurt*

Reviews for the Space Team series: "If you want something fun and adventurous to read to get you out of the everyday slog of normal, human life, then read this "space" book. You won't regret it, and you're guaranteed to laugh out loud." "I haven't laughed so hard at a science fiction book since, well, never! If all scifi were like this, everyone would be reading it!" "Move over Douglas Adams, Space Team is on your tail." "If you want to laugh out loud then be prepared to change your pants and put this one on your list." "I rarely give out five-star reviews for books - generally save those for life-changing reads- but I think Space Team, for what it aims to be, deserves the highest praise I can deliver." "This was the most fun I've had reading a book in a long time. If you're a fan of Douglas Adams or Terry Pratchett, just hit the Buy button." "Buy this book! You will NOT regret it! Laugh till you wet your pants!"

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Customer Reviews

(I'm writing the same review for all of the Space Team books, so that you don't miss my "testimony".) The Space Team books are a must read, so what are you waiting for...go read them. Humor + science fiction, what's not to like? Hutchison is a hilarious author, funnier than hell (well, that may not be saying much because, let's face it, everything is funnier than, you know, Hell). The adventures of Cal, Mech, Loren, Miz, and Splurt are TOTALLY BELIEVABLE, in a totally skeptical kind of way, which makes them predictably unpredictable. Giant spider-dragons (or is it dragon-spiders?), crooked president Sinclair, shape shifters (yeah, I'm talking about you, Splurt), and other assorted space creatures and space characters are all here. So, take it from me, a science fiction junkie, start reading the Space Team series and see what you've been missing.

As other reviewers have suggested, this series is a facsimile of Guardians of the Galaxy, with a few shades of Avatar. This is not serious SF; it's Mr. Hutchison's version of fantasy with a comedic SF twist, or maybe visa versa. Cal is a glib clone of Peter Quill, and, in fact, it would be easy to draw parallels between the whole Space Team characters and the Guardian team. I found Space Team to be an enjoyable series with likable characters, endless tongue in cheek humor, and a workable plot, albeit overly contrived. Cal has no filter and is unable to be serious which gets a little annoying after awhile, but I read all three books, one after the other, and perhaps overdosed a little. Guardian fans are likely to enjoy this series, but serious SF aficionados may find it too juvenile.

I enjoyed this book set enough that I have now read almost the entire series. If you liked Guardians of the Galaxy, you will enjoy this. It's very similar. We call it an homage. A smart a\$\$ human is abducted by aliens and thrown in with a rag tag group of criminally inclined misfits who end up saving the galaxy. The human is attracted to an alien of an unusual hue (this one is blue) and befriends a non-verbal but adorable differently-sentient entity that could only be visually rendered in CGI. Why do I like it? Well, it's very funny. Not at first, it starts a little slow in that the resident human really needs the contrasting aliens to truly come into his own, in terms of humor.

The story line is entertaining while ridiculously improbable. That's part of its charm. The subsequent books are enough of a departure from GOTG that the author won't get sued. Probably. I'm going to post this now and then order the next installment.

Cal just can't stop making totally wiseguy remarks while death is seconds away, Mech the mechanical cyborg who has been around a long time cringes every time Cal (who was kidnapped into space just two weeks ago by bad guys) has to endure Cal's plans to beat the evil doers with strategies so simple minded that they just might work, a wolf-woman with sharp teeth and an attitude who is a princess running away from her duty to marry and stop her penchant to create havoc, and a space flight school cadet who has only flown simulators but now must use her skills to fly her team out of danger as endless ships try to turn the pirate spacecraft Shatner (Cal was a huge Star Trek fan) into tin foil. That is, if she can only fly the Shatner out of the docking bay without tearing important components off the top and sides of the ship.... and stop the constant "complements" about her skills as a pilot from the crew. This is a laugh-out-loud space adventure you don't want to miss!

Comedic science fiction may not be for everybody, but Mr. Hutchison really makes it fun. These books are great light reading for scifi fans looking for something fun to read. The characters are quirky and likable. We have small-time conman with a heart of gold, Cal, nasty, hormone-laden wolfwoman Miz, deadpan cyborg Mech (dial him up), and finally Splurt.--what can you say about Splurt. If you like Guardians of the Galaxy, you'll love this crew. The books are quick reads and fun. Highly recommended.

Everything that the other reviewers are saying is true... this series is great. The characters are unique, funny, unpredictable and everything else I've always wanted to read about. I love how everything feels so fresh. The settings, the plot twists, the aliens. I just loved every bit of it. I got the first three books on a Book Bub sale but now I'm hooked and I'm going to pay full price (which I rarely do) for any other book this author is willing to write. What a find!

If you were a fan of the TV show *Psyche*, then this is a book set for you. A wise cracking central character surrounded by a team of straight men/women in space. Entertaining, but... Eventually though, just like *Psyche*, the strange behavior of the main character eventually starts to wear on you. Well it did me anyway. But, if you really liked *Psyche*, you will really like the Space Team.

Take Star Wars, Star Trek, and just about any other space movie / book and mix them all together. Add a few things from Earth, like Toby McGuire. And throw in some of the most off the wall, insane situations imaginable, and don't forget your sense of humor. And you get Space Team. You get three books in one with this one and worth every laugh. Sit down, buckle up and let the ride begin.

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