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The Merchant Wars Series takes place in the Reptilian Conglomerate Empire where they take their "business" very seriously. This is where the phrase "Cut throat business" comes from... they take it literally.

This is a story about a lowly snake lady merchant named Evella Noctu who discovers she has some unusual abilities that may take her merchant group to the top of the corporate ladder. In a society where assassination's are considered the norm to move up in rank. she has her work cut out for her. Along the way, there are alliances, betrayal, slavery, pirates, telepaths, sorcery and of course Space Dragons.

"There will be no such thing as lesser evils because they will all be vanquished by the greatest evil... ME," Evella Noctu.

This is one of many series that takes place in the Galaxy of Empires Universe.

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Jay G says

Want to see more bookish things from me? Check out my YouTube channel:
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Eve Noctu is a half-breed snake lady merchant in the Reptilian Conglomerate Empire. She has telekinetic abilities which make her extremely powerful. She has no hesitation in using her powers for evil, especially when a war is being called on her ship.

NOPE. This book is just a giant NOPE for me. It started off fine... and then characters names started being changed...the 'R' word was being thrown around....there were so many grammatical and spelling errors it made my head hurt. It felt like the author had way to many ideas in his head and decided to attempt to throw them all into one book. There were at least 7 different random species... Cat people, snake people, wolf people, humans, arachnids, pirates, vampires... I mean... I'm sure there would have been more thrown in there if the author could have. Overall, nothing really occurred in the book, no plot or character development happened. I did not like this book AT ALL.

Heather Bridson says

Ok, this is a very short little book, and that is a good thing. I think sometimes an author has such a big story in their heads that they try to rush and get all the main points into the story, but miss the character development and miss setting up the world because it is already bright and amazing in their minds, so they miss setting them up for the readers. I love the idea of this story, and the world it is set in. This could be written into a lovely space opera, or even a wonderful fantasy series, it just needs more development on the part of the author.

I did love the idea of the various characters, their species, telepaths and the space pirates. This being the first in the series just needs more proofreading for all the errors, and more development by the author, but the idea is a good one, and I'm looking forward to seeing other works of this author in the future.

Staci says

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Maybe it's just that this book is not really my style but I couldn't even finish it, I didn't even solidly get into it. The writing style is both overly expository and yet it feels like you need to have read something else set in this universe to fully understand it. Actually, it feels sort of like a novelization of a computer game but the synopsis on the back suggest that there are other books set in this universe. The book could use a more

diligent editing eye but even then it would only be really good for someone who like really science-fictions scifi.

Scott Haraburda says

This book was a short read that really didn't have an ending. It had a good start at a meaningful and interesting plot, but the dialogue and the typical modern-day bantering between adolescents made it difficult to believe in the characters. As such, I personally did not enjoy reading the book.

I won this book on Goodreads.

David Duncan says

Galaxy Of Empires, Merchant Wars Episode#1, by Bruce Marcom, is my one hundred and thirty books that I have received and read from Goodreads. This is a short story. I think the author did a good job with the storyline. The idea's of the story is really great, I just wished that the author would expand more on some of the characters and details in the story.

I am looking forward to seeing the next book in this series. This book I feel can be read by anyone.

John says

Very interesting and quick read that packs a lot into less than 100 pages. I won this great book on GoodReads and like I do with most my wins I will be paying it forward by giving it to a friend to enjoy before I add my autographed copy to my library.

gembooknook Geramie Kate Barker says

Won this Through Goodreads First Read.

I'm not really sure what to say about this book. It took me a bit to get into. I found it a little boring. I'm not sure if it was too many things happening without enough back story or just too much sci fi..

Callie says

Great novella! some typos but otherwise good storyline. cant wait for the second episode!

George says

Villains VS Villains book. Don't expect a hero to show up. This is about an evil society where corruption

runs rampant. Space Opera with many different races. I liked because it was different, but the cruelty in this book isn't for the faint of heart, children or people expecting a hero to save the day or a happy ending.

NarniaGirl says

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By page 4 I knew I wasn't going to enjoy this. When the central character is unlikeable and devoid of any kind of empathy or sympathy it's going to be hard to maintain a pull for the reader. In fact I couldn't find any interesting characters. There are a lot of ideas here but it's too rushed, and eventually I gave up after flicking through to see if it got any better. It didn't.

Anne Martin says

The blurb tells you about the story to discover. Science fiction like in epic adventure, a world where almost anything is possible through the power of magic, telepathy, and a total lack of sympathy for anyone. Without any feelings, you can create a society where murder is usual, cruelty is the main rule and money the lord to adore.

What I don't get is why...the characters are horrible, just evil. It's too nasty for teenagers. What is the intended public? Who wants to read about a society without rules seen from the side of the ones who profit from it? It is like reading about the wild West through the eyes of the outlaws. What a wonderful place where you may steal and kill to your heart's content!

I don't like violence, nor cruelty. Thus, it is impossible for me to like this book.

And it is sad, because you find some funny pieces. But to accept the murder of a captain because he gave food to starving people is too much. To read about his baby son fed to a dragon and his wife sold to sexual slavery... and what? smile? It is not acceptable.

Yes, Eve and her daughters may be quirky and amusing, as long as you never meet them.

The editing has to be finished, but the inhumanity of the book disgusted me. It felt like a video game, the violent kind I do not like. I finished it though, the daughters almost made me smile until they got hungry... Do not give to kids!

Cindy says

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GRAMMAR, I cannot read a book with poor grammar

Irene says

"There will be no such thing as lesser evils because they will all be vanquished by the greatest evil... ME," - Evella Noctu

This is a story about a snake-woman merchant in the Reptilian Conglomerate Empire. She has strong telepathic abilities which she uses to dispatch of her enemies, a handy skill when assassination is a commonplace method to move up the corporate ladder.

This is only one book set in a far wider ‘universe’. It is short enough for a quick escapist read, and if you can ignore some minor grammar errors it is very enjoyable. I did think a couple of sections felt a bit rushed, as if the author put the basic idea down and missed expanding them on a rewrite.

Most of the characters are very bloodthirsty and cruel ... but I would guess in a cut-throat reptilian world that could be normal. I would be interested in reading other ‘races’ in the authors universe to see if this is his character style, or the nature he has decided for this race alone.

Tim says

A great bit of escapism and short enough for a quick, indulgent read.

Obviously Merchant Wars is the first instalment of a story taking place in the much bigger arena of the Galaxy of Empires so there is a lot of scope for expansion and cross over stories.

I felt very strongly that I was just getting to know some of the characters by the end of the book so I would definitely be tempted to pick up the next instalment.

My only moan is that, as is to often the case with self published books, there is a lack of proof reading and grammar checking and the actual printing is sloppy (wrongly numbered pages). These things are an unnecessary annoyance and detract from the authors creative arts.

I received my copy free via Goodreads giveaways

Mike Siedschlag says

I actually won this book in 2015. I'm not sure why my review never posted. Here it is from back then.

I won a print copy of Galaxy of Empires: Merchant Wars Episode One in a Goodreads Firstreads Giveaway.

This is part of a series of Galaxy of Empires books. A little research showed several different titles, and more than one series under the Galaxy umbrella.

It was an interesting story set in space involving competing merchants, shady governmental(?) entities, and omnipotent beings.

There are some editing problems which I have shared with the author so I won't spend too much time on them here, hopefully the author will take heed. Suffice to say there are some errors, most disturbing to me, names changing by the end of the story.

The story line itself was interesting enough to carry a series. This entry is 72 pages. If that is the format for the series, it could work well. Lots of action, and intrigue. Space opera fans will probably find a lot to like here. Enjoy!

