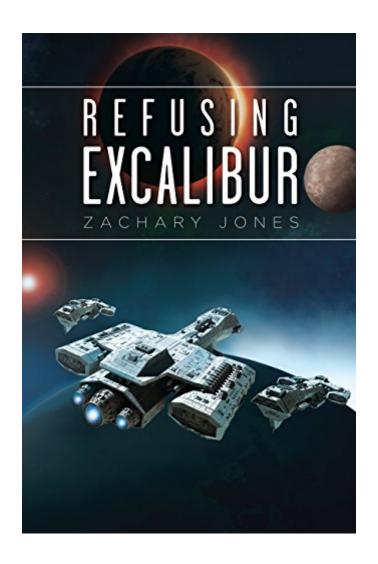
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The First Civilization collapsed without cause and without warning a thousand years ago, leaving behind a galaxy at war as would-be galactic empires attempt to rebuild the First Civilization in their own image. Victor Selan fought one of those empires and lost. Abandoned after the defeat of his homeworld, Victor is rescued by the Old Man, an enigmatic figure in possession of the a fully operational First Civilization starship. A starship that the Old Man wants Victor to command. All he has to do in return is agree to reunify the Galaxy.

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Customer Reviews

Victor Selan if a happily married man and father of a 5 year old who is the delighted owner of an action figure that sounds a lot like Buzz Lightyear in its description but is called Guardian (there is a point to this, hang on and keep reading). He lives on a planet called Savannah and lives an idyllic life on his family winery estate. The hiccup in his life of that he is the captain of a spaceship, his planet has been at war with a planet named Lysander (not real original, but at least we can pronounce the names), and his father is an admiral.Lysander's emperor, Magnus Lacano, gets the

upper hand in the war and destroys all of Savannah's "navy" everyone dies except Victor who is captured and made to watch the complete destruction of his home world. It's really a pretty well written scene. Victor becomes a cold-blooded mercenary who works for the high councillor: Holace Quill. It's a very lucrative occupation. Victor's one proviso is that he gets the opportunity to kill Emperor Lucano. So far so good. Victor gets insanely rich and collects a motley crew. They save prisoners from a pirate den. Adventure after adventure. Grieving, angry, bitter widower/mercenary/captain who is sleeping with his pilot. Note between the tragedy and the mercenary-after Magnus throws him in a lifepod and casts him into space, Victor is somehow rescued by a hologram referred to only as the "old man". Old Man tries to convince Victor to take charge of a ship named *Excalibur* (yes like the sword) and save the galaxy. Victor, still to raw from watching his world-macro & micro-destroyed, says no way and wakes up on the planet Mustang. Back to mercenary and adventure-adventure. We're doing good but wondering when Old Man comes back. He has to, right? This are getting tense.

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