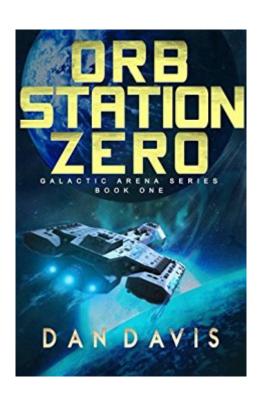
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# Orb Station Zero (Galactic Arena Series Book 1)





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Rama Seti didn't exactly volunteer. His head was cut off and grafted onto the body of an 8ft tall, genetically engineered super soldier and then blasted into the outer Sol System. After all, someone has to battle the giant alien warrior and decide the fate of humanity. It appeared beyond the orbit of Neptune. An alien space station, a threat to the system and a gateway to the galactic wormhole network. For a century, humanity has sent a champion to fight for our future. Every one of our finest heroes was torn to shreds. This is our final chance. First, Rama must survive four billion miles in the UNOPS Victory, training with the deadliest genetically engineered Marines, soldiers, fighters and killers the world has ever known. And each of them means to be the savior of humanity. If you enjoyed Ender's Game, Starship Troopers and Old Man's War, you'll love Orb Station Zero, the first in a new military science fiction series.

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The UNOPS Victory is decelerating towards an alien space station and on the ship a man wakes up (Rama Seti - a reference to Arthur C Clarke, I believe). His head has been grafted onto the body of

a gargantuan warrior and he is told that his life is over and he has to fight for the survival of humanity. That's a shocking premise in itself, a blast of dramatic obligation that works on the subconscious of a sci-fi fan like me, and the plot gets its teeth into the reader and doesn't let go until the end. Memorable scenes abound in this raucous tale, with the trials of Seti tantalising the reader before gratifying us with vivid moments of awesome personal victory. If shredded skin and shattered bones disturb you, consider avoiding this (and don't immediately turn to the same author's vampire series...). Besides the sanguinary scenes throughout, the climax is a feast of detailed, horrific bodily damage given and received in gratuitous measure. The story delves deep through the psychology of becoming fully self-actualised, entreating a quasi-Nietzschean joy in the flourishing of strength and ability. The doubts and fears of Seti are put to the saw. What emerges from his ordeal is something thrilling and mighty. The biological science is not profoundly detailed; instead it was plausible without serving as any drag on the story-telling. Harder sci-fi authors might learn something from that. I particularly enjoyed how Seti's hormones are controlled and how that affected his mental states and his thought patterns even, or perhaps especially, when he wasn't fully aware of it. This affords the story many delightful flourishes, seemingly throwaway lines that in fact show what people are really thinking.

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