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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The swashbuckling space settlers of Schroeder's fantastical novel (after 2005's *Lady of Mazes*) inhabit warring nation-states inside a planet-sized balloon called Virga. This adventure-filled tale of sword fights and naval battles stars young Hayden Griffin of the nation of Aerie, orphaned by an attack on the artificial sun that his parents tried to build. He grows up to seek vengeance against the man who led it, Adm. Chaison Fanning of the nation Slipstream. Getting close to Fanning, though, entails infiltrating the flagship *Rook* and interfering in the schemes of the admiral's wife, the devious Venera. Schroeder layers in scientific rationales for his air-filled, gravity-poor world—with its spinning cylinder towns and miles-long icebergs—but the real fun of this coming-of-age tale includes a pirate treasure hunt and grand scale naval invasions set in the cold, far reaches of space. (*Oct.*)

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With this book Schroeder launches a saga set on Virga, a balloon-world warmed by artificial suns. The inhabitants build, besides their own suns, floating towns. The spaces between the towns, lacking nearby suns, are wintry cold, and only a few pirates and the utterly desperate live on the towns' edges. Hayden Griffen is dead set on revenge for his parents' deaths in the destruction of his home, Aerie, by the nation of Slipstream six years before. Somewhat unexpectedly, after catching the attention of Venera Fanning and becoming her driver, Hayden is dispatched on a mission under Admiral Chaison Fanning, the man he believes responsible for his parents' demise, to find a vast treasure and, even more valuable, a key to the sun and the world outside, where posthumanity reigns. The satisfying opening of a promising space opera. *Regina Schroeder*
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Review

"We already knew that Karl Schroeder could do Kubrick. Now it turns out he can do Dumas as well. And more: not since Middle Earth have I encountered such an intense and palpable evocation of an alien world. *Sun of Suns* puts the world-building exercises of classic Niven to shame." -Peter Watts

"Mix in one part thrilling action, one part screaming-cool steampunk tech, and one part worldbuilding and you've got *Sun of Suns*. And oh, what worldbuilding! Schroeder is a master."

--Cory Doctorow, author of *Someone Comes to Town, Someone Leave Town* and co-editor of *Boing Boing*

"Karl Schroeder's SUN OF SUNS not only creates an even more unusual and evocative setting than his previous work, but is replete with adventures and turns, and characters that are anything but one-dimensional." --L.E. Modesitt, Jr.

"I loved it. It never slowed down. The background is fascinating and the characters held my attention. It reminded me a little of *The Integral Trees*, with technology a little more advanced." --Larry Niven on *Sun of Suns*

"Over the years, science-fiction has provided us with awesome environments, the best ones based on careful logic. There was Hal Clement's *Mission of Gravity* and Robert Forward's *Dragon's Egg*. Karl Schroeder's new novel is in a class with these masterpieces. The longer one ponders *Sun of Suns*, the less paradoxical--and the more intricately sensible--it comes to be." -Vernor Vinge

"*Sun of Suns* is a rip-roaring story full of marvellous images and cutting-edge ideas. Schroeder has the rare and invaluable ability to develop wholly new concepts and turn them into compelling narratives. The scientists are already studying Schroeder's ideas. Take him very seriously." --Stephen Baxter

"Karl has managed to have his cake and eat it [too]. . . .It's a satisfying story in itself, but raises enough questions for me to want to buy the next..."

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