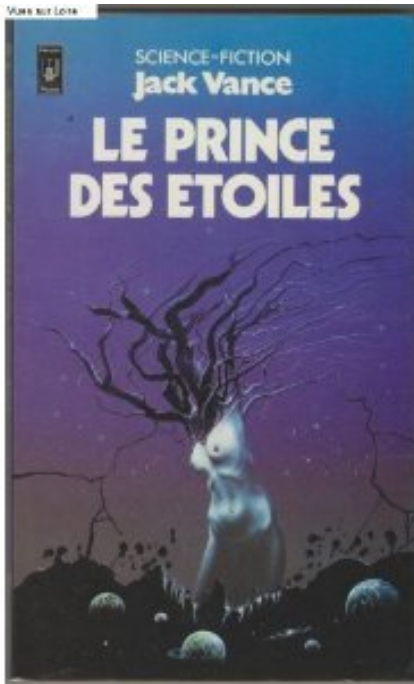

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Description

The first book in the 5 volume Demon Princes saga. The protagonist's parents were murdered by a posse of 5 galactic criminals, the "demon princes". He vows revenge, and eliminates them one by one. In the process Vance does what he excels at: creating strange worlds, environments, customs, and adaptations that humans have made to live in these conditions.

Insightful reviews

Nicolas: Bon, c'est un cycle de space opéra remonté des profondeurs historiques de la SF et du space-op, en un temps où, comment dire ? La SF n'avait pas encore besoin d'être très intelligente. Et les aventures de Kirth Gersen sont à ce titre exemplaires. Dans chacun des tomes de cette série, on le retrouvera en effet aux prises avec une espèce de chef mafieux, dont il a décidé de se venger car ceux-ci ont réduit toute sa famille, et même tout son peuple, en esclavage.

Dans ce premier tome, l'ennemi est extra-terrestre, trop fort pour être humain et tout à fait méchant. Mais ça n'est pas grave car le héros est un héros. Intelligent, motivé, entreprenant, et pas dénué d'une bonne dose de ruse (voire même de vice, dans certains cas). Alors bien sûr, tous les aficionados de [Vance](#) me le diront, et je suis prêt à le reconnaître, les décors sont dépeints avec beaucoup de talent. Hélas pour ces décors, l'intrigue est déjà trop faible dans ce premier tome pour remplir ces décors d'autre chose que d'ennui.

Il reste donc un bon vieux pulp, avec des rayons laser, des tenues bigarrées(1) et bien évidemment de jeunes et jolies ingénues, à peine bonne à faire tapisserie, dont le héros (dont on se demande s'il a déjà pris une femme dans ses bras) s'entiche systématiquement. Encore heureux que Vance n'ait pas eu l'audace d'en faire des traîtresses.

Bref, un peu comme [le seigneur des anneaux](#), c'est une lecture d'intérêt historique, sur laquelle le lecteur qui craint un minimum l'ennui ne devra surtout pas s'arrêter. Voire même le lecteur qui ne craint pas l'ennui, mais qui recherche la qualité.

(1) Et un peu ridicules avec les fraises et le fond de teint marron.

Derek: It's not like the Jack Vance novels that I'm used to seeing: Kirth Gersen has none of the usual wit and banter about him, and while he executes a roundabout path to vengeance, this path has little digression and is not a picaresque.

Pallis Atwode, his almost love interest, is badly handled as a character and serves as little more than a plot token. She undergoes a traumatizingly horrible experience at the hand of a villain, but snaps out of it later when the story demands an upbeat ending.

Sean: This was my first foray into Vance's sci-fi, and I really enjoyed the writing style, setting, protagonist, and relatively straight-forward plot. The beginning is pleasantly incomprehensible, but soon enough I was riding along in Gersen's revenge plot, which essentially boiled down to a

sufficiently-clued whodunnit by novel's end. I definitely used the dictionary feature of my Kindle: Vance's vocab was prodigious. My only qualm, besides a little light characterization of the single important female character attributable to the era in which the book was written, is that, late in the novel, three important characters were all but indistinguishable to me. And, really, distinguishing one from another was significant. Probably the fault of my inattentive reading more than the writing.

Ricardo Signes: It was once fine. i'll proceed studying the series, and wish that, as i've been told, it will get higher because it goes. It had its moments, yet for the main half it used to be a bit customary 1960's sci-fi. The Jack Vance taste was once beautiful evenly sprinkled on.

Kat Hooper: initially published AT delusion Literature. When he was once a child, Kirth Gersen's village used to be raided and massacred through the 5 Demon Princes. He and his grandfather escaped and, at his grandfather's encouragement, Kirth has spent his existence education and getting ready for revenge. Now it truly is time... Jack Vance's DEMON PRINCES saga comprises 5 brief technological know-how fiction novels which each and every inform the story of ways Kirth Gersen tracks down and offers with one of many evil males who killed his family. within the first installment, The superstar King, Kirth is seeking Attel Malagate, aka Malagate the Woe, who could be masquerading as a school academic. alongside the way, Kirth needs to get previous Malagate's henchmen, together with the memorable Hildemar Dasce, often referred to as good looks Dasce or Fancy Dasce: Into the corridor stepped the strangest man or woman of Gersen's experience. "And there," stated Teehalt with a ill titter, "you see attractiveness Dasce." Dasce used to be approximately six ft tall. His torso was once a tube, an identical gauge from knee to shoulder. His fingers have been skinny and long, terminating in nice bony wrists, huge, immense hands. His head was once additionally tall and round, with a ruff of pink hair, and a chin seeming nearly to leisure at the clavicle. Dasce had stained his neck and face shiny red, excepting in basic terms his cheeks, which have been balls of vibrant chalk-blue, like a couple of mildewed oranges. At a few level of his profession his nostril were cleft right into a pair of cartilaginous prongs, and his eyelids were minimize away; to moisten his corneas he wore nozzles hooked up to a tank of fluid which each and every few seconds discharged a movie of mist into his eyes. there has been additionally a couple of shutters, now raised, which can be reduced to hide his eyes from the light, and which have been painted to symbolize staring white and blue eyes just like Dasce's own. Yikes! Kirth Gersen is the kind of hero who used to be well known again within the Sixties while this sequence was once written: a unmarried unattached worldly guy who is smart and brave, yet simply a bit of extra smart and courageous than his enemies — a James-Bond-type hero. His enemies are James-Bondish, too (Beauty Dasce jogs my memory of Jaws from The secret agent Who enjoyed Me and Moonraker). In fact, those are the type of books that might make nice videos simply because they are short, the plot is tight, fast, and action-packed and there is lots of violence, yet it is not gory. there is even a little romance and mystery. But what units those tales above such a lot novels and films of this kind is Jack Vance's succinct, excellent prose and the scope of his energetic imagination. In his technological know-how fiction novels, he is obtained a complete fictional universe to paintings with and he makes the main of it, supplying us attention-grabbing and ever-changing vistas, races, and cultures.

Ivo Crnkovic-Rubsamen: megastar King is my favourite publication via Jack Vance so far. i have

cherished a few of his stuff a lot, yet celebrity King used to be particularly really good. I learn all of it in a single sitting, on a flight, which gave the e-book a feeling of momentum. What makes superstar King so stress-free begins with the impeccable craftsmanship of the most character. Vance imparts a feeling of utmost competence with none implausibility, and the nature portrait is well-developed but purposeful. As is sadly infrequent between a lot of the fiction i have read, the villains really discover the spectrum of human depravity in precisely how to evoke the right kind boring soreness within the readers heart. Even the minor characters are a excitement to imagine, Smade in particular. Often caliber of writing and caliber of rules can appear to be a zero-sum video game within the Sci-Fi genre, yet megastar King, like different masterworks, get away this. Vance brings a clean new Universe into his Demon Princes series, without problems inventing cultures and planets past counting. whereas there aren't any paradigm-shattering thoughts in megastar King, its universe has adequate new rules to supply fodder for far contemplation past and round the imperative plot of the book. celebrity King's place because the first of a five booklet sequence additionally evokes wish within the reader that every one those new horizons which are hinted at could be accurately explored. I don't need to write down an overly-intricate evaluation of superstar King, as i feel my opinion of the sequence and celebrity King itself will remain formed as i'm going during the different four Demon Princes books, so i'm going to simply say that Vance has set himself on a great course with the 1st of the series.

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