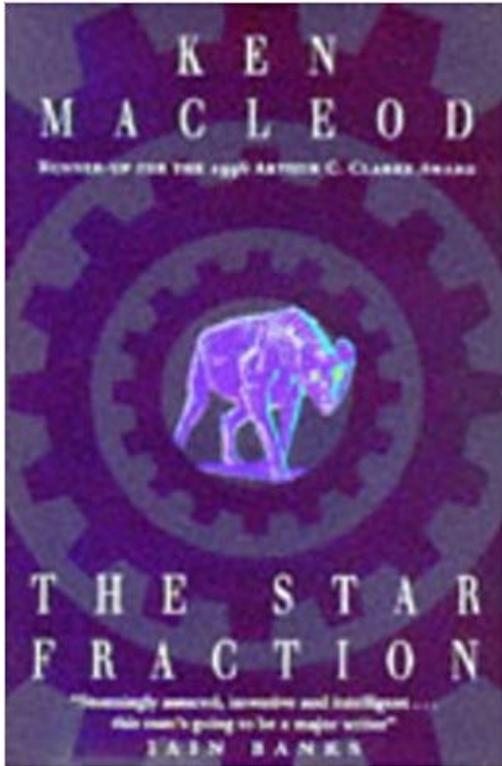


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## Reviews of the *Star Fraction* *by* Ken Macleod

HyderCraft

I believe that I originally found Ken Macleod's "Cosmonaut Keep" on the bookshelf at a store and found the description for it to be extraordinarily interesting. That being said, I decided to research and find out what the authors first book was. Upon discovering the Fall Revolution Sequence did not have to be read in any particular order, I decided to order and read the Star Fraction before the others, just to put my own sense of order to it.

Upon beginning this book, I found that a sense of order to the book itself was to some extent difficult to discern. Bear in mind that in several sequences I found the author's style to actually be very exciting and captivating, which lends to the idea that his later books will be very exciting. For a huge portion of the book though, I found his writing style to be somewhat cryptic, plodding and

convoluted in the set up of the action sequences. This book is replete with varying political and social views that at times will leave your head spinning as to which direction the book is taking you. Overall, this novel for me was a worthwhile read, just not overly compelling. At some point in time, after some further reflection, I will pick up the next book, "The Stone Canal" and read it. The conclusion to this one just doesn't compel me to do so at this time.

The premise: MINOR SPOILERS

This tome is about a dismal future of the early 2040's after a brief third world war, the US/UN has taken hegemony over a balkanized world. The Fall Revolution Sequence itself is an attempt to put an end to this new world order and reunify fragmented nations.

A key player in the Fall Revolution is an extremely interesting character by the name of Moh Kohn. His father Josh Kohn was the one who wrote many of the revolutionary programs that runs the computers of this society, which play a key part in the society. Moh Kohn himself is a security mercenary, living in a commune who believes in many of the communist ideas. Through chance, he meets with Janis Taine, who is a scientist working on memory enhancing drugs. This meeting is what basically begins the Fall Revolution. {ssintrepid}

Muniath

Enjoyed the storyline and the characters but felt that the mish mash of political ramblings got in the way. A greatly simplified political structure would have been stronger and much more enjoyable.

Drelalen

More of Macleods remarkable political SF writing. This is the first in the Fall Revolution series, the get-go of the tumultuous political strife of a near-future United Kingdom, that is not so united anymore.

Chilldweller

It was interesting seeing the development of what became the major factions in the later books. It feels much more disjointed and confusing than The Stone Canal or The Cassini Division, but it is nice seeing where the series began, as I started reading it on The Cassini Division

Uste

An enjoyable read that reminded me a little of Iain Banks although not quite as deep.

Brariel

I love the novels of Ken MacLeod, particularly his "Fall Revolution" series of which this is the first. This book sets the stage for three unforgettable novels. However, the copy I was shipped had a black marker stripe on the bottom and a scratch on the back dust cover.

sunrise bird

Intelligent SF, from a fine author. Engages effectively with important political issues of present and near future. Lots of action too, and well-drawn characters.

This novel, why mimicking finer cyberpunk fair, becomes overburdened with far-fetched unlikeable characters with an overly heightened political sensibility... Also, the story is muddled and overly contrived, an interesting idea poorly executed. In the end, the novel becomes tedious drudgery with little relief.

I sincerely hope the author's finer works are more refined and mature, but I think I'm throwing in the towel on Mr. McCleod.

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