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After Earth's demise, the last survivors have one goal: to contact any extant colonies left and warn them of a coming menace. Alien ships are arriving intent on the destruction of everything in their path. But then help arrives-from an unexpected and unwelcome source.

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David Thomas says

This book is in here twice under each author's name though they co-authored it.

Eero says

Megascaling (continued)

Survival is still a tough proposition for what is left of humanity. Sol system is wiped out, and all surviving colonies, having first received generous gifts of knowledge and unfathomable tech (including ftl ships) from the mysterious Spinners, now face destruction by the equally mysterious Starfish that follow the Spinners. However there are aliens that have adapted to living as scavengers in the same circumstances, and can be communicated with. Could an alliance save the orphans?

The scale of the canvas is staggering. Aside from the mystery of the plot there are interesting meditations on the nature of individual identity when minds can be copied and multiplied. The question I keep coming back to is how human are the engrams in the first place; is the Caryl from Sol, the closest thing to an original human in existence, a fragment of a group mind stuck in a single body, more human than Peter, a simulation put in an android body, and is Peter more human after his encounter with the Praxis.

If the heirs of humanity ever go to travel across interstellar distances, I bet they won't be sacks of meat, so these kinds of questions are interesting.

elidemelnibone says

L'auteur a résumé le 1er vol au début de ce 2ème vol. Mais il faut absolument lire le 1er vol avant celui-ci, ce serait dommage de s'en priver. Beaucoup d'idées : j'ai aimé les descriptions des vaisseaux-trous, les personnages et leurs questionnements, la rencontre réussie avec une race d'extra terrestre, la construction du livre et son écriture, je tremble pour l'humanité, et j'ai une grande envie de lire la suite.

Kerry says

Book #2 of the series and moves much faster than the first in many ways. Still many intriguing story lines and thoughts on what makes us human...or not. Pretty much a cliff hanger type ending so on to #3.
