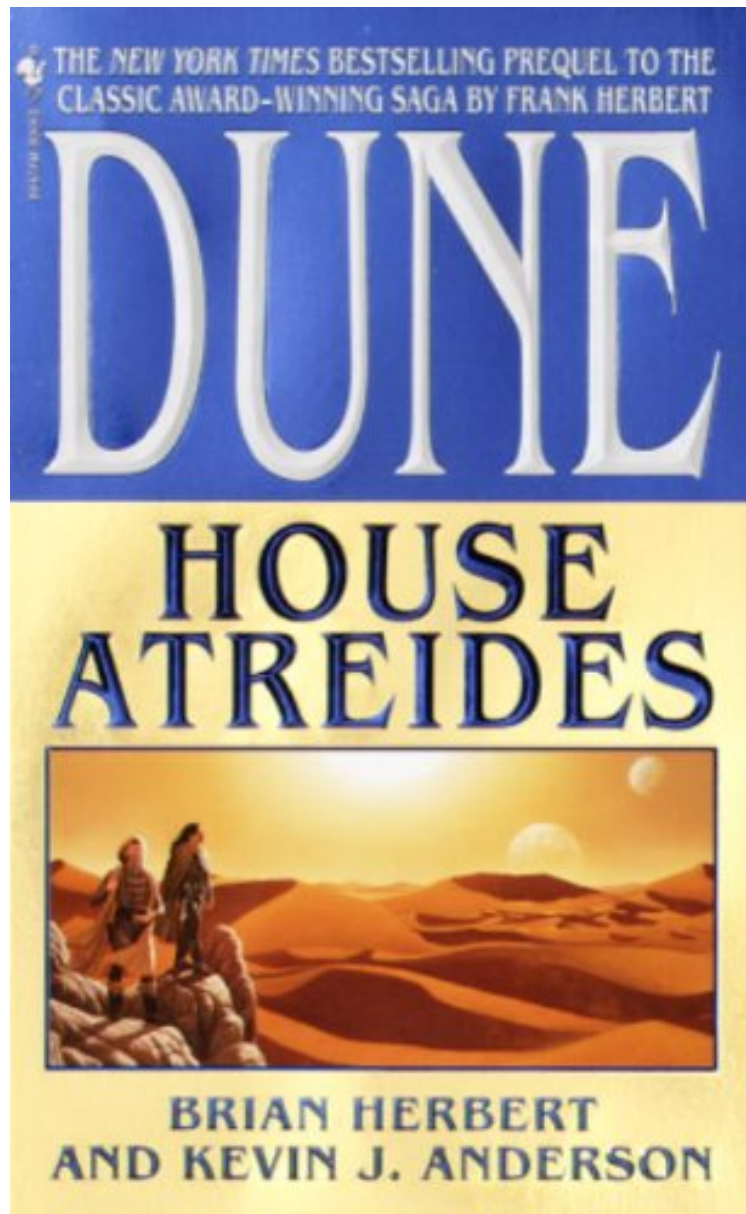


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Von Brian Herbert, Kevin J. Anderson : Dune: House Atreides (Prelude to Dune) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dune: House Atreides (Prelude to Dune):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Held to its own standard, a good book.Von Kindle CustomerIf you are new to this series (or, God forbid, if you've only seen

the movie) you will find to book to be a very good sci-fi example. The plot is surprisingly quick for any Herbert book, rather written by father or son. The characters develop quickly (though not overly deep); the lines between good and evil are very clear. There is not so much Dune jargon that it makes it difficult to understand. Most importantly, it can easily be read as a self-encapsulated novel. If you are an avid Dune fan, on the other hand, you WILL find this book disappointing. Not horribly so, but a mild distaste instead. For all the reasons that make it easy for a new person to read (quick plot, clear sides, fast development), you will find it lacking. Dune has always been about a world so real that it is palpable. This book falls short of that bar.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 'Herbert-Lite' Has It's Moments. Von MATTHEW BLACK Reasonably well written by two talented individuals, with some good ideas (but I wonder what F. Herbert would think). BUT: Unlike Herbert senior's ability to keep disparate plot threads fairly relevant and synchronized, this book is a bit muddled and disjointed and even plods in places. It's hard to see how they can keep a trilogy going at this pace. But with K.J. Anderson's experience with pace and action, that could change. Though Brian Herbert will have to ensure it remains a true collaboration and not let Anderson, with the best of intentions, create a Star Wars-like space opera set in a Frank Herbert universe. No, I'm not trying to pigeon hole KJA, but his style IS a distinctive one. Still, we should not expect these writers to create a 'Duncan Idaho-Herbert' clone. And the signs are favorable that they will not. I give the men a B-minus.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. On Balance, Very enjoyable. Von AnOldMan This new book from the universe of Dune is some of what I read in the negative reviews and some of what I read in the positive reviews. I am surprised at the number of reviews which dissect the story so ruthlessly. I enjoyed it, even with its flaws and I look forward to future efforts by these two authors. They are doing a competent job in expanding our view of the Dune universe. I will buy the next Dune book and the next, regardless of the nay-sayers and negative attitudes shown by those without the ability to "get into" the world of Dune.

Kurzbeschreibung THE EPIC PREQUEL TO DUNE "DUNE: HOUSE ATREIDES is a terrific prequel, but it is also a first-rate adventure on its own. Frank Herbert would surely be delighted and proud of this continuation of his vision." Dean Koontz Frank Herbert's Dune chronicles became an enduring classic and the most popular science fiction series of all time. Working from recently discovered files left by his father, Brian Herbert and best-selling novelist Kevin J. Anderson bring us Dune: House Atreides, the prequel, which captures all the complexity and grand themes of the original work while weaving a new tapestry of great passion and momentous destiny into a saga that expands the tale written by Frank Herbert more than thirty years ago. Complex, brilliant, and prophetic, Frank Herbert's award-winning Dune chronicles captured the imaginations of millions of readers worldwide and transformed their perception of what the future could be. By his death in 1986, Frank Herbert had completed six novels in the Dune series. But much of his vision vast, sprawling, and multilayered remained unwritten. Now, working from recently discovered files left by his father, Brian Herbert and bestselling novelist Kevin J. Anderson collaborate on a new novel, the first volume in the prequel to Dune where we step onto planet Arrakis...decades before Dune's hero, Paul Atreides, walks its sands. Beginning nearly four decades before Dune, House Atreides introduces pivotal characters, alliances, base treacheries, and bright hopes that form the foundation of Dune. On the planet Arrakis, an aging tyrant sits on the Golden Lion Throne and rules all of the known universe, while his son grows dangerously impatient for the crown. A quasi-religious order of black-robed women move their secret breeding program one momentous step closer to creating a god-child they call the Kwisatz Haderach. And a minor family among the nobility, House Atreides, chooses a course of honor that will bring it to destruction at the hands of its mortal enemy, House Harkonnen or take it to new heights of power. Here is the rich and complex world that Frank Herbert created in his classic series, in the time leading up to the momentous events of Dune. As Emperor Elrood's son Shaddam plots a subtle regicide, young Leto Atreides leaves his lush, water-rich planet for a year's education on the mechanized world of Ix; a planetologist named Pardot Kynes is dispatched by the Emperor to the desert planet Arrakis, or Dune, to discover the secrets of the addictive spice known as melange; and the eight-year-old slave Duncan Idaho is hunted by his cruel masters in a terrifying game from which he vows escape and vengeance. But none can envision the fate in store for them: one that will make them renegades and shapers of history. Covering the decade when Shaddam wins his throne, the teenager Leo Atreides becomes unexpectedly the ruler of House Atreides, and Pardot Kynes uncovers one of the planet Dune's greatest secrets, House Atreides stands next to Dune in its power and scope. While this new novel solves some of Dune's most baffling mysteries, it presents new puzzles springing from the sands where one day Paul Muad'Dib Atreides will walk. But now, in the years before Paul's birth, an unforgettable new epic begins. Fans of the Dune chronicles will relish the opportunity to return to the rich and exotic universe created by Frank Herbert, while new readers will be introduced to an incomparable imagination a future where the fate of the entire cosmos is at stake.

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