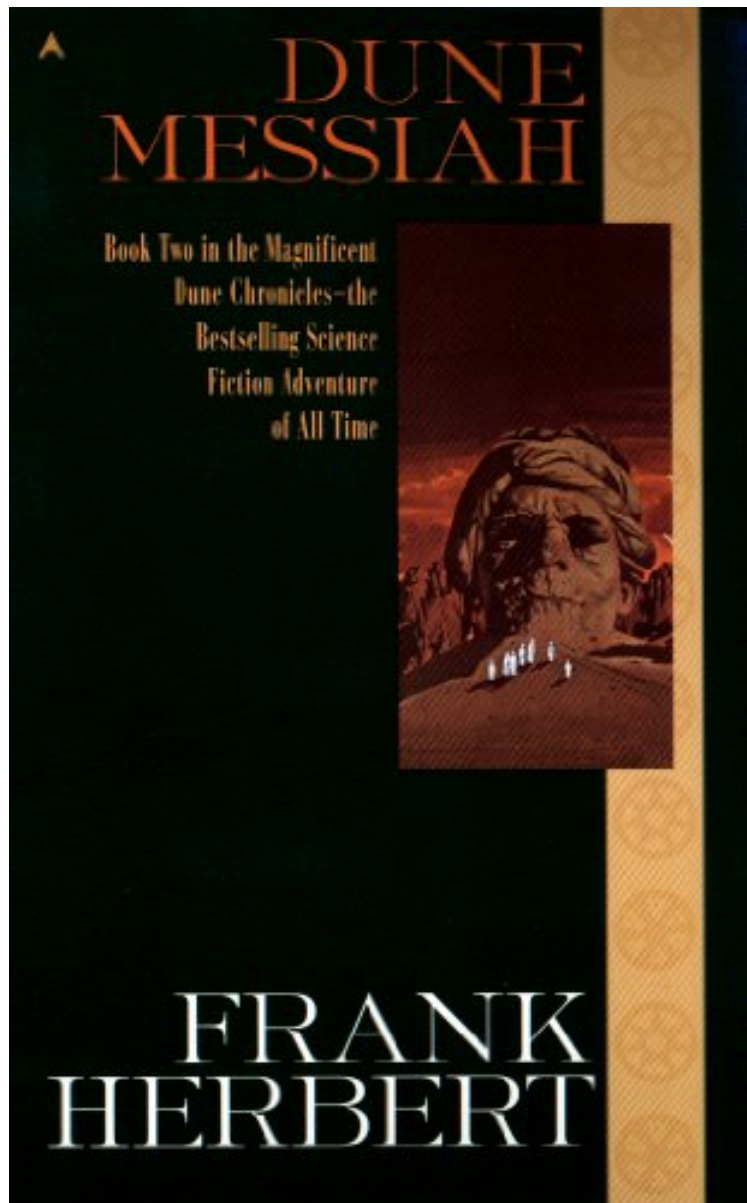


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Von Frank Herbert : Dune Messiah before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dune Messiah:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A brilliant and disturbing sequel to DuneVon CodenameThis book is the shortest of all the six in the series. And yet,

despite being less wordy, less worldly, less epic, it packs such a punch that I was left mentally reeling after the last chapter. Paul's almighty victory on Dune hasn't spawned the cosy future that we foresaw for him. His Fremen armies engage in intergalactic jihad; his own Fremen advisors are getting corrupt in all the wealth; all around are conspirators plotting his usurpment; and everywhere he looks with his prescient eye he sees dark nightmares of futures, one of which he must choose to realise. This book sees the introduction of a new brand of human organisation - the Bene Tleilax, a breed that meddle in genetics and boast their own tricks such as Face Dancers who can shift appearance and behaviour to trick the unwary. The story is compelling. You find yourself more and more drawn into the horror that unfolds. Again, Herbert has managed to make the book unpredictable at all times, leaving you gasping at one nasty occurrence after another. If you think you might go the whole way and read all six books in the series, then do read this book after Dune. If you don't think you'll manage all six books, it's perhaps best you don't venture beyond Dune, for this book leaves the universe in a sad state compared to the heroic victory at the end of the first tale.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Competent Sequel Von Adam Shah This is the second book of the Dune series by Frank Herbert. This book picks up soon after the end of the first book. Paul Maud'Dib Atreides, main character in the first book and now emperor of the galaxy, has to deal with the results of the jihad he reluctantly released on the galaxy as well as the threats to his power from within his own palace. This book is more introspective than the first book, lacking most of the action and focusing instead on the foibles of the various characters and Herbert's musings on religion and politics. This book makes even more clear than the first book that Paul is not actually a hero, but a flawed man trying to cope with the enormity of his own power and the terrible bloodshed that is being committed in his name. The book is an essay on the dangers of absolute power and of the combination of religious and political power. Dune Messiah is also a story of the danger of a ruler becoming disaffected from those closest to him. The greatest danger to Paul comes from his disaffected wife. Paul also cuts off his beloved concubine from his decision-making and instead chooses a course which leads him towards personal destruction to save the galaxy. Perhaps Herbert's real message here is that domestic bliss is the key to happiness even for the all-powerful. Although this book is interesting, it is mainly filler between the masterpiece of Dune and the very good Children of Dune.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A mere shadow of the magnificence that was Dune. Von Ein Kunde Unfortunately, Dune Messiah does not live up to Dune. Dune I gave five stars, however, this book does not go in depth about anything. It merely skims the top of everything and doesn't explain or explore as well as it could have, and should have. Dune Messiah attempts to build on Dune, the ultimate in sci-fi, and fails miserably. Instead of bettering the Dune story, it weakens it with bad plot twists that are nothing like that of Dune. I had trouble reading the end of this book because it starts out slow, and doesn't improve. It lags through the whole story whereas Dune the original glued you to the book. Finally, Messiah mocks the original Dune by weakening the structure with which Dune was created and the glory was originally born. So if you're looking to find the magic that Dune brought, don't read Massiha, it just doesn't live up to the name Dune.

Kurzbeschreibung Book Two in the Magnificent Dune Chronicle the Bestselling Science Fiction Adventure of All Time Dune Messiah continues the story of Paul Atreides, better known and feared as the man christened Muad'Dib. As Emperor of the Known Universe, he possesses more power than a single man was ever meant to wield. Worshipped as a religious icon by the fanatical Fremens, Paul faces the enmity of the political houses he displaced when he assumed the throne and a conspiracy conducted within his own sphere of influence. And even as House Atreides begins to crumble around him from the machinations of his enemies, the true threat to Paul comes to his lover, Chani, and the unborn heir to his family's dynasty...

From Publishers Weekly In 1965 Frank Herbert published Dune. After it was heralded as a masterpiece of science fiction, he wrote the briefer Dune Messiah in 1969, concentrating eponymously on Paul Atreides, and then, sensing the sales potential, added sequels. They were continued by his son, culminating in the just published finale, Sandworms of Dune. Now, 38 years after its publication, four narrators capture Dune Messiah on discs, while listeners, with no glossary, try to recall the meaning of its esoteric nomenclature. The audio gets off to a lively start as the book opens with nearly all conversation, playing up the camaraderie between the narrators who have partnered on several other readings of classic sci-fi novels. While the cast works well together, some of the male narrators emphasize a stately dullness. Kellgren, the sole feminine voice, supplies real emotion and a true sense of awe. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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