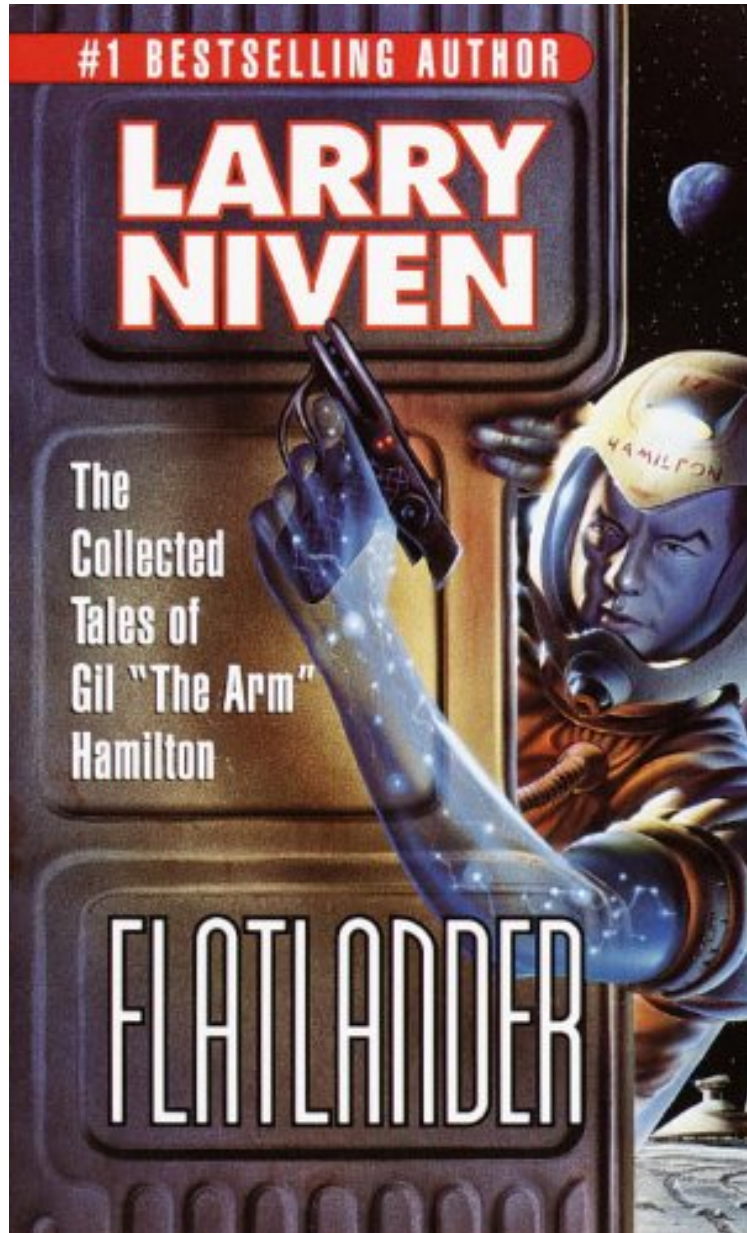


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Riddle Me ThisVon Ein KundeIf you love puzzle stories (I'm still not sure whether I do or not) then Niven's Gil Hamilton stories are a must. Each story about "Gil the Arm" (his nickname is a two-level pun based on his profession and an odd psychic ability) involves a crime where a unique technological development is integral to solving "whodunit". Niven carefully leaves enough clues for you to figure "who" and "how", if you're paying attention. He notes in the forward just why there aren't more stories like this -- they're NOT easy to write. But all the Hamilton stories are VERY easy to read -- enjoy0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Doesn't get any better than thisVon Michael BattagliaI really didn't have any clue that this book even existed until I went to find The Long ARM of Gil Hamilton, and discovered that not only did Flatlander have all the stories in the former book, but it had some new ones, too. So I bought Flatlander without hesitation and read it. And loved it. Actually, the only thing I found wrong with the book was the cover, which shows Gil missing his arm. In fact, not only is his imaginary arm his left arm, but he got his arm replaced before he joined the ARMs. Call me a completist, but I think Niven should have picked up on that and had them change it.But, the story. They are all mysteries, which is quite a departure for Niven, who normally deals with spaceships and stars and in that vein. Here, he shows his flexibility by combining the grand scope of his future history, with the personal side, showing Gil solve murders of friends, deal with touchy moral issues (should the frozen dead be assumed dead so they can go to the organ banks?), and through all of it having confidence in what he is doing, but not arrogance.We need more Gil the Arm stories. Actually, it would be fun to see if Gil and Beowulf Shaeffer could meet (I'm not sure if they existed at the same time chronologically, but Niven could make it happen). Either way, we need more. How about it, Mr. Niven?0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. SPACE GUMSHOE.Von C BallewThe short stories collected in this book represent Larry Niven's brief experiment to fuse science fiction with the format of a mystery/police procedural. The last two stories are pretty dull, because they deal with trivial issues. But the earlier stories are MUST READ works which seriously examine medical ethics which we will one day have to face. These stories depict a future in which the state of medicine is so advanced that human life can be indefinitely prolonged by organ transplants. This has led to the adoption of harsh criminal codes, whereby the smallest infraction can cost a person their lives. The value of fresh organs has also led to illegal 'organleggers' who murder people for their organs. This is a world that Niven has written entire books about, but it is no better realized than in these stories, which are truly chilling in their implications. You can't help but realize that we will have to face the moral dilemmas proposed in these stories one day. Will we pass the draconian laws imagined in these stories?

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