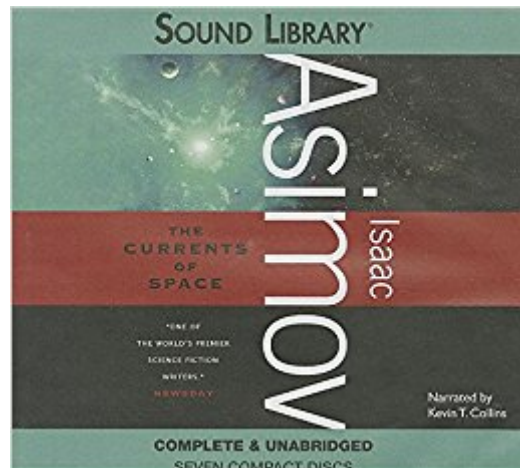


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Synopsis

High above the planet Florinia, the Squires of Sark live in unimaginable wealth and comfort. Down in the eternal spring of the planet, however, the native Florinians labor ceaselessly to produce the precious kyrt that brings prosperity to their Sarkite masters. Rebellion is unthinkable and impossible. Living among the workers of Florinia, Rik is a man without a memory or a past. He has been abducted and brainwashed. Barely able to speak or care for himself when he was found, Rik is widely regarded as a simpleton by the worker community where he lives. But as his memories begin to return, Rik finds himself driven by a cryptic message he is determined to deliver: everyone on Florinia is doomed ... the Currents of Space are bringing destruction. But if the planet is evacuated, the power of Sark will end--so some would finish the job and would kill the messenger. The fate of the galaxy hangs in the balance.

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Isaac Asimov (1920-1992) was born in the Soviet Union and came to the United States in 1923. He earned his PhD in chemistry in 1948, and in 1958 became a full-time writer. His writings include the Foundation Trilogy; I, Robot; Tomorrow's Children; and numerous works of nonfiction touching on a range of scientific topics. Among his accolades are six Hugo awards, a SFWA Grand Master Award, and high praise from such luminaries as Kurt Vonnegut, Arthur C. Clarke, and Gene Roddenberry.

Legendary author Isaac Asimov has written a tale full of murder and political intrigue along with some great science fiction. The Trantorian empire is closing in on its conquest of the galaxy. But, the planet Sark stands in the path of this conquest. Sark is an independent planet but, more important, is its sale of kyrt. Kyrt, a cotton-like substance, is the foundation of most of the materials in the galaxy and is only available from Sark. Sark doesn't produce kyrt by itself. Instead, kyrt is grown on the planet Florina. Sark uses the population of Florina as cheap slave labor to produce kyrt. Many have tried, but none have succeeded in growing kyrt anywhere but on Florina. These imitations are more like plain cotton and nowhere near the quality of kyrt. Due to this relationship, Sark has become extremely powerful and wealthy, while Florina has suffered under the rule of Sark. But, a man has entered the picture with information which could prove devastating to Sark, Florina, and Trantor. This man claims to have knowledge that Florina and its valuable supply of kyrt is in danger of being destroyed. This leads to an exciting story of murder, political maneuvering, and intrigue. I'm a big fan of science fiction, but this is only the 2nd Asimov novel that I've read, the other being the classic "Nightfall", which I also recommend. I thought this book was good, but I had some difficulty following the story. I thought Asimov introduced too many characters in such a short book, too. However, I did enjoy the story and I plan on reading "Pebble in the Sky" and "The Stars, Like Dust". Asimov is one of the masters of science fiction authors, and this book is a good choice for fans of science fiction.

I gave this to my grand-nephew as a gift and he said he loves it. He's very interested in space and

the universe and this book seems to have fulfilled some of those interests as well as provide him with some answers he was looking for,

Futuristic concepts to consider. A book that leads you into the rest of his series.

What I am enjoying most about reading these 60 year old stories is how things were viewed back then. The story is fun but the culture of the time is awesome. Great read

Re-reading Asimov is like re-discovering old friends. This fascinating, creative detective story remains one of my favorites from one of my favorite authors. Asimov-like hard-science fiction, such as that presented in "The Martian" movie, will always be my favorite.

and are reading this, STOP READING THIS AND ORDER THE BOOK. You obviously know who Isaac Asimov is. This is among his best. A used book is a used book, and are generally rated conservatively, and having bought MANY, they're never as bad as they're rated. But back to the matter at hand: Buy the book. That is all.

I read a lot of Asimov in my younger days, but somehow missed the "Galactic Empire" books. Enjoying reading "new" stories by one of my favorite sci-fi authors.

This early Isaac Asimov novel is set in the same "Universe" as Asimov's Foundation series, and is one of a group of early Asimov novels often referred to as the "Empire" series. It is set somewhat prior to the establishment of the Galactic Empire--Trantor's Republic consists of over one million star systems, and the Empire is now in sight, but there are still independent star systems and stellar groups that Trantor has not yet assimilated. This story is set on the planet Florina, which is harshly ruled by the nearby planet Sark. Florina, alone in the Galaxy, produces Kyrte, which is a fabric with fabulous qualities and which makes Florina the key to great wealth for its Sarkian overlords. No one knows why only Florina can produce Kyrte, and the reason for this contains the doom of Florina. More would be telling; no spoilers here. This is quite a serviceable story, which has aged well despite certain anachronisms. I first read it as a teenager, and after picking it up after a delay of nearly 35 years I still enjoyed the book. This is not always true when revisiting books one enjoyed as a youth. Asimov was a giant of science fiction, and with his passing it is good to see that his stories are being republished and that they will be available for future generations of readers. This

one is very recommended, and I rate it 3 stars only because so many of Asimov's other works are even better than this one.

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