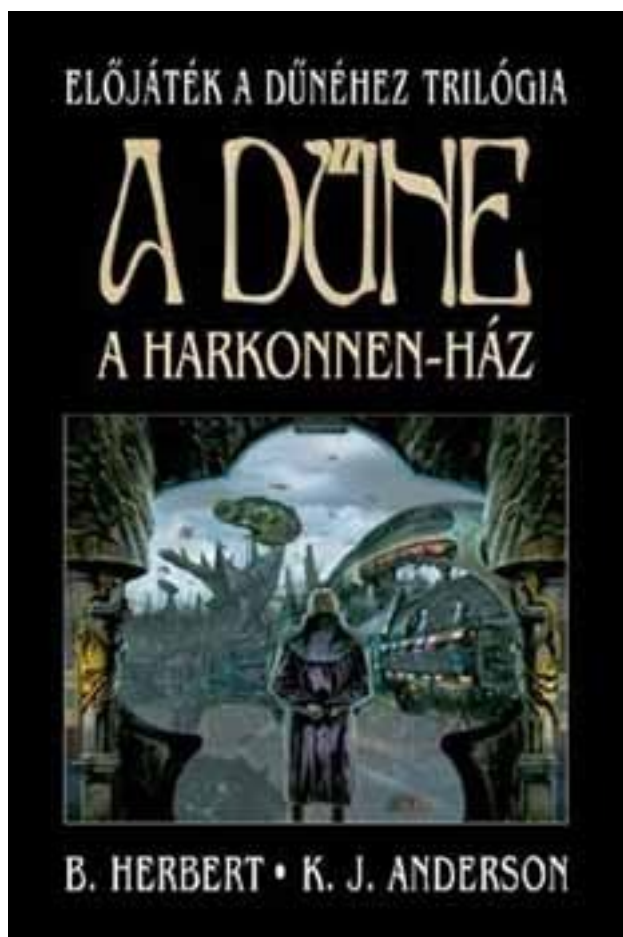

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Description

Don't even think about reading *House Harkonnen* without reading its predecessor *Dune: House Atreides*; anyone who does so risks sinking in the sands between Frank Herbert's original *Dune* and this prequel trilogy by Herbert's son, Brian, and Kevin J. Anderson. The purist argument that had Frank Herbert wanted to go backwards he would have done so is, at least in part, negated by the sheer narrative verve, and by the fact that Anderson and Brian Herbert manage to pull some genuine surprises out of this long-running space-opera. *House Harkonnen* is a massive book, and there are places where it becomes plot heavy, but in following the story of Duke Leto Atreides and the conflicts with House Harkonnen, the authors succeed in spinning a gripping adventure while going off in some unexpected directions. Anderson, who has written many successful Star Wars novels, has noted his particular admiration for *The Empire Strikes Back*, and his desire to emulate that film's dark take on the genre. In *House Harkonnen*, the conflict encompasses the tragedy of nuclear war, marked by grief and horror, vengeance and torment, and all while the complex intrigues continue to unfold. As one character puts it:

Everything has its cost. We pay to create our future, we pay for the mistakes of the past. We pay for every change we make--and we pay just as dearly if we refuse to change.

Ultimately this is the theme of a compelling game of consequences, choices, and responsibility, a study of Leto's growth into power and the price of politics and love. --Gary S. Dalkin, Amazon.co.uk

Insightful reviews

Clark Hallman: *Dune: House Harkonnen* is another excellent prequel to Frank Herbert's *Dune* series. It was co-written by Herbert's son and Kevin Anderson, who have collaborated on several other *Dune* prequels including *Dune House Atreides*. I really liked this one. It develops the total evilness of Baron Harkonnen and his nephew, Rabban. The Bene Gesserit enhance their involvement (and influence) in both House Atreides and House Harkonnen. Leto, who eventually will be Paul's father, has a son with his concubine, but tragedy ensues due to her jealousy over Leto's growing relationship with the Bene Gesserit, Jessica. Liet Kynes grows into a Freman freedom fighter on Arrakis and takes over his father's role as Planetologist. Duncan Idaho endures rigorous and life-threatening training on Ginaz to survive as a Swordmaster and Gurney Halleck fights as a smuggler to cause as many problems for the Emperor on Giedi Prime. There is much political intrigue and brutal action in this book.

D. B.: I got a hundred pages in before saying to myself, "What was I thinking?" Brian Herbert's half (what there was of it that was detectable; I severely suspect that the only reason his name is on the dust jacket was for marketing purposes) barely covers up the stink of Kevin Anderson's goopy, vapid, deliberate "prose."

Contrary to the reviewer's blurbs, this cash cow in the shape of a book is painfully contrived, insultingly predictable, and completely not in the spirit of *Dune*.

Dropped it like it was hot and didn't finish it. Why bother?

Brian: Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson are once again crouched over Frank Herbert's grave... and this time, they've been eating their fiber.

John Stickel: Absolute puke. I cannot besmirch this or any of the opposite Brian Herbert *Dune* bastardizations to any extent further than prior reviewers have done. I obtained a number of those books as presents and threw them within the trash after attempting to get during the first couple chapters. Do not waste your time.

Fritz: the whole "House" sequence is unreadable crap and an embarrassing exploitation of the author's father's name.

Athena : blood brother learn with Markus HARKONNEN SCUM!!!! Actual rating: 3.5 stars I need to now not fear. Worry is the mind-killer. Worry is the little dying that brings overall obliteration. This used to be once more one other relaxing read! After all this e-book had its faults (the therapy of Jessica) yet total it used to be time good spent. This Book=Tragedy The GoodThe development of the story.The Fremmen.Duke Leto AtreidesWarrick & Liet bromanceGurney Halleck Abulurd Harkonnen (The purely Harkonnen I will ever like)The SandwormsPrince Rhombur Vernius Dominic VerniusThe BadALL THE DEATHS!!The remedy of Jessica. (Did I dislike it!)The TleilaxuKaileaEmperor Shaddam (I don't love you)The UglyVladimir Harkonnen/The BaronGlassu Rabban Harkonnen/Rabban/The BeastFenring Rabban, Rabban, the blustering brute,No mind in his head yet rotten fruit.His muscles, his brawn make a pondering guy yawn.Without the Baron, he is destitute.

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