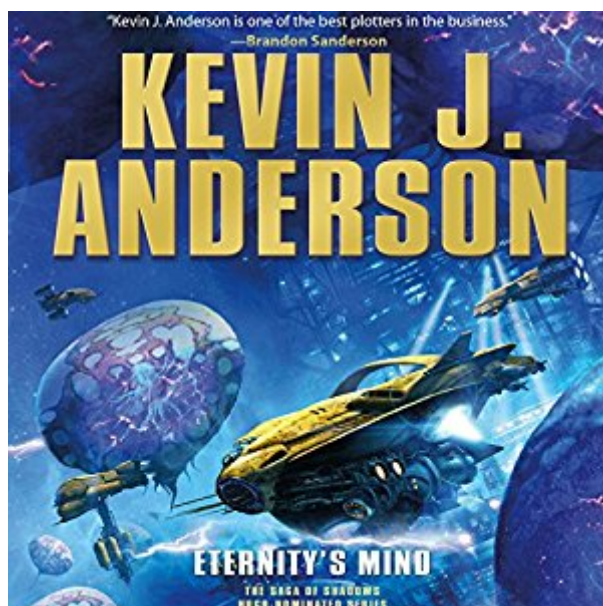


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Eternity's Mind: Saga Of Shadows, Book 3



Synopsis

Eternity's Mind is the climactic final book in Kevin J. Anderson's Saga of Shadows Trilogy, which began with the Hugo nominee *The Dark Between the Stars*. The Saga of Shadows, as well as its predecessor series, the internationally best-selling Saga of Seven, are among the grandest epic space operas published in this century. Two decades after the devastating Elemental War, which nearly destroyed the cosmos, the new Confederation restored peace and profitable commerce among the peoples and worlds of the Spiral Arm. The ambitious, innovative Roamers went back to their traditional business of harvesting the vital stardrive fuel *ekti* from the clouds of gas giant planets, and the telepathic green priests of Theroc provided instantaneous galaxy-wide communication via their connection to the powerful and sentient worldtrees. The alien Ildiran Empire rebuilt their grand Prism Palace under the light of their seven suns, and their Mage-Imperator declared a new age of expansion and discovery. But peace was not to last. The malevolent Klikiss robots soon found an ally in the ancient and near-omnipotent Shana Rei, destructive creatures who are the personification of darkness and chaos, awakened after millennia of slumber to destroy all sentient life in the universe. The Confederation and the Ildiran Empire fought in every way possible, but the Spiral Arm itself seemed doomed. All across the transportal network, space is tearing apart, and the links between the gateways are breaking down, the fabric of space unraveling. The worldtrees are dying, entire planets are englobed in impenetrable black barriers erected by the Shana Rei, and the murderous taint has infiltrated the Ildiran race as well as Mage-Imperator Jora'h himself. Desperate for stardrive fuel to power the military and all space travel, the industrialist Lee Iswander has been extracting *ekti* - the blood of the cosmos - from mysterious giant nodules found floating in empty space, draining these "bloaters" dry by the thousands. But in doing so, is he weakening the only ally that all of civilization may have against the Shana Rei? A breathtakingly large canvas with a huge cast of characters, Eternity's Mind is the grand finale of a story as complex as any science fiction epic you will ever read.

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Customer Reviews

I read all the Saga of the Seven Suns and following Shadow books and looked forward to the Shadows finale. What I didn't expect is the first half of the book to have stilted/sterotypical dialog and plot progression of a newer writer for the first half of the book. I almost quit reading...it got tedious. Luckily the second half of the book was Anderson's usual writing style and tighter plotting with some good twists. Another Dune book he co-wrote came out at the same time as this book and it makes me wonder if his energies were elsewhere. It has some value, if you want to finish out the series. But I really wish I had paid \$4.99 to download instead of \$14.99.

Eternity's mind is the final book in the trilogy sequel to Mr. Anderson's seven-volume Saga of the Seven Suns. This is unabashed space opera--an enormous, splashy epic of a gargantuan battle between the forces of good and evil. In the 7-volume original series, "good" and "evil" were represented by alliances of species, some of which were perfectly happy to eliminate every single life, other than their own, in the galaxy. In this second series, which ends with the current book, the forces of good and evil are not so clear--but may, in fact, be the fundamental "gods" of good and evil in the universe. Many of the characters in the first saga return, and many have key roles in this second series. There are grand battles stretching across star systems, and heroic deeds by many of the key characters. Will some of them die to save the galaxy, and will others survive? That isn't clear until the very end, which is spectacular and very satisfying. Kevin J. Anderson is a master of great space opera epics, and this final book of the second trilogy matches his best work in the original Saga of the Seven Suns the Hellhole trilogy with Brian Herbert.

Really enjoyed the Saga of the Seven Suns and The Saga of Shadows was another engaging foray into that world.

I loved this book. I can't wait to see what Anderson comes up with next.

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