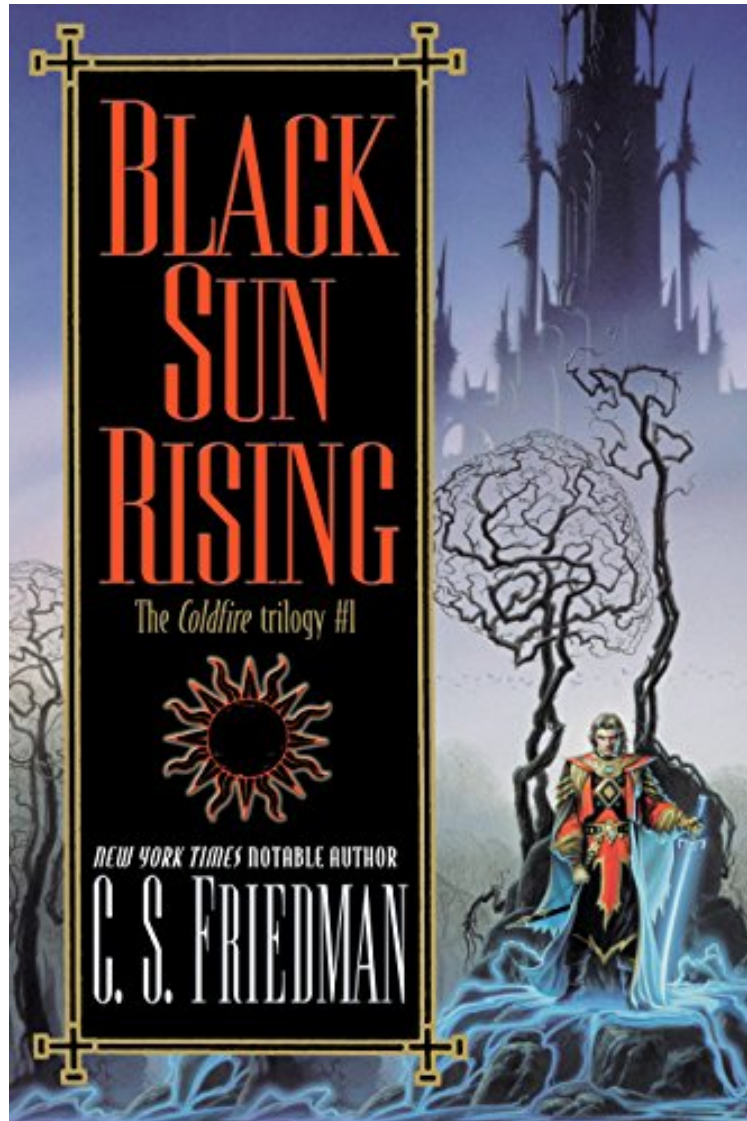


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**Von C.S. Friedman : Black Sun Rising: 1 (Coldfire)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Black Sun Rising: 1 (Coldfire):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Outstanding read!Von Ein KundeThis book, and the sequels that follow, weave a complicated tapestry of world where science has been forced to take a back seat to the power of man's imagination. A world where belief can all to easily become reality.Black Sun Rising introduces us to a Saint who has fallen to very depths of Hell, a Warrior-Priest who has seen too much outside of his faith, a woman to whom the Magic is as natural as breathing, and her partner, who

wishes it were true for him as well. Their journey together is as much about learning to trust each other (for this trust is NOT natural), as the quest itself. They must confront their fears, overcome their weaknesses, and rely on those whom they have always thought their enemy. The characters in this book are complex individuals, and show an originality of development that places this book, as well as the series, above others in the genre. Their motivations, ambitions, fears and flaws all flow together into a believable whole that give the book a complexity and diversity.

4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Much more right than wrong--Von Patrick J. Callahan

Generally, I really enjoyed this novel. The plot moves smartly, and -- as in many virtual world novels -- one journeys through many landscapes and settings with the characters. I enjoyed the blend of "sword and sorcery" with science fiction. The evil smells like real evil, and evil is so powerful that sympathetic characters like Damien and Ciani are almost overwhelmed with it. In fact, it is almost unbelievable luck that they survive-- or is it a kind of divine providence-- a deeper justice working behind the daily events? Perhaps the most electrifying aspect of the novel is the "devil's bargain" where Damien is going against insuperable odds, and finally decides he must have the assistance of the world's most powerful sorcerer-- the "cursed" Gerald Tarrant. Gerald is an epitome of evil-- and has sealed a hell's bargain for the gift of immortality. He is honor-bound to assist Ciani and Damien on their quest, and yet his evil is so manifest it begins to corrupt Damien on the journey. Damien himself realizes he has made his own "devil's bargain." He has enlisted the help of the evil wizard at the jeopardy of his own soul. What's worse, Damien is a warrior priest, and his fidelity to his religion is the very basis of his self-image and even his magical powers. The evil is evil-- very very-- and you will find yourself drawn through this novel. You will burn the midnight oil until late, and be bleary-eyed at work. But it is a great read!

4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. just incredible

Von Marion\_A

What is there to say? This book has elements of classic fantasy as much as parts of science fiction, and I think, just a touch of fairy tale. I think all kinds of reader should be able to enjoy this one. It contains only few main characters and not many minor ones. Don't mistake that for simple, though. The people are very well developed, and they are deeper than most written characters are. All of them have their strengths and weaknesses, and they are put before a background story that is easy to imagine reality. Best done, in my opinion, is probably Gerald Tarrant, the Hunter. He is the founder of the Church, but sold his humanity to live forever. He feeds on human fear. Please note that he is NOT the evil one in this book, at least if you put common measure on it. On the other hand, common measures would undervalue this book by far. It is seldom that a book is from first to last page as good as this. And I really read a lot. I should know. Read this book, please. If you don't like it, blame it on me. (I can say this without fear, because you will like it)

**Kurzbeschreibung**

Over a millennium ago, Erna, a seismically active yet beautiful world was settled by colonists from far-distant Earth. But the seemingly habitable planet was fraught with perils no one could have foretold. The colonists found themselves caught in a desperate battle for survival against the fae, a terrifying natural force with the power to prey upon the human mind itself, drawing forth a person's worst nightmare images or most treasured dreams and indiscriminately giving them life. Twelve centuries after fate first stranded the colonists on Erna, mankind has achieved an uneasy stalemate, and human sorcerers manipulate the fae for their own profit, little realizing that demonic forces which feed upon such efforts are rapidly gaining in strength. Now, as the hordes of the dark fae multiply, four people-- Priest, Adept, Apprentice, and Sorcerer-- are about to be drawn inexorably together for a mission which will force them to confront an evil beyond their imagining, in a conflict which will put not only their own lives but the very fate of humankind in jeopardy.

From the Trade Paperback edition.

From Library Journal

For over a thousand years, the colonists of the planet Erna have struggled to gain control over a land prone to seismic instability and infused with a wild, near-sentient natural force known as "the fae." While sorcerers and adepts manipulate the dark and light sides of this power, the Church maintains its stance in opposition to its use. As the dark side of the fae grows in strength, feeding off the nightmares and greed of the minds that are drawn to it, four individuals form an unwilling alliance to battle the source of evil.

Friedman ( *In Conquest Born* , DAW, dist. by NAL, 1978; *The Madness Season* , DAW, dist. by NAL, 1990) has produced a splendid hybrid of sf and fantasy in this first volume of a trilogy. Hauntingly memorable protagonists, high drama, and vivid world-building mark the beginning of what promises to be a magnum opus of the imagination. A priority purchase for fantasy or sf collections.

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Praise for the Coldfire trilogy: "Stunning.... A feast for those who like their fantasies dark, and as emotionally heady as a rich, red wine." *Locus* "Readers will be enthralled." *Publishers Weekly* "The creative genius of C. S. Friedman burns brightly with the publication of her stunning new novel, blending elements of science fiction and fantasy into an extraordinary reading experience." *Rave s* "Complex and compelling ... The richly detailed setting and strong supporting characters give substance to a tale that explores the consequences of embracing evil in hopes of achieving its redemption. A priority purchase." *Library Journal* "Some of the best writing I have seen in quite a while, and the ending is excellent. Buy this one. Don't wait for it to come out in paperback. Very highly recommended." *Science Fiction* "A good mystery wrapped in an adventure story and set against an original and often

fascinating background."Science Fiction Chronicle"Epic fantasy with a keen, dark edge ... shows off Friedman's gifts of craft and authorial insight."South Bend Tribune"Words do not suffice to describe the sheer imaginative genius, not to mention incredible power, of Ms. Friedman's formidable storytelling gift; you simply have to experience it."Romantic Times"Hard to put down." Midwest Book