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Von Greg Egan

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Von Greg Egan : Luminous (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Luminous (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sehr gute "harte" Science-Fiction KurzgeschichtenVon Andreas HrstemeierGreg Egan ist fr mich einer der besten SF-Autoren, der sogenannte harte SF schreibt, also das "Science" in SF durchaus ernstnimmt. Anders als bei seinen

Romanen wie "Quarantne" oder "Teranesia", die immer nur ein Thema haben, zeigt Egan in seinen Kurzgeschichten sein ganzes Themenspektrum - von Gentechnik in "Chaff" oder "Cocoon", Physik und Biologie in "Mitochondial Eve", Neurologie in "Mister Volition" und "Reasons to be Cheerful", Mathematik in "Luminous", eine Krimistory "Our Lady of Chernobyl", Virologie und Virtual Reality in "Silver Fire" und natrlich auch seinem Lieblingsthema Knstliche Intelligenz in "Transition Dreams" und "The Planck Dive". Insgesamt 10 Kurzgeschichten, alle sehr gut mit interessanten Ideen, zum Teil wirklich spanned, und immer nahe genug an den wissenschaftlichen Realitten, so da sie immer glaubhaft bleiben.

KurzbeschreibungLUMINOUS collects together one original story plus nine previously unpublished in book form. Greg Egan's short fiction is at the cutting edge of the genre. His stories range from near future predictions to far future, far space improvisations. His grasp of the latest scientific breakthroughs is unparalleled in science fiction. The stories include 'Transition Dreams', 'Cocoon', 'Our Lady of Chernobyl', the title story 'Luminous' and 'The Planck Drive'. Egan's particular interests range from the farther shores of chaos theory and black hole science to bio-technology and cloning..deGreg Egan is an Australian with a worldwide perspective--seven of the ten stories in this fine and thoughtful collection appeared in Britain's premier SF magazine Interzone and the rest in America's Asimov's SF Magazine. In a time when it's frequently claimed that SF holds no more surprises Egan casts a coldly innovative eye on old themes like the problem of consciousness: where in the human brain's intricate mess does the "I" actually live? He delivers shocking body-blows to received ideas in thought- experiment stories that like Jorge Luis Borges's philosophical squibs are booby- trapped with terrible truths and paradoxes. Standouts here include the title piece where a supercomputer built from pure light explores a defect in known mathematics that could smash not only the theoretical but the physical universe; "Silver Fire", an unspeakably bleak examination of our need for superstition, however irrational; "Reasons To Be Cheerful", exploring with chilling logic the implications of the likelihood that human emotions are "only" chemical states; "Cocoon", testing liberal sentiments to destruction with a biotechnology that might let parents choose only heterosexual kids; and "The Planck Dive", a one-way trip into a black hole that makes most previous SF versions of this ultimate bungee-jump seem naive. Egan's visions of the future glow with gloomy intellectual fire. Luminous indeed. --David LangfordWerbetextA stunning collection of ground-breaking sf stories from a master of the genre