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**Harry Harrison**

**A Stainless Steel Trio (Stainless Steel Rat (Chronological Order) #1-3)**

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## Description

Beloved intergalactic rogue Stainless Steel Rat aka Slippery Jim DiGriz had to start his criminal life and training somewhere. Here the multi-talented expert in karate and fast-change fast-talk artist narrates three great exploits. *A Stainless Steel Rat Is Born* describes how the lad graduates from Bit O'Heaven porcuswine farm to jail, finds and rescues a mentor, stowaways to slavery, then helps interplanetary League Navy Captain Varod defeat medieval Capos. Conscripted again in *The Stainless Steel Rat Gets Drafted*, he tries to help a planet of peace, inspired by the philosophy of logical robot Mark Forer IV, defend against the invading army, led by the sadistic killer of his mentor, The Bishop. In *The Stainless Steel Rat Sings the Blues*, Jim, disguised as a futuristic rock-and-roller, must retrieve a missing alien artifact or lose his life.

## Insightful reviews

Julie: I enjoyed this book quite a lot. I also like that I can recommend it to my nephew. I find Jim to be a pretty likeable protagonist for a criminal...

John Hester: Awesome first person stories.

Rich: The Stainless Steel Rat #5

Christian Schwoerke: I learn one or of Harry Harrison's novels within the 60s and early 70s, and that i bear in mind them being humorous, a little anarchic, a section tongue in cheek, and irreverent, attributes in technological know-how fiction that have been briefly offer in that era, yet attributes which completely synched up with the period's anti-establishment, anti-authoritarian mood. Alas, I had learn no stainless-steel Rat novels at that time. After Jane Smiley's *The Greenlanders*—a booklet of incomparable intensity of emotion and scope—I sought a respite from its grimness in what I expected may be the easier world(s) of the flippant SSR. i used to be now not disappointed, and that i whizzed throughout the 3 novels that compose this quantity in brief order, relishing the the gee-whiz, slam-bam, yuk-yuk thrust of the narrative and Jimmy DiGriz's personality as unflappable ne'er-do-well. A SSR is Born is the 1st of the three, and it laid out the origins of Jimmy DiGriz's id because the universe's so much infamous good-humoured undesirable boy. His first adventures in crime deliver him into touch with a mastermind of criminal—the Bishop—who till his demise mentors DiGriz. within the moment of the trilogy, The SSR will get Drafted, DiGriz seeks vengeance for the Bishop's dying and infiltrates common Zennor's invading military while it units out to take over a planet that lies outdoor the League. This planet's pacific governing ideas hinder the natives from struggling with back, and the SSR manipulates these ideas and works the natives to outwit Zennor and his invading forces, being kept on the final minute via League forces. In fact, the League professionals are to be had in the entire novels, prompting Jimmy to paintings extra for greater altruistic reasons than easy plunder. within the ultimate episode, the League methods Jimmy into operating for them via injecting him with a poison in an effort to kill him in 30 days. Assuming the guise of interstellar rock megastar (with band) which were convicted of drug running, the SSR finally ends up on a convict planet the place it's his undertaking to discover an artifact which appears to be like to

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were left by way of a race antedating mankind. a sequence of adventures and revelations later, SSR unearths the artifact, which seems to have come from the future. It's all sturdy fun, and the insistent excessive reliable humour labored to maintain doubts from disrupting the required suspension of disbelief.

Lawrence:

An Odd1: "A stainless-steel Trio" (SS Rat #0,6,7) via Harry Harrison follows honorable tradition, hide photo has not anything to do with early years of narrator intergalactic rogue Slippery Jim diGriz. From porcuswine farm on Bit O'Heaven to karate wrestle cover techno-wiz light-fingered fast-talking stowaway, slave, conscriptee, band leader, mentored via famed retired thief The Bishop, rescuer of innocents and worlds misplaced to civilization. Trapped, sentenced, bold, lucky, the thief escapes definite loss of life repeatedly, through brain, brawn, colleagues, and coaching instilled in Boy Sprouts. the 3 motion stories are: A SSR is Born, The SSR will get Drafted, and The SSR Sings the Blues, jam-packed with artistic names, animals, and inventions. writer event drafted for WW2 lends verisimilitude to Yuk-E rations, verbal lashing, common inhumanity universal to institutionalized confinement, wisdom of Esperanto plausible lingua franca. sophisticated innuendo averts whilst womanly Bibbs extends gratitude "in a truly husky voice" p185. loss of life and sacrifice are minimized; lives and monetary returns maximized. extra bloody noses and threats of torture than actual. Exaggerated non secular ideals indicate their failings, stretches boringly into male mythology. At first, an Alphamega seems to be a deus ex machina, yet wily James solves the secret of the Survivalists too. A rousing refrain of "Nothing's too undesirable for the Enemy" beats elvish rhymes any day. I skimmed the heavy philosophizing and focussed at the fights and tricks. I root for the hero, like Laumer's house diplomat Retief, each time. no one can do area cowboy idol for women or boys like Harry Harrison, a lot missed.(view spoiler)[On seventeenth birthday, Jim plans to be stuck so he may be imprisoned between adults, yet losers disappoint. He lures specialist The Bishop, who refuses to teach, yet adjustments his brain whilst rescued from capture. Off-planet, Captain Garth betrays them, sells them into slavery, the place Dreng aids Jim's get away from medieval don Capo Doccia, lovely crewmember Bibbs provides bring about Garth, bigwig normal Zennor others wish taken down too. In moment and 3rd books, the peaceable Galactic League military blackmail Jim's help. while Nevenkebla invades peaceable Bellegarrique on Chojeki, cooperative subversion wins the day. Lastly, legal professional Pederasis Narcoses poisons Jim to recuperate historical alien artifact from mystery throwaway legal planet Liokukae inside of 30 days. Jim kinds a musical quartet, all hiding identities, singer Madonette (unexplained attributes "19T, 908L" p363), digital whiz monstrous Zach, retired grey fiddelino-er Steego, unarmed-combat teacher bagpiper Floyd. Composer Barry Moyd Schlepper of dad musical "Don't Fry for Me, Angelina" researches and adapts rock-style hits. the crowd struggle via Machmen to Arroz conPollo, first extended family chief of Fundamentaloid nomads who herd and experience sheots, significant tusked mutant sheep-goats, and stick with The Book, distillate of all non secular wisdom. They isolate and canopy women, unclean, yet a emerging red-brick wall and brainwashing medications completely divide the all-male Paradise industry urban from the hidden girl urban opposite. (hide spoiler)]Typos:p83 die for dye p250 strenghten for enhance ["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>

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