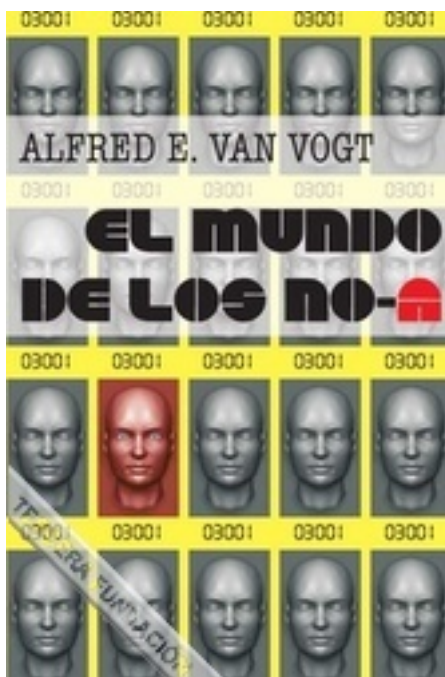

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Description

Gilbert Gosseyn había abandonado aquella misma madrugada Cress Village, su pueblo natal, para acudir a la Ciudad de la Máquina, participar en los Juegos, e intentar conseguir así un confortable status en su sociedad e incluso, tal vez, obtener el derecho a ir a Venus, la meta máxima de todo ser humano. Pero, mientras descendía al vestíbulo del hotel para reunirse con sus compañeros de los Juegos, no sabía que abajo le aguardaba el inicio de la más terrible de las pesadillas. Y que aquel simple encuentro con uno de sus vecinos de Cress Village haría desmoronarse todo su universo, enfrentándole con el hecho de que nunca había existido ningún Gilbert Gosseyn en su pueblo natal, y de que su esposa Patricia, muerta hacía un mes, no estaba en absoluto muerta, nunca había sido su esposa, ¡Y era nada menos que la hija del propio presidente Hardie!

Insightful reviews

David Johnston: Reads about as well as you expect from a book where the premise is that logic is a force for evil.

Tarmo: Mulle e istu eriti seda tüüpi ülesehitusega raamatud, kus peategelane ei saa alguses mitte millestki aru, siis satub järjest pöörasematesse olukordadesse ja lõpuks selgub, kuidas asjad tegelikult on. Ulme pool pani lihtsalt õlgu kehitama.

Sean: This book really seems to polarise peoples opinions of it. I found it after seeing it discussed online as one of the most important 20th century scifi books. This book and its author inspired some of the greatest scifi writers of the 2nd half of last century, notably Philip K. Dick.

Although the technology ideas in the book are now extremely dated, the overall story is fascinating and I found myself glued to it.

The writing style can be confusing and the author doesn't bother to explain every detail presented during the course of the story but I did find it extremely readable and enjoyable. Although I will freely admit that I am still pretty confused about exactly what non-Aristotelian (null-A) logic/philosophy is.

Jim: The publication brings again to me the 1950s. Names like Eldred Crang and Hari Seldon (this from Isaac Asimov's starting place series), Intergalactic wars. hugely complicated units with tubes like an previous Emerson television set. Planets in our sun approach which may maintain life. Take, for instance, this description of Venus:Gosseyn said, "Doctor, what's Venus like -- the cities, I mean?"The health professional rolled his head sideways to examine Gosseyn, yet didn't movement his body."Oh, very similar to earth cities, yet suited for the without end light climate. due to the excessive clouds, it by no means will get too hot. And it by no means rains other than within the mountains. yet each evening at the nice verdant plains, there is a heavy dew. And UI suggest heavy sufficient to appear in any case the luxuriant growth...."One of the side-effects of area exploration is the loss of life of goals of existence at the Moon, on Mars, and on Venus. As a teeneager, I enjoyed A E Van Vogt, and that i enjoyed novels just like the global of Null-A, Slan, The Empire of the Atom, and The battle opposed to the Rull. I do plan to re-read extra of

him, simply because i'll see the younger me at each turn, following the tale with rapt cognizance and belief. Now the idea is gone, yet what is still is a good written and conceived story. the truth that i may by no means relatively believe, however, does eliminate a celeb or from my rating. No matter. i'm rediscovering myself and quite benefit from the experience.

Christy: the realm of Null-A is a combined bag. All too often i discovered myself having to forestall and re-read sections to determine easy plot issues (and this used to be as a rule as a result of a easy loss of readability in key scenes, now not as a result of a very complicated concept) and located it tricky to combine the 2 significant drives of the book, one towards political mystery concerning interplanetary and galactic battle and one towards hypothesis approximately human and social evolution. those drives are certainly comparable throughout the uncomplicated plot, yet they don't believe related; it's a significant shift to move from one section of the unconventional to the opposite as one is targeted at the protagonist, Gosseyn, and his makes an attempt to find who he's and to outlive the conflict and politicking happening round him, and the opposite offers with the bigger photo of null-A society (based on non-Aristotelian, non-Newtonian, and non-Euclidian logic), Venus and its null-A inhabitants, and the politics of the galactic community. this is often fairly a shame, too, as the novel does comprise a few attention-grabbing hypothesis concerning the destiny evolution of the human species in addition to human society (not to say a few fast paced event sequences which make it nice enjoyable to learn at times). Van Vogt lays out the aptitude way forward for mankind in Gosseyn's description of the final situation: "We...have witnessed a grasping interstellar empire attempting to take over one other planetary system, regardless of the disapproval of a only Aristotelian league. it is all very infantile and murderous, an severe instance of the way neurotic a civilization can turn into while i fails to strengthen a style for integrating the human a part of man's brain with the animal part. All their millions of years of extra clinical improvement were wasted within the attempt to accomplish measurement and tool whilst all they wanted used to be to profit to cooperate" (169). What's more, van Vogt offers a version for a way this cooperation might paintings within the Venusian null-A society, that is defined as an "ultimate democracy": "There is not any president of Venus, no council, no ruling group. every thing is voluntary; each guy lives to himself alone, and but conjoins with others to determine that the required paintings is done. yet humans can decide upon their very own work. it's possible you'll say, consider everyone determined to go into an identical profession. that does not happen. The inhabitants consists of accountable electorate who make a cautious examine of the whole work-to-be-done state of affairs ahead of they decide upon their jobs" (67). This description presents an enticing counter to Edward Bellamy's description of a utopian society in having a look Backward, that's designed and maintained from the pinnacle down, via govt rules (authoritarian), instead of from the ground up, during the decision-making approaches of a bunch of in charge members (anarchist). it truly is too undesirable that van Vogt doesn't improve this society and its implications further. Null-A society is obviously intended to be noticeable as utopian and as achievable, however the novel is extra political mystery (a la. The Bourne Identity) than utopian novel or political novel (with a coherent argument to be made).

Jason: carrying on with this yr in my exploration of vintage SF i presumed i'd seriously look into a well-known novel through van Vogt. It seems that van Vogt was once a Canadian from a Mennonite neighborhood in Manitoba. He was once an amazingly prolific writer who moved to los angeles correct after the war. There he grew to become particularly attracted to the

techniques of normal Semantics or non-Aristotelian common sense (Null-A). I am no truth seeker yet from what I comprehend Aristotelian common sense assumes binary states for an announcement (e.g. The puppy is a collie). Null-A common sense assumes there are 3 or extra values for each statement. This may all get hugely semantic and we're the following to study a ebook so...van Vogt popularized those strategies in a sequence of Null-A books of which the area of Null-A was once the first. Within the 12 months 2650 people dwell in an enormous and comforting utopian society. Participants educate to imagine in a non-Aristotelian trend in order that they may possibly compete within the video game that is run by way of a big machine. Those who be successful will develop to raised positions in lifestyles and the easiest may be allowed to head survive Venus the place all is idyllic. The hero, Gilbert Gosseyn (pronounce it "go sane"), seems to be a guy attempting to stick to this path. He makes an attempt to go into the sport yet unearths himself stuck up in an unlimited conspiracy the place his identification is suspect and the place eventually he could carry the stability of strength for the full universe. The novel is complicated yet completely readable. Although the publication is from the 1940's there are a few rather compelling SF occasions that make for a fascinating novel.

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