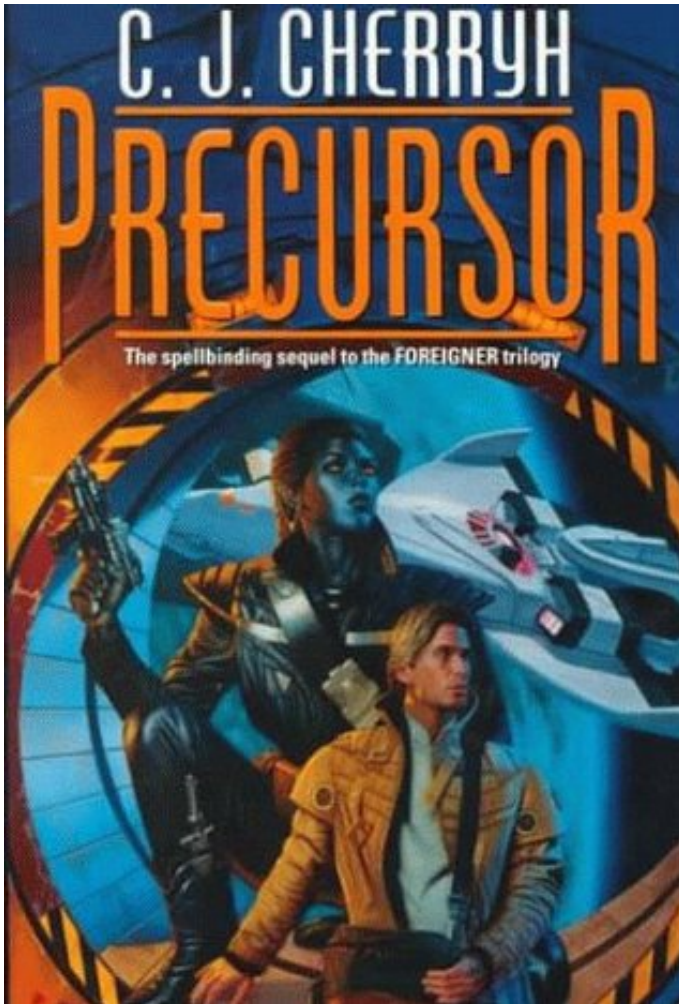

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Description

C.J. Cherryh creates thought-provoking stories of cultures in collision featuring well-drawn characters and plenty of intrigue. *Precursor* directly follows *Inheritor* in the *Foreigner* series (which includes *Foreigner* and *Invader*). The series introduces the atevi, aliens with a culture based on loyalty, legal assassination, and inborn mathematical gifts.

Two hundred years ago humans crash-landed on the atevi homeworld. The two races are nearly incompatible; peace is maintained by limiting contact to a single human diplomat, the paidhi. His name is Bren Cameron.

In the first trilogy, the starship Phoenix (the same ship that brought the human colonists) returned, fleeing alien attack in another sector. The Phoenix asked both atevi and human communities to help reopen the orbital station and rearm the ship. Bren coordinated an atevi shuttle-building program and trained the Phoenix representative, Jase Graham, in living on a planet and dealing with aliens. Now he faces family crises while ensuring that the atevi remain equal partners in the space effort. He must deal with the very different culture of the Phoenix crew and the alien space station environment while maintaining cooperation with the colonists and representing atevi interests.

Precursor ends abruptly. Are the aliens coming? Will the Phoenix crew, colonists, and atevi be able to protect their system together? Will Bren be able to retain any of his humanity? If you enjoy stories that make you think about how space travel and contact with aliens would really play out, treat yourself to this meaty SF series. --*Nona Vero*

Insightful reviews

Hal: As I expected. Another in the *Foreigner* series. Many of the same characters introduced in earlier books, a lot like seeing old friends again. Lots of political intrigue, challenges dealing with truly alien thinking, and the challenges of dealing with human sheep who ignore reality for the short term bliss of ignorance. Very engaging and enjoyable.

Kaushik Iyer: The *Foreigner* series shifts into space.

And in true Cherryh fashion does so with much introspection, a great deal of politicking that happens in the background, and a few moments of gloriousness ([view spoiler](#))

Can't say I was happy to see ([view spoiler](#))

It's emblematic of the series that ([view spoiler](#))

Onward.

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KJ: THERE we go, my favorite of favorites. After watching Bren get lined up and knocked down by atevi power plays for the past three books, it's rewarding (and hysterical) to watch him take what he's learned and absolutely sandbag Phoenix's captains.

I rather like the culture clash best in threes, rather than in dualities. The atevi transforming the sterile ship environment to something that suits them is one of my favorite passages ever.

Rachael L Moore: i am not completely certain why i love those books so much. each one is enormous quantities of pages of round self-doubt and moment guessing in Bren's head--alleviated via in simple terms occasional bursts of decisive action. Even *then* the motion is extra studying approximately Bren freaking out (still usually in his personal head) whereas his safeguard acts cryptic and inscrutable than whatever else. And then Ilisidi indicates up. In a nutshell, that's the plot of each Foreigner book. And i like each wretched second.

Liberty: i like the way in which Cherryh writes. Always. Also, I never, ever, ever are looking to pass into space. That used to be precise before, yet precept of lifestyles after examining this book. the gap station feels so sickeningly claustrophobic, with such a lot of terrible how one can die. Very suspenseful.

Ian Suddreth: Awesome. The characters are awesome. Their interactions are best notch. The antagonists made sense. the area felt actual and fleshed out. And the pacing and finishing have been nice in addition in my opinion. relatively anticipating examining extra of this series.

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