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Sand Omnibus



Synopsis

The old world is buried. A new one has been forged atop the shifting dunes. Here in this land of howling wind and infernal sand, four siblings find themselves scattered and lost. Their father was a sand diver, one of the elite few who could travel deep beneath the desert floor and bring up the relics and scraps that keep their people alive. But their father is gone. And the world he left behind might be next. Welcome to the world of Sand, the first new novel from New York Times bestselling author Hugh Howey since his publication of the Silo Saga. Unrelated to those works, which looked at a dystopian world under totalitarian rule, Sand is an exploration of lawlessness. Here is a land ignored. Here is a people left to fend for themselves. Adjust your ker and take a last, deep breath before you enter.

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Customer Reviews

Since it does not seem to be as clear as I think it should be here on , I wanted to make sure that potential purchasers of this collection realize that this 'omnibus' volume contains all five of Hugh Howey's Sand installments, which were first released over a period of several weeks at the end of

2013 and very beginning of 2014: Sand: Part 1 - The Belt of the Buried Gods, originally released December 15, 2013 Sand: Part 2 - Out of No Man's Land, originally released December 26, 2013 Sand: Part 3 - Return to Danvar, originally released December 26, 2013 Sand: Part 4 - Thunder Due East, originally released December 27, 2013 Sand: Part 5 - A Rap Upon Heaven's Gate, originally released January 5, 2014

(Disclaimer -- I haven't purchased the Sand Omnibus, at least through . I did individually purchase, read and review each of the five parts and also purchased a paperback copy of the omnibus from Hugh directly.) With that out of the way, I can honestly say I was blown away by SAND. I loved reading the book in the installments as Hugh released them, but will love reading them all together as a completely separate experience once I receive my paperback in the mail. After I read Part 5 and reviewed it, I said SAND > WOOL and I'm sticking by it almost a week later. The book is just magnificent and Howey once again shows off his masterful storytelling with an imaginative dystopian world that is all at once hard to fathom and easy to believe all at once. Hugh calls SAND the antithesis to WOOL and I can see that clearly. While WOOL is about the absolute control that a small group of people can exert upon the masses, SAND is the opposite. It's what happens when there is no clear authority and yet people live, work, and die -- all under the invisible thumb of some unknown force. In my review for Part 5, I mentioned two themes that resonate throughout the book. One of which is that lack of control yet oppression exists. The second is family. There are multiple main characters in this book, and yet they are all family and are all well-thought out and complementary to the story. Hugh does an amazing job of tying the stories of all these family members together so that in spite of all of the terrible and regretful things they have said and done to each other over the years, in the end, it all comes back to family. There are a lot of parallels to WOOL. There are five parts, yes. There is a strong female lead character, yes.

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