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With the situation fast becoming critical, Bren Cameron, the brilliant, young *paidhi* to the court of the *atevi* is recalled from Mospheira where he has just undergone surgery. But his sudden and premature return to the mainland is cause for more than mere physical discomfort. For during his brief absence, his government has sent his *paidhi*-successor, Deana Hanks—representative of a dangerous archconservative faction on Mospheira who hate the *atevi*. And though she should depart when Bren is once again able to fill his post, no recall order comes.

Cut off from his government and haunted by the continuing threat of assassination, Bren realizes his only hope may be to communicate directly with the *Phoenix* as the spokesman of the *atevi*—an act which may cut him off for good from his own species. Yet if he doesn't take this desperate and illegal action, he may be forced to helplessly bear witness to the final destruction of the already precarious balance of world power.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

An interesting first-contact political thriller is buried in this sequel to *Foreigner*, but readers will have to work hard to pry it from the dull surroundings. Bren Cameron continues as paidhi, the interface between the human community and the indigenous atevi population on a planet that the humans colonized years before. Cameron's musings about politics and language take up much of the novel; these generally are not deep thoughts ("Hell, maybe human caring was a survival disadvantage. Who knew? It sure screwed up lives"). The return to the planet of the human spaceship Phoenix brings the promise of many changes in both atevi and human ways of life. Cherryh takes the reader plodding through the resultant conflicts, many of which are political and most of which would be more interesting if they weren't rehashed so often. This novel, which reads like the prelude to yet another sequel, is simply too static.

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From Library Journal

After an absence of nearly 200 years, the starship Phoenix reappears in the skies above the human enclave of Mospheira, throwing both humans and the native atevi population into consternation and threatening the delicate balance between two distinctly alien civilizations. This sequel to *Foreigner* (LJ 2/15/94) continues to explore the patterns of thought and culture that define a species' civilization. Veteran sf author Cherryh combines a flair for hard science with a keen insight into the complex rationales behind human- and nonhuman-actions. Highly recommended for sf collections.

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Review

Praise for the *Foreigner* series:

"C.J. Cherryh's splendid *Foreigner* series remains **at the top of my must-keep-up reading list** after two decades." —*Locus*

"**A seriously probing, thoughtful, intelligent piece of work**, with more insight in half a dozen pages than most authors manage in half a thousand." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"One of the best long-running SF series in existence...Cherryh **remains one of the most talented writers in the field.**" —*Publishers Weekly*

"This is **one of the best science fiction series currently running**...by this point, the series has turned into a complicated set of thrillers involving political and factional turmoil, as well as a close and detailed examination of the troubled interactions between human and alien cultures." —*Strange Horizons*

"Cherryh plays her strongest suit in this exploration of human/alien contact, producing **an incisive study-in-contrast** of what it means to be human in a world where trust is nonexistent." —*Library Journal*

"A large new novel from C.J. Cherryh is always welcome. When it marks her return to the anthropological SF in which she has made such a name, it is a double pleasure. The ensuing story is not short on action, but stronger (like much of Cherryh's work) on world-building, exotic aliens, and characterization. **Well up to**

Cherryh's usual high standard." —*The Chicago Sun-Times*

"[Cherryh] avoids any kind of slump with a **quick-moving and immediately engaging plotline**, and by balancing satisfying resolutions with plenty of promises and ominous portents that are sure to keep readers' appetites whetted." —*RT Reviews*

"These are thinking man's reads with **rich characters and worlds and fascinating interactions** that stretch out over many generations." —SFFWorld

"Cherryh's forte is her **handling of cross-cultural conflicts**, which she does by tying her narrative to those things her point-of-view character would know, think, and feel."—SFRevu

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Keisha Kent:

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