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The Robots Of Dawn (The Robot Series Book 3)



Synopsis

A millennium into the future two advances have altered the course of human history: the colonization of the Galaxy and the creation of the positronic brain. Isaac Asimov's Robot novels chronicle the unlikely partnership between a New York City detective and a humanoid robot who must learn to work together. Detective Elijah Baiey is called to the Spacer world Aurora to solve a bizarre case of roboticide. The prime suspect is a gifted roboticist who had the means, the motive, and the opportunity to commit the crime. There's only one catch: Baiey and his positronic partner, R. Daneel Olivaw, must prove the man innocent. For in a case of political intrigue and love between woman and robot gone tragically wrong, there's more at stake than simple justice. This time Baiey's career, his life, and Earth's right to pioneer the Galaxy lie in the delicate balance.

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Customer Reviews

Robots of Dawn is now the most personal of Asimov's Robot/Empire/Foundation universe for me. Parts of this book kick colon, however, parts fail miserably. I'll get to that in a sec -Once again we have a murder mystery for Elijah Baily and R. Daneel Olivaw to unravel, this time on Auroria, home-planet of R. Daneel. Dr. Fastolfe is prime suspect of 'roboticide' by causing a mental

freeze-out on Jander Panell, the only other humanoid robot in existence (the other of course being R. Daneel). As we know from Caves of Steel, Dr. Fastolfe is the most brilliant roboticist known, and the creator of the humanoid robot. It is of prime urgency that Elijah prove to the Chairman of Aurora that Han Fastolfe is innocent. This is not only in the interest of Han and Elijah, but for the interest of Earth and humanity. Certain qualities of this book are excellent. For instance Asimov crafts dialog between characters masterfully. Some people may complain about this book having too much of it, but for me Asimov pulls it off with such force and drive that I feel like reading it forever, often into the wee hours of night. There are aspects of this book that I just didn't like. I love Asimov for the same reason I love a good Pixar movie, it's innocence. Other works of Asimov are very G to PG type material and with Robots of Dawn things change. It just doesn't feel right. Don't get me wrong, I love dark novels, I'm not prude or goodie-goodie at all so it's not an issue of personal hangups, it's more an issue of just feeling like Asimov is trying too hard to be edgy and an author of his caliber just doesn't need to go there. Some of the ideas explored here are infidelity without guilt, um...

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