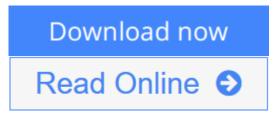


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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Though Sagan's latest future thriller is supposed to complete a trilogy that began with *Idlewild* and *Edenborn*, it's stuffed with ideas that veer off into fascinating but underdeveloped tangents. The genetically altered young Post Humans of Sagan's first books have gone through their bloody personal crises and now have settled down to revive the people who had themselves frozen to escape a deadly universal plague. Since the ones who could afford cryogenic sleep were the most "successful," they tend to be insanely competitive, unwilling to be guided by their saviors. And so factions begin plotting to take control of the new utopia and to revive private armies for rival communities. The book ricochets through its complicated plot in short, snappy chapters, most of them dictated by Hal, the Post Humans' chief of security. Hal's an agreeably cynical observer, and his lively sections summarize the action well. However, so much is going on and flying off in so many directions, that the book finally reads like a tantalizing summary of a really interesting novel. (*May*) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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In light of the complexity and originality of *Idlewild* (2003) and *Edenborn* (2004), the conclusion to their story rather disappoints. The Black Ep plague has wiped out humanity, except for the cryopreserved. The posthumans--the few genetically engineered to survive the plague--have begun to revive the cryopreserved in the U.S., frozen for 42 years, only to discover that since they had been the wealthy and the powerful before the plague, most of them want to resume control. The president expects to lead, of course, but has a rival, and both would-be top dogs use fear to control their followers. When U.S. society seems to be imploding, the posthumans go to Europe and China to revive humans there. Unfortunately, Sagan has let inconsistencies and facile solutions into the story and reduced some characters into caricatures. On the other hand, Halloween, the principal protagonist throughout, wrestles with his internal demons, thereby becoming an even more convincing character. A finale that resembles a weak middle volume more than a stirring conclusion. *Sally Estes*

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