



Star Trails Tetralogy Box Set

Volumes I - IV + Compendium

*I've not been reading much science fiction lately because so much of what I see is cliché, derivative, and too often targeted at narrow audiences such as action for young men or teen-romantic for the YA audience. I expected to read the first of this tetralogy and fall out, but after reading a novella by the same author, I started the series with fresh enthusiasm. Marcha Fox surprised me with **a great story that carried a series of arcs all the way through, not just one conflict for the entire plot.** I'm old enough to like many of the classic sci-fi conventions, and Marcha Fox proves she is well versed in those great traditions while bringing many new approaches to the genre.*

Her complex and intimate characterization reminds me of Robert A Heinlein. Her seamless integration of real science with an eye toward plausibility reminds me of Asimov. Her big-picture themes made me stop and think in ways Arthur C. Clarke could. Best, I think, is that like great classic sci-fi writers (think Sturgeon, Pohl, Anderson, et al) she sees the entire story and sets up every plot twist so it all meshes. I love this kind of writing...

I don't award five stars lightly, but this series earned them easily. If you like simple plots and basic arcs with cliché conflicts and obstacles like Maze Runner and its ilk, this material might prove too mature for you. If you like to immerse in worlds where paying attention to all the details pays off, I highly recommend this tetralogy.

--Amazon Reviewer

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Synopsis

Star Trails Tetralogy eBook Box Set contains complete versions of "Beyond the Hidden Sky"; "A Dark of Endless Days"; "A Psilent Place Below"; "Refractions of Frozen Time", and, as a bonus, "The Star Trails Compendium."

The four novels are described separately in the enclosed materials. "The Star Trails Compendium" contains a glossary of terms (both fictitious and scientific) as well as additional information on the Star Trails universe including planetary systems, Cyrarian season and weather data, its political structure, and indigenous population.

In addition, it contains a special section for educators with lesson plan and discussion ideas for using the series as extra credit material to teach and stimulate interest in scientific and sociological topics inherent to the stories.

Amazon Reviewers Praise Star Trails Tetralogy

The Star Trails Compendium

I love science so much that I've designated my career to teaching it in the public schools... I've read the Star Trails Tetralogy and found the science so sound that her stories are very plausible. The Compendium is a fantastic guide...wish I'd had it on hand when I read the books the first time. She also includes a section for teachers to work elements of the series into their lesson plans with great fantastic high level questions and explanations for each book and each chapter such as, "What do you think it would be like to be in a black hole?" In the series a black hole is used as a prison. Or, "What are some of the reasons that the habitable planets in an intergalactic society would employ space stations as points of entry?" Good brain questions. The type that get students synapses firing!

Beyond the Hidden Sky

Begins at warp speed as space travel and its theory weaves throughout the tale of a family separated by mishap and kept apart by intent.

--Noelle Harrild, *School Librarian, Logan Utah*

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Plunges the reader into a new world through fabulous characterizations and sci-fi terms without interrupting the flow of the story. As a Star Wars fan, I was deeply excited to read this book.

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Well-written with great pacing and fascinating details... Scientific details added greatly to the story without sounding like something out of a textbook.

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Sci-fi at its best. This space opera is fast paced and action packed and will leave you breathless. The author developed a storyline that is full of plot twist and adventure. It will keep you on your toes as the multiple plot lines progress.

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A Dark of Endless Days

In the vein of old science fiction literature this story could end up as another classic.

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Sure to captivate science fiction lovers of all ages!

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Descriptions of Earthlings and our society sent me into fits of laughter. ...an exceptional job building character and making her created universe a reality.

A Psilent Place Below

I read this intriguing story in one breath. The story itself keeps you chained to the book from the first to the last page.

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Plenty of pathos along with a well-crafted technological backdrop.

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Once I got sucked into this series, it seems I cannot let go! These books are action packed, fast paced, full of conflicts, and have a political/social undertone that symbolizes all we find horrifying, yet possible.

Refractions of Frozen Time

Author Marcha Fox has a gift for explaining the science. The detailed world she creates in the Star Trails Tetralogy is genius, so well thought-out and crafted.

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What sets this apart from run-of-the-mill space operas is Fox's experience during her tenure at NASA. She draws upon her technical expertise and enhances it with fact-based theory that gives this as much of a 'what-if' perspective as you can expect within the genre.

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I enjoyed watching the children ... grow from bickering teens to collaborative young adults. The final climax had me shivering as the forces of dark and light came hurtling together into an unexpected and shocking end.

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