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The Stars, Like Dust

By Isaac Asimov

Tor, \$23.95, 235 pages

Though this is the second book of a trilogy, it can be read all on its own. Biron Farrill, a nobleman, is forced to leave Earth when a bomb nearly goes off in his dorm room. Seeking sanctuary, he is thrust by the machinations of others into rebellion against the Tyranni Empire. Though the plot is straight up space adventure, Asimov does provide enough plot twists and turns to keep the reader guessing. Asimov shows in this novel why he was and is the



pre-eminent author in SF. Readers will see the seeds of Herbert's *Dune*, Lucas' *Star Wars*, and even Roddenberry's *Star Trek*. Though dated in its technology and science, this novel sets the tone and themes of all later Hard SF and Space Opera novels. *The Stars, Like Dust* is recommended reading for any fan of space adventure with a political twist.

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