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Fortune has a secret.

Humanity, in its struggle to escape its own planet's demise, began sending colony ships from Earth almost seven hundred years ago in the desperate hope a handful would find some place habitable to human life and be able to continue our species. Only one ship survived.

It only survived because it found a vast swath of alien planets, all terraformed, all utterly abandoned. Alien megastructures cold and lifeless. Alien vehicles left in panicked lines, sealed from the inside, no corpses within. Empty space stations, with no one to run them but the dust. Resources everywhere, ripe for the taking.

But Fortune is different. Of all the planets colonized by humans after the chaos of Migration, this single, jungle-infested colony on the very edge of the known universe holds the key to the alien collapse...and to humanity's survival. Everywhere else, advanced alien ruins mar every surface, every planetoid, every debris ring and asteroid, but of the creatures that made them, there is no sign. On Fortune, something survives...

Unfortunately for humanity, while time is running out, a rebellion is brewing, one that could save our species—or consign it to dust like the aliens that came before us. Now, seven hundred years after our first brush with extinction, the fate of the human race once again rests on the shoulders of a few: a seven-year-old sociopath and her combat-gifted big sister, a man who's dreamed of the future, an infamous smuggler, and a Coalition pilot sworn to destroy the rebel cause.

This time, however, the stakes are higher. For lurking on Fortune is a secret.

An epic, post-apocalyptic science fiction adventure that will make you hold your breath, cry, curse the powers that be, and in the end question what, exactly, it means to be human. This is the **SECOND** book in the Outer Bounds series. Please start with Book 1: Fortune's Rising.

## Fortune's Folly Details

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## From Reader Review Fortune's Folly for online ebook

**Hans P Melius says**

**Thank the book gods, it is finally here!**

After an agonizingly long wait, teased beta readings and a fundraiser, Fortune's Folly has finally been released to the masses. Oh what a day, what a wonderful day! The book, just like the rest of Sara's other works, is amazing. God I love reading her stuff!! Come on book 3!

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**&#x1f970;devyn\_solo\_kenobi&#x1f970; says**

Rating: 4 stars.

Let me just say, this book was phenomenal, just like the first. The second half was MUCH better than the first half, but this story and especially the characters are so awesome throughout.

I was totally shocked, however, when I got to the end because - for whatever reason - I assumed the Outer Bounds series was a dualogy. So imagine my surprise when I saw that there's not only going to be a book 3 ("Children of Fortune") but a book 4 and 5 as well!!! I couldn't believe it. I was POSITIVE there were only two books in this series (don't ask me why, but I was).

My favorite characters are, without a doubt, Magali and Tatiana. I like Jersey too, and Wideman Joe, and Joel to some extent, but those two kickass females are my favorites. I'm beyond curious to know what's going to happen next with Magali and how Tatiana fits in with the AlphaGens (David, Orion, Sirius). There are still quite a few mysteries to be solved, and I'm looking forward to finding out answers (and the fate of the characters). Plus, I'm interested in learning about Daytona, Joel's daughter. What's with her skin transforming?!?!?!?

I seriously hate Anna, of course, but since she's integral to the plot, I'm assuming she'll be around for a while. I have to admit, I was SUPER overjoyed when Tatiana walked in and blew Anna's head off, and then I was SUPER disappointed when it turned out she was still alive. Aside from the fact that I hate her, I really don't see how Anna can make it to the very end of this series. She's committed horrifying atrocities and gruesomely tortured people, and she's only seven/eight years old. Not to mention in all the future visions of her, she's known as "Empress" Anna. How can someone like that ever live in a peaceful world? (Spoiler: She can't). So I'm impatiently waiting for the day when Anna dies because she very obviously deserves it.

These are some of the best sci-fi books I've ever read. Despite the psycho-babble (which did at times get annoying, but then other times I didn't mind it), there were many understandable sci-fi elements. Although I was quite confused with the whole Tritons vs AlphaGens vs "jaggles" vs Ashaanti civilizations. I know that Sara King is intending to write a series about Daytona Dae and her adventures during the Triton Wars and such, which is good because I am super befuddled. My confusion over that whole history dampened my enjoyment in the books at times, but I managed to get the general gist (Tritons = bad, AlphaGens = good....even though Joel's a Triton? Like I said - confusing).

I hope the next book is released soon!!! On Ms. King's FB I saw that due to health issues she wasn't making as much progress as she would've like on book 3, but it's been two-ish years now, so I'm hoping to see CoF soon!!

## **Nikki says**

A great sequel to continue the adventure. I still find the character of Tatiana to be completely ridiculous and unrealistic, but the rest of the players are interesting and well done, and the story is a rip-roaring ride into a future civil war. Now to patiently wait for book #3.

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## **Jay says**

The first book in the series was great. This one took me over a month to read. I could not get into it. All the characters just seem to fall flat. Especially Tatiana, who wasn't too bad in the first book but in this one... I mean when did she turn into a spoiled Beverly Hills brat? At least in the first one she was cognizant of danger and like... not dying. In this one she's like "oh people are shooting at me I'm going to run over here and pick some flowers like a complete ditz"

Other than that it seemed like every other page there was some new gadget or technology that either got over-explained or never explained at all. By the end it felt very rushed and thrown together.

Of course we'll have to wait till the 3rd book because the ending pretty much didn't explain anything new.

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## **Doris says**

### **Even Better Than Book One!!**

Can't put this book down. Even though I sometimes get annoyed at some of the characters (Tatiana), these books are so well written that you can't help but stay invested. I can't wait to see where the next book goes.

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## **Coryn says**

What happened? Book one was so great! If I read correctly, the author purchased back the rights to the story and self-published? I may be misremembering that but something has certainly changed and my guess is the publisher was pushing some edits to the story that really needed to be there.

I ended up hating most of the characters by the end of book two. Tatiana was devolved into an absolute air-headed idiot, Anna's went from being a manipulative sociopath to completely socially inept and evil, and Quad was the most useless character ever. I could go on. Every character was stripped down to a level that reminded me of a teenage TV show on the CW.

The story also completely side-shot from the first book. The first book had a solid foundation of rebellion and science fiction and here the author lost all control and tried to weave way too many plots into a single book: Alpha-Gens, Aliens, Phage, Rebellion, Ghost Ships, Anna's time warp... Maybe it will all come together in book three, but for now, book two reads as a mess.

## **Barbara Lyon says**

This series is a guilty pleasure read for me. The story is fun and super easy to read but the dialogue is worst I've ever encountered in a story I actually wanted to keep reading. The way the characters speak and interact with each other had me wondering it was meant to be 'young adult' but then there was too much sex and lust for that to be the case.

What kept me going was the richness found in each character's backstory and trying to piece together how everything came to be as we find it on Fortune. I find myself really wanting to know more about the history of this universe and it's inhabitants. Except for Tatiana...she really needs to be killed off already. How does the most bad-ass fighter pilot of the coalition turn into a spoiled brat who thinks of nothing but screwing her hunky boy toy boyfriend (and how many times must we be reminded he was a virgin??), collecting cool new toys for herself, and making a dangerous wild animal her pet. And we are supposed to believe Milar is into this nonsense?? Right.

And so, though I find myself quite often sighing and rolling my eyes with annoyed disbelief, I am looking forward to the next book in the series. Both books kept me happily reading for hours.

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## **Beau says**

I can see why the author had a disagreement with the former publisher about the direction for this series. She really opened it up. The first book was a tight little character-based story about an evil empire and some pure-hearted colonists, and their smuggle friends, and their rebel friends, and some unusual children, and a sentient robot and some odd conditions (shriekers, yolk, etc). Cool sci-fi.

But in this book, it gets way bigger. It kind of goes along like the first one, and then you meet some ancient aliens, and then you meet some alphagens, and then it gets complicated.

I still like it when the good guys win, and when the bad guys lose, and when the issue is in doubt for a while. Can't wait to read the next one!

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## **Jayna Moser says**

Addictive but terrible. Plot goes nowhere, lots of violence, lots of skin & lust. Don't waste your time.

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## **Allyson says**

Some of the worst dialog and character development I've ever read. I rolled my eyes multiple times. That being said, it had a surprising amount of violence and depravity for a novel that has dialog this juvenile. I'll finish the series.

(same review I have the first book)

## **Katmac says**

Still loved the characters, except Poor Tatiana who was turned into a spoiled brat. But...

Bigger doesn't always mean better. Breakneck pacing, plus the huge number of new concepts introduced means this book suffers in comparison to the first Outer Bounds book.

The book would benefit from tighter editing, and possibly being broken into 2 to manage the narrative through-line more coherently.

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## **Hollie says**

I really liked the first book in this series, but this one was a bit disappointing. It still had the same great character depth, but the plot became quite confusing at times. There were several portions of this book that I had to read numerous times to simply comprehend what was actually happening. Also, this book seemed overly long. It had a lot of irrelevant details. As for the plot, at times there seemed to be too much going on and it made all the major events feel downplayed. Also, I am not a fan of the cliffhanger ending. I doubt I will personally continue this series. Book 3 has not been released yet, and I can't see this one being I wait anticipating being available. Glad it was offered as a kindle unlimited though.

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## **Kara-karina says**

There is one problem with reviewing audiobooks, peeps, and it's remembering names and trying to spell them correctly. I just spent 30 mins going through other people's reviews to get the names I need, and I still couldn't find them all. \*grins\*

Anyway, I adore Sara King's books. They are always so far-reaching and mind-blowing, and Fortune's Folly is no exception. The narrator here is also wonderful and brings all the characters to life.

Overall, this is a book of many revelations:

- Anna is finally taken down a notch (yay!). She is such a horrible little psycho, I was fervently wishing for her to die.
- We meet Quad who is far better at all things tech than Anna, but much more naive, which makes Anna a real danger to him.
- Tatiana and Milar are my faves. Tat is an awesome character. She is self-centered and spoiled, but not enough to make her unlikeable. This puppy knows what she is doing, and Milar loves her no matter what. In this book, Tatiana makes a major discovery about Fortune's unique resources and why they are there.
- Josie Brackett and Magali. I wasn't very happy with those two. On one hand Magali is responsible for some



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**Jared J Ellerbrock says**

Wow, what a miserable book. Way too long...I really didn't care about any of the characters. They all seemed to hate each other very blindly. Way, way, way too much "techno babble" and unexplained references that I assume are supposed to be cute. Pretty much every character is painfully one dimensional and never seem to grow. A map or some sort of description of this place would be nice as to picture what Rath is or the "orbital" or "void ring". These "nephyer" are supposed to be bad ass's but no one has any problem dropping hundreds of them while no friendlies die or see to be phased. Meanwhile these AlphaGen guys seemed indestructible (in a very annoying way). Of course we don't actually get to learn about any of these guys but have to guess based off what little info is sprinkled in among the meaningless drivel that compromises about 95% of this book.

I have a rule where I will finish a book/series if I started it no matter how bad (and I've read some pretty lousy books by principle of this rule)...but when Book 3 comes out on this I will probably skip it.

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**Anita says**

I love this author and really like this series. This story is GREAT. The characters are interesting, the story complex in ways that are unexpected. It's a scifi story about a colony revolting with a few subplots mixed in.

I just wish Anna would turn a corner soon and stop being evil. The author teases so many opportunities for her to mend her moral compass, at least a little, but Anna doesn't seem to grow. She's supposed to end up saving everyone from the Phage. I wish she were a tad more likable. LOVE LOVE LOVE the yolk babies and Dobie. Brackett is a great addition, and Tatiana and her new pet are fantastic as well. The Alpha Gen subplot is a little less interesting to me, but I see how it's necessary to explain Mowgli and Anna.

I re-read the book that leads up to this one as prep and also read the accompanying novella about Anna

rescuing Milar when she was four years old. I had forgotten the violence and cruelty in some of the scenes. I dislike that level of violence and wish it were at least more off-screen or not so extreme.

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