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Gev Carlyle does not trust his companion. The other members of his crew are dead and he is left with only a suspicious alien for company. Together they must find a way to navigate through the Flux, an interstellar travel medium that depends on the convergence of the mental and physical worlds. Is he willing to sacrifice his individual mind and become one with this cat-like creature in order to survive?

Star Rigger's Way Details

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Erik Graff says

A forgettable science fiction novel, part of Carver's "Rigger Universe" series, a revised edition being issued in 1994.

Jeff Youngstrom says

(August 11, 1998)

Chris says

I picked up a first edition at a used bookstore, based solely on the description and artwork. Had no clue it was the second in a series. In short, the book is bizarre, it's a very different take on sci-fi. And it's great. The characters are very different, and the book made me work to try and make sense out of their thoughts, speech, and actions. The writing is very visual, and made for a very fun read.

Mattias says

Lättläst halvbra SF finns det gott om, speciellt ifrån sent 70-tal. Carvers Star Rigger's Way faller rakt ner i den kategorin. Trots detta har boken sina poänger. Mest på grund av att berättelsen är så pass annorlunda ger den ett intryck av mystik, och lämnar efter sig den där känslan av att ändå vilja veta lite mer, att läsa lite mer...

"His rigger crewmates suddenly and horribly dead, Gev Carlyle is adrift in the Flux, the "subjective sea" that carries starships at faster-than-light speeds. His lone companion, and his only hope for survival, is a cantankerous castaway alien.

Only a compatible rigger team, their visions meshed in psychic unity, can safely harness the most turbulent currents of the Flux--and Carlyle's ship is being drawn inexorably toward a deadly maelstrom, the unthinkable stresses of the Hurricane Flume. For even a scant chance at survival, he needs the catlike alien's help. But the price for that help is a complete merging of minds and memories.

And Carlyle, at war with his own past, dreads that union more than death itself."

John says

An interesting concept regarding space travel. I couldn't really relate to the whole "imagine the flux was like a river" thing but not a bad read nonetheless.

Trevor McGuire says

Star Rigger's Way is a unique look at faster-than-light technology wrapped up in a couple of overlapping adventures of the main character, Gev Carlyle. The Flux is a medium through which faster-than-light travel is possible, but only special pilots, Riggers, are capable of flying the ships that can travel through it. About half the book is spent describing the Flux landscape, and half describes Gev's planetary stories.

Mrklington says

Like nothing else!

Thanks to recent promotions, I've found my course set for "flux space," Carver's conception of faster-than-light space travel. It's poetic, hallucinogenic, visual and imaginative - I can't think of another series that presents the travel among stars in a similar way. As a fan of SF in general, and Space Opera in particular, I find this a refreshing change. It doesn't always work for me (maybe my imagination is lacking), but I really like it all the same; it does what science fiction is supposed to do - at least what I expect - stretch the imagination.

This book explores alienation, depression, loss and more. Paired with the well done (and reasonably priced) Audible version, it made for a very enjoyable and brisk adventure.
