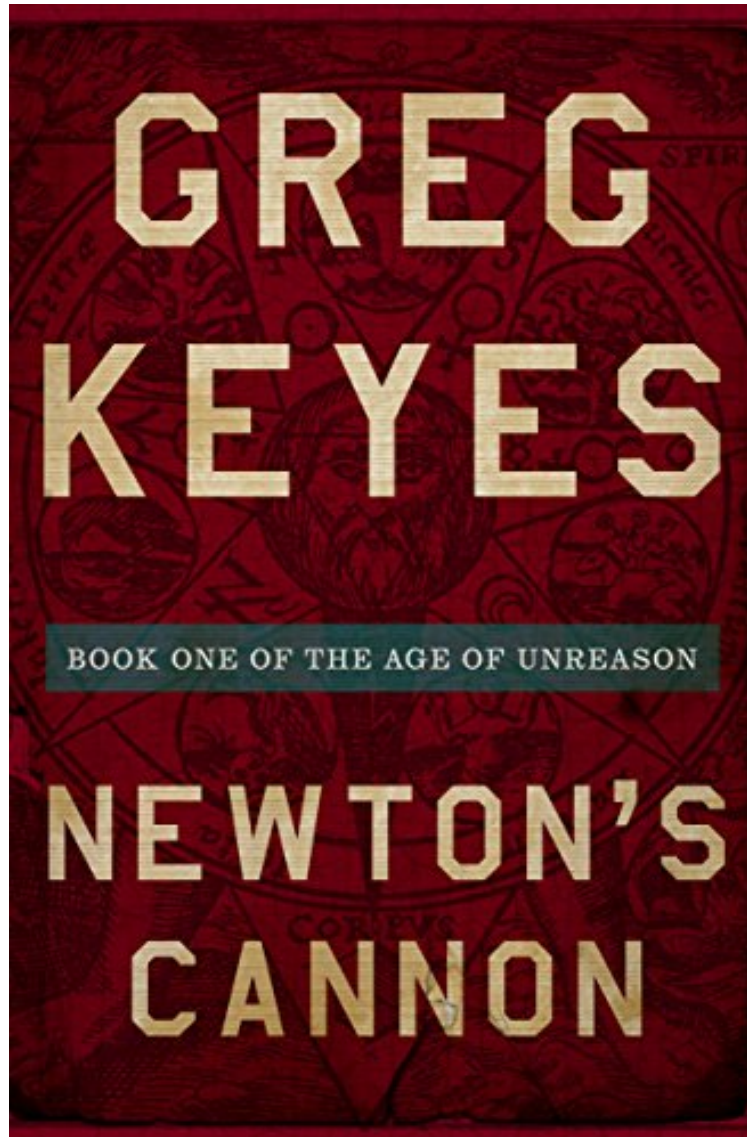


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**Von Greg Keyes : Newton's Cannon (The Age of Unreason Book 1) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Newton's Cannon (The Age of Unreason Book 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wow....Von fredw138Finally, a fantasy novel in which the magic is made out to seem scientific rather than mystical. Also, it's quite obvious that Mr. Keyes knew what he was writing about, for Newton really did (though unsuccessfully)

turn to alchemy. I also like how he tied in famous characters such as Voltaire and Teach (Blackbeard). The one fault I found was that the last few chapters moved too quickly and began to get a little too bizarre. This book really should have been four and a half stars, but I rounded down since mathematically, .5 has a 50% chance of either going up or down...0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 'Way cool story; gets a bit flakey toward the end.Von Ein KundeI agree with the reviewer who pointed out that the story veers into the reckless and bizarre toward the end. This kept me from feeling the satisfaction of having read a truly great book of speculative fiction that the high quality of the opening and middle chapters had led me to anticipate. After adroitly sidestepping many potential cliches and stereotypes in developing the plot, the author tumbles into a couple of obvious sandtraps in wrapping it up. As I finished the book, I imagined the author's editor phoning him while he was working out the direction of the final chapters, and putting pressure on him to hurry it into print. The result is three-quarters of a five-star book whose ending threatens to give it feet of clay.I didn't like the ending much, but I still consider "Newton's Cannon" to be a good read, well worth your time and easily deserving the four stars I've given it. I also agree with the earlier reviewers who have noted with pleasure that Greg Keyes did his alchemical homework well. I especially enjoyed the "aetherschreiber" device, the masterfully-sketched underpinnings for its plausibility, and its pivotal role in developing the main plot. I would have preferred to see the story continue further along that trajectory and avoid degenerating into fast-paced "horse opera with magick" at the end. In particular, omitting the alchemical pistols would have helped the story a great deal. Without them, the author might have successfully resisted the temptation to turn the final confrontation in London into an unsatisfying "spy vs spy vs spy" caricature with overtones of Zane Grey. The French portion of the ending was better, but still leaned too heavily on Dumas for my taste.I did like the very last paragraph, though. It sent a chill up my spine as it detonated a couple of subtle landmines that had been laid quite carefully in earlier parts of the story.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Newton the AlchemistVon drdebsHistorians of Science finally caught on to the fact that Sir Isaac Newton was an alchemist in the 1970s. In the 1990s science fiction and alternative history writers also caught on, and the result is this marvelous book! Newton's Cannon is the first book in the series, and I would highly recommend you start here and read them in order for maximum enjoyment.The book's premise is this: imagine Newton followed his two great passions (alchemy and physics), but that alchemy proved to be the winner! In Newton's Cannon you will enter a world that conveys the magic and promise of Sir Isaac's interest in alchemy, and transforms alchemy from a lamentable failure in the history of science to a prime mover in the history of civilization. Alchemy provides Newton and his followers with all sorts of magical-scientific tools (my favorite is the aether-schreiber) that change the course of history. As with most scientific developments, these stunning achievements have a dark side--the Cannon of the title--and this book moves the reader effortlessly from the Colonies and Benjamin Franklin to the England of the Royal Society and beyond.If you enjoy the history of science, sci-fi, fantasy, and alternative histories you will love this book. If you are interested in alchemy you will also love this book. Highly enjoyable!

KurzbeschreibungThis novel of Ben Franklin, Isaac Newton, and a demonic Louis XIV is eminently worthwhile reading for both fantasy and alternate-history lovers (Booklist).In 1681, in an England somewhat like our England ... the great alchemist Sir Isaac Newton makes the remarkable discovery of a substance he calls philosophers mercury, with which one can manipulate the four essential elements of the universe: earth, water, air, and fire. In the opulent court of Britain's greatest enemy, the ancient King Louis XIV, his life alchemically and indefinitely prolonged, employs treacherous means to obtain the prize that will grant him dominion over the entire continent. Meanwhile, his brilliant and beautiful mistress, Adrienne de Mornay de Montchevreuil, secretly pursues a mathematical method to prevent his takeover. And in another corner of the world, the young printers apprentice and aspiring alchemist Ben Franklin is plagued by a demon and flees to England seeking the aid of his hero: Newton. But Franklin will discover that Newton has demons of his own ... A wondrously dark and richly imagined alternate history, Greg Keyes Newton's Cannon is the first book in his extraordinary Age of Unreason seriesa magnificent journey to a past that never was in a world where magic is a science and the greatest minds must conspire to prevent an end to all things.