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Von C.S. Friedman : The Madness Season (Daw Book Collectors) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Madness Season (Daw Book Collectors):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Highly

recommended, exceptional science fiction. Von Midwest Book Review C. S. Friedman's second novel is almost as lengthy and involved as her first, *In Conquest Born* (1986/7). Each is around 500 pages of fast-paced, intricate plotting in the fine tradition of good space opera. *Madness Season* adds to the space-journeys from an earth run by aliens to other planets, space stations and colonies, a permutation of the vampire myth. It introduces several non-human, and some non-corporeal beings as well as complex human adaptations to alien peoples and planets. Amongst all this wealth of detail, one might expect the characters to get lost. Such is not the case. The first-person narrator, named Daetrin Ungashak To-Alym Hall, tells the story of how he gradually deciphered the origins and location of earth's oppressors, the Tyr. However, he follows the path of discovery amid flash-backs to times as old as pre-Egyptian cultures, for he is a vampire from a family of vampires, the others of which have been killed in accidents over the ages. He relives some of his past alias at points in the story where he is stressed physically or mentally. Daetrin is an observant and conscientious individual who uses chemical substitutes to avoid the vampire's age-old need for blood, having found that this need is due to lack of a vital enzyme. Before he is removed from earth for being too curious, he has been trying to teach humans about their past, otherwise erased by the Tyr. After his transportation to domed research facilities off-planet, he spends his time unravelling the mystery of the Tyr-mind. The story is temporally placed in the not-too distant future after humans have been subjugated by the Tyr, who are manifested in several levels or races, the Honn-Tyr who are warriors and the Raayat-Tyr who are more intellectually curious have the most points of contact with humans. It is through one Raayat-Tyr, which he names Frederick, but also due to his ability to shapechange (yes, it turns out that vampires are werewolves too), that Daetrin is able to understand and locate the collective Tyr-mind that controls the aliens for most of their lives. Regardless of this unusual mix of earth legends, aliens and scientific discoveries, Daetrin falls within the classic SF-hero mold as a savior of humankind. But what a ride we are taken on along the way. Highly recommended for readers who enjoy human-alien contact stories, complex civilizations and circuitous plots.

Jan Bogstad 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Vampires vs. The Insect Men From Outer Space. Von Ein Kunde Most people would pass this book up if they saw the above title (I would, if I saw it on a shelf). But then, a lot of people who bother to examine the plot of those Grade B Science Fiction movies would come to the same conclusion: those hackneyed plots are gems in capable hands. And Friedman certainly is capable! The Tyr, an alien hive-mind race, has already dominated humanity and much of the universe. Unexpectedly, they come upon a vampire who doesn't succumb to their normal soul-breaking tactics. This vampire (who, it should be noted, is never referred to as a vampire throughout the book) is humanity's salvation - he and another alien being known as a Mara fight a battle of intrigue against their captors. The Tyr undergo a dangerous and unpredictable transformation to improve their breeding chances with their queen, and the protagonist must unlock the secrets of their race if he is to survive. The ending will surprise you (and gross you out), but it's well worth the read. A rare find in science fiction and vampire novels alike. [...] 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. C. S. Friedman is the best! Von dolson@myna.com (Leanne Olson) The *Madness season* is naturally another triumph for C. S. Friedman. It has everything that makes a science fiction classic: interesting aliens, themes to get you thinking, new but believable concepts, plot twists that leave you guessing until the end, and that good old message about the strength of the human spirit. And yet it is so different I won't even try to compare it to another book. The *Madness Season* is a must-read. What more is there to say

Kurzbeschreibung Three hundred years had passed since the Tyr conquered the people of Earth as they had previously overcome numerous races throughout the galaxy. In their victory they had taken the very heart out of the human race, isolating the true individualists, the geniuses, all the people who represented the hopes, dreams, and discoveries of the future, and imprisoning them in dome colonies on planets hostile to human life. There the Tyr, a race which itself shared a unified gestalt mind, had left these gifted individuals to work on projects which would, the conquerers hoped, reveal all of human kind's secrets to them. Yet Daetrin's secret as one no scientist had ever uncovered, for down through the years he had succeeded in burying it so well that he had even hidden his real nature from himself. But, taken into custody by the Tyr, there was no longer any place left for Daetrin to run, no new name and life for him to assume. Now he would at last be forced to confront the truth about himself and if he failed, not just Daetrin but all humans would pay the price... From Publishers Weekly Friedman's (*In Conquest Born*) exceptionally imaginative, compelling science fiction novel leaps ahead to the 24th century. For hundreds of years, Earth has suffered under the yoke of alien conquerors: the dreaded Tyr, a reptilian race in which all individuality is submerged into a single, overarching consciousness. Determined to keep humanity cowed, the Tyr have culled from the captive population the most intelligent, the most curious, the most likely to foment rebellion, and banished them from Earth. As the memory of freedom recedes, humanity sinks into a lethargic subservience. Daetrin, the hero of this tale, is a vampire--not a monster, however, but a man, nearly immortal, who embodies the vanished virtues of a once-sovereign Earth. When his existence is exposed by the Tyr, who are appalled to find a human who witnessed the stet cap/pk *Conquest*, they immediately ship him offworld. Thus begins a journey of self-discovery as Daetrin is forced by adversity to come to

grips with the long-suppressed side of his nature and to confront the ancient horror of a bloody heritage. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal YA-- Three hundred years in the future, the Tyr, a hivelike alien race, have subjugated the peoples of Earth. Daetrin, an ancient vampiric shapechanger, uses his unique talents to battle the aliens while trying to understand and accept himself. Intriguing plot and excellent characterization combined with good writing (although it bogs down occasionally) make for an original science fiction romp. Copyright 1991 Cahners Business Information, Inc.