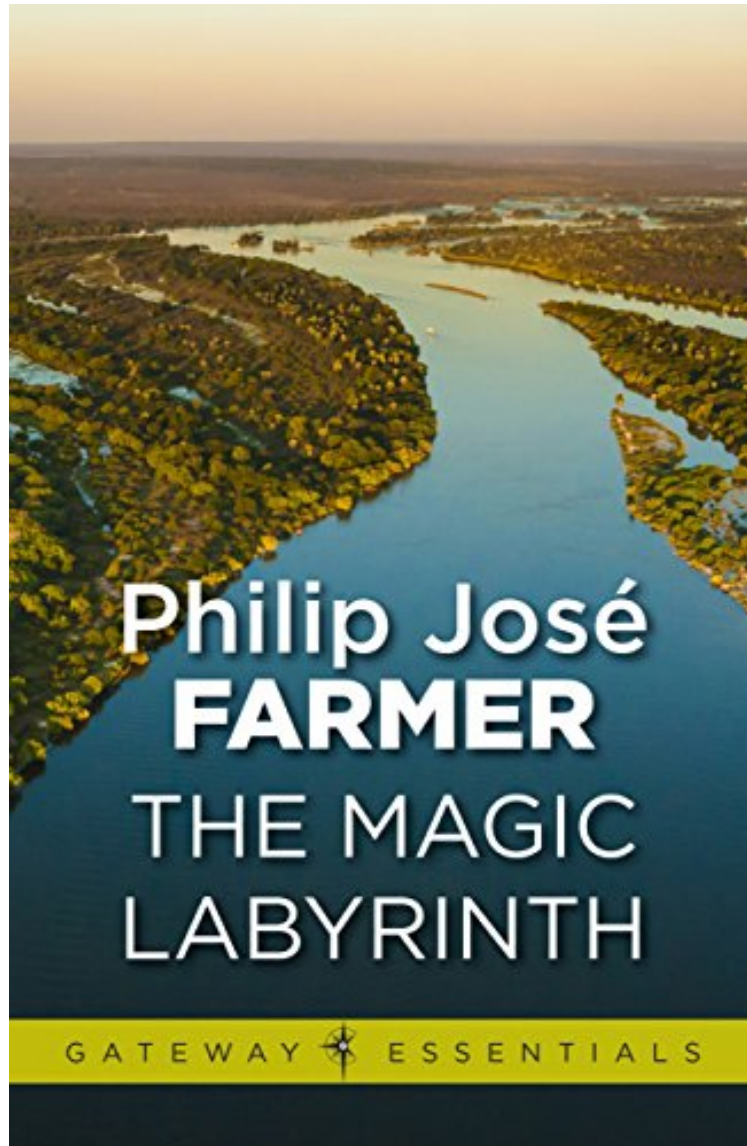


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Von Philip Jose Farmer : The Magic Labyrinth (Riverworld) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Magic Labyrinth (Riverworld):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great work of literatureVon Ein KundePhilip Jose Farmer brings the story lines of the other three books together in a great science fiction novel. The reasons behind the resurrection are finally revealed, but unfortunatly, many of the books most intriguing characters are killed off. Battle scenes are rich in description and it is a must have for Riverworld

fans.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A poor conclusion to a wonderful beginningVon Ein KundeFor a series that started so promising, the "end" was quite a disappointment. PJF again makes a mockery of the characters which were established earlier, having them engage in completely non-sensical behavior given who they are and what they are doing. He kills off a bunch of characters to establish "suspense", introduce a bunch of new characters you couldn't care less about, and then has to make up a last-ditch obstacle to extract any action for a climax - which might have worked but for the fact he has to waste pages and pages extemporizing about the background which he apparently couldn't figure out who to reveal in any other way. PJF tries to set up a cliff-hanger ending, but I, t least, was so uninterested the characters, I really didn't care what happened to them. The first book in this series was wonderful, but the ending is almost insultingly bad...0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not The Last OneVon Antonio FiglWell, now that I am through reading *The Magic Labyrinth* I have to conclude that it is a step up from the previous book, but there are still some things that irk me enough to give it three stars. The good things: at least Farmer got rid of the psychedelic dream visions from *The Dark Design*. The bad: unfortunately, the pacing really stinks. A lot of sections drag on forever; we know it's coming to battle between the two ships, but it takes forever to get there. Also, the ending comes in the last few pages at such a speed that it feels like a shock. And the very last few lines are such a cheat. I thought I was reading the last book, not so. On to *Gods Of Riverworld*. All in all enjoyable, but it could have been written better.

KurzbeschreibungThe answers behind the mind-bending origins of Riverworld lie at last within reach, as the remarkable gathering of Earthlings - including Sir Richard Burton, Samuel Clemens, Alice Liddell Hargreaves (the real-life Alice in Wonderland) and the Chinese poet Li Po - finally breaches the stronghold of Riverworld's extraordinary super-race. But answers would lead to more mind-bending questions. Who is the Mysterious Stranger who taunted the Riverworld resurrectees with hints of the truth? What is the key to the gargantuan computer that wields the power of life and death? The astonishing secrets lie within the Dark Tower - but only for those brave enough to seek them and wise enough to decipher them ..deAt the end of *The Fabulous Riverboat*, Sam Clemens finally set out in the great iron riverboat *Not for Hire* to reach the headwaters of the massive river on whose shores humanity has been resurrected. After 33 years on the river, Clemens and his crew--including the giant subhuman Joe Miller--are finally near the end of their journey, and only one obstacle remains: the evil Earthly king, John Lackland. John is waiting just upriver in the *Rex Grandissimus*, the first riverboat that Sam constructed and the one that John and his crew hijacked, and he's hell-bent on sinking Sam's boat (and vice versa). Complicating the battle is the fact that both ships likely contain agents of the Ethicals, the group of advanced beings who created Riverworld for reasons unknown. One or more of the Ethicals themselves may even be on board, as are various humans that the rebel Ethical, known as the Mysterious Stranger (but known to Clemens simply as X), enlisted in his cause, which may or may not lead to humanity's salvation. The battle is set to take place along the shores populated by members of the Church of the Second Chance, a group that believes they must attain ethical perfection in order to proceed to the next phase of existence. The Second Chancers are not violent, but their charismatic leader, La Viro, may attempt to sink one or both of the iron ships in order to prevent the battle. Among the Second Chancers is former Nazi officer Hermann Goring, who had a run-in with Sir Richard Francis Burton in the first Riverworld novel, *To Your Scattered Bodies Go*. Burton and his companions--among them several people who were contacted by the Mysterious Stranger--are reluctantly serving on John's boat in order to reach the headwaters of the river. But will any of the humans working for X survive the coming battle? And if so, how can they possibly hope to penetrate the tower in the North Sea where the Ethicals are thought to reside? And what could lowly humans hope to do against a race so advanced that they can reshape entire planets and resurrect all of humanity? --Craig E. Engler.comAt the end of *The Fabulous Riverboat*, Sam Clemens finally set out in the great iron riverboat *Not for Hire* to reach the headwaters of the massive river on whose shores humanity has been resurrected. After 33 years on the river, Clemens and his crew--including the giant subhuman Joe Miller--are finally near the end of their journey, and only one obstacle remains: the evil Earthly king, John Lackland. John is waiting just upriver in the *Rex Grandissimus*, the first riverboat that Sam constructed and the one that John and his crew hijacked, and he's hell-bent on sinking Sam's boat (and vice versa). Complicating the battle is the fact that both ships likely contain agents of the Ethicals, the group of advanced beings who created Riverworld for reasons unknown. One or more of the Ethicals themselves may even be on board, as are various humans that the rebel Ethical, known as the Mysterious Stranger (but known to Clemens simply as X), enlisted in his cause, which may or may not lead to humanity's salvation. The battle is set to take place along the shores populated by members of the Church of the Second Chance, a group that believes they must attain ethical perfection in order to proceed to the next phase of existence. The Second Chancers are not violent, but their charismatic leader, La Viro, may attempt to sink one or both of the iron ships in order to prevent the battle. Among the Second Chancers is former Nazi officer Hermann Goring, who had a run-in with Sir Richard Francis Burton in the first Riverworld novel, *To Your Scattered Bodies Go*. Burton and his companions--among them several people who were contacted by the Mysterious Stranger--

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