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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The conclusion of Reynolds's Poseidon's Children trilogy (after *On the Steel Breeze*), set in the 27th century, effectively resolves the major story lines while leaving room open for a return to this complex universe. Ndege Akinya carries the guilt of having caused the death of over 400,000 people as the result of a single miscalculation, but her brother, Mposi, offers her a path toward at least partial redemption. A communication from over 70 light years away has reached the planet of Crucible, where they both live, and all it says is "Send Ndege." Mposi believes that her acceptance of that cryptic request from an unknown source could be viewed as a selfless act on behalf of her fellow citizens. The repercussions of her decision form one of the major plot threads; another deals with another family member, Kanu, who died in a terrorist strike on Mars but was returned to life. Reynolds tosses a whodunit into the mix. In the classic speculative fiction tradition, he grounds his vision of the future in timeless discussions about the meaning of existence. (Feb.)

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Praise for *Poseidon's Wake*

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Praise for the Poseidon's Children novels

"Engrossing...[*Blue Remembered Earth*] demonstrates Reynolds's genre mastery."
—*Los Angeles Review of Books*

"For SF fans, the possibilities and imagination that has gone into the book will remind them of the heady days of Asimov and Clarke, of an age where imagination and people were more important in telling the story of humanity and guessing about its future."—British Fantasy Society

"Reynolds is a master of the slow build up leading to apocalyptic action, and *On the Steel Breeze* is no exception."—National Space Society

About the Author

Alastair Reynolds was born in Wales in 1966. He has a PhD in astronomy. From 1991 to 2007, he lived in the Netherlands, where he was employed by the European Space Agency as an astrophysicist. He is now a full-time writer and lives in South Wales with his wife, Josette.

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