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Now, in 1988, Marc has been assigned to Jamestown, the US-Commonwealth base on Venus, near the great Venusian city of Kartahown. Set in a countryside swarming with sabertooths and dinosaurs, Jamestown is home to a small band of American and allied scientist-adventurers.

But there are flies in this ointment – and not only the Venusian dragonflies, with their yard-wide wings. The biologists studying Venus's life are puzzled by the way it not only resembles that on Earth, but is virtually identical to it. The EastBloc has its own base at Cosmograd, in the highlands to the south, and relations are frosty. And attractive young geologist Cynthia Whitlock seems impervious to Marc's Cajun charm.

Meanwhile, at the western end of the continent, Teesa of the Cloud Mountain People leads her tribe in a conflict with the Neanderthal-like beastmen who have seized her folk's sacred caves. Then an EastBloc shuttle crashes nearby, and the beastmen acquire new knowledge... and AK47's.


Jamestown sends its long-range blimp to rescue the downed EastBloc cosmonauts, little suspecting that the answer to the jungle planet's mysteries may lie there, among tribal conflicts and traces of a power that made Earth's vaunted science seem as primitive as the tribesfolk's blowguns. As if that weren't enough, there's an enemy agent on board the airship...

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. For this rollicking first of an alternate history series, Stirling (*Island in the Sea of Time*) uses the terrific premise that Mars and Venus are exactly as depicted in pulp-era SF, eerily Earth-like and populated by prehistoric people and creatures. When 1960s space probes find that Venus is habitable, the Americans and Russians scramble to set up colonies and get in good with the natives. In 1988, a Russian rocket crashes in the wilderness and can only be reached by an airship from the U.S. Commonwealth base of Jamestown, crewed by a classic love triangle: Ranger Lt. Marc Vitrac, Harlem-born geologist Cynthia Whitlock and ultra-British anthropologist Christopher Blair. Stirling doesn't stint on old-fashioned elements, most notably the gorgeous native princess with magical powers, but the multiculturalism sidesteps most stereotypes while retaining a broad-brush pulp sensibility; the science is refreshingly realistic; and everyone cusses (sometimes in awkward translation). Readers will eagerly anticipate a trip to Mars in the sequel, *In the Halls of the Crimson Kings*. (Nov.)

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A long time ago, in a time line slightly to one side of our own, aliens terraformed Mars and Venus, a fact that, when discovered, transforms the course of the second half of the twentieth century into a frantic though peaceful race. Amid Venus' lush vegetation and fierce wildlife, Cajun ranger Marc Vitrac's wilderness savvy makes him valuable but gets him sent on a dirigible expedition to rescue survivors of a crashed Russian shuttle and to discover that the aliens left behind an AI that is either wearing out or insane. It takes all his savvy, including taming a dinosaur, to get his friends out of a sticky situation. This is the first of two novels recalling the aura and action of Edgar Rice Burroughs' Mars and Venus yarns; the next will shift some of the finest action writing in sf to Mars. *Roland Green*

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Review

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"Powerful and convincing."

--Harry Turtledove on *Dies the Fire*

"Stirling gives himself a broad canvas on which to display his talent for action, extrapolation, and depiction on the brutal realities of life in the absence of civilized norms."

--David Drake on *Dies the Fire*

"A masterpiece--the definitive novel about castaways in time."

--Robert J. Sawyer on *Island in the Sea of Time*

"Utterly engaging...Certain to win the author legions of new readers and fans."

--George R. R. Martin on *Island in the Sea of Time*

"Exciting and explosive...*Against the Tide of Years* is even more compelling than *Island in the Sea of Time*, but just as much fun."

--Jane Lindskold

"Exciting, evocative, and horrifying."

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