Parable Of The Sower Octavia Butler

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler 2017-02-28 Parable of the Sower is the Butlerian odyssey of one woman who is twice as feeling in a world that has become doubly dehumanized. The time is 2025. The place is California, where small walled communities must protect themselves from hordes of desperate scavengers and roaming bands of people addicted to a drug that activates an orgasmic desire to burn, rape, and murder. When one small community is overrun, Lauren Olamina, an 18 year old black woman with the hereditary train of "hyperempathy"—which causes her to feel others' pain as her own—sets off on foot along the dangerous coastal highways, moving north into the unknown.

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler 2012-07-24 A New York Times Notable Book: In 2025, with the world descending into madness and anarchy, one woman begins a fateful journey toward a better future. "A stunner." —Flea, musician and actor, TheWall Street Journal Lauren Olamina and her family live in one of the only safe neighborhoods remaining on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Behind the walls of their defended enclave, Lauren’s father, a preacher, and a handful of other citizens try to salvage what remains of a culture that has been destroyed by drugs, disease, war, and chronic water shortages. While her father tries to lead people on the righteous path, Lauren struggles with hyperempathy, a condition that makes her extraordinarily sensitive to the pain of others. When fire destroys their compound, Lauren’s family is killed and she is forced out into a world that is fraught with danger. With a handful of other refugees, Lauren must make her way north to safety, along the way conceiving a revolutionary idea that may mean salvation for all mankind. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Octavia E. Butler including rare images from the author’s estate.

Parable of the Sower: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia E. Butler 2020-01-28 The graphic-novel adaptation of Octavia E. Butler’s groundbreaking dystopian novel, Parable of the Sower, the follow-up to Kindred, a #1 New York Times bestseller In this graphic-novel adaptation of Octavia E. Butler’s Parable of the Sower by Damian Duffy and John Jennings, the award-winning team behind Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation, the author portrays a searing vision of America’s future. In the year 2024, the country is marred by unattended environmental and economic crises that lead to social chaos. Lauren Olamina, a preacher’s daughter living in Los Angeles, is protected from danger by the walls of her gated community. However, in a night of fire and death, what begins as a fight for survival soon leads to something much more: a startling vision of human destiny . . . and the birth of a new faith.

Parable of the Sower and Parable of the Talents Boxed Set by Octavia Butler 2019-10-22 A beautiful boxed set brings together the great sci-fi writer’s two award-winning Parable books The perfect gift for fans of Octavia Butler, this boxed set pairs the bestselling Nebula-prize nominee, Parable of the Sower and Parable of the Talents, which together tell the near-future odyssey of Lauren Olamina, a “hyperempathic” black woman who is twice as feeling in a world that has become doubly dehumanized. In Sower, the place is California, where small walled communities protect from hordes of desperate scavengers and roaming bands of people addicts. Lauren sets off on foot along the dangerous coastal highways, moving north into the unknown. The book has an introduction by feminist, journalist, activist, and author Gloria Steinem. Parable of the Talents celebrates the classic Butlerian themes of alienation and transcendence, violence and spirituality, slavery and freedom, separation and community, to astonishing effect, in the shockingly familiar, broken world of 2032. It is told in the voice of Lauren Olamina’s daughter–from whom she has been separated for most of the girl’s life—with sections in the form of Lauren’s journal. Against a background of a war-torn continent, and with a far-right religious crusader in the office of the U.S. presidency, this is a book about a society whose very fabric has been torn asunder, and where the basic physical and emotional needs of people seem almost impossible to meet. Talents is introduced by singer, musician, composer, producer, and curator Toshi Reagon, who created an opera based on the Parable books.

Patternmaster by Octavia E. Butler 2012-07-24 A tyrant’s heirs battle to control the minds of every human on Earth in this thrilling finale of the Nebula Award-winning author’s epic Patternist saga. A psychic net hangs across the world, and only the Patternists can control it. They use their telepathic powers to enslave lesser life forms, to do battle with the diseased, half-human creatures who rage outside their walls, and, sometimes, to fight amongst themselves. Ruling them all is the Patternmaster, a man of such psychic strength that he can influence the thoughts of all those around him. But he cannot stop death, and when he is gone, chaos will reign. The Patternmaster has hundreds of children, but only one of them—Coransee—has ambition to match his father’s. To seize the throne he will have to coopt or kill every one of his siblings, and he will not shy from the task. But when one brother takes refuge among the savages, a battle ensues that will change the destiny of every being on the planet. Octavia E. Butler’s first published novel, Patternmaster launched the legendary career of a visionary, award-winning writer. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Octavia E. Butler including rare images from the author’s estate.
My Year of Meats - Ruth Ozeki 1999-03-01 A cross-cultural tale of two women brought together by the intersections of television and industrial agriculture, fertility and motherhood, life and love—the breakout hit by the celebrated author of A Tale for the Time Being and The Book of Form and Emptiness. Ruth Ozeki’s mesmerizing debut novel has captivated readers and reviewers worldwide. When documentarian Jane Takagi-Little finally lands a job producing a Japanese television show that just happens to be sponsored by an American meat-exporting business, she uncovers some unsavory truths about love, fertility, and a dangerous hormone called DES. Soon she will also cross paths with Akiko Ueno, a beleaguered Japanese housewife struggling to escape her overbearing husband. Hailed by USA Today as “rare and provocative” and awarded the Kirayama Prize for Literature of the Pacific Rim, My Year of Meats is a modern-day take on Upton Sinclair’s The Jungle for fans of Michael Pollan, Margaret Atwood, and Barbara Kingsolver.

Wild Seed - Octavia E. Butler 2021-01-21 A Patternist Novel: a story of love and hate, in which two immortals chase each other across continents and centuries, binding their fates together - and changing the destiny of the human race. Doro knows no higher authority than himself. An ancient spirit with boundless powers, he possesses humans, killing without remorse as he jumps from body to body to sustain his own life. With a lonely eternity ahead of him, Doro breeds supernaturally gifted humans into empires that obey his every desire. He fears no one - until he meets Anyanwu. Anyanwu is an entity like Doro and yet different. She can heal with a bite and transform her own body, mending injuries and reversing ageing. She uses her powers to cure her neighbours and birth entire tribes, surrounding herself with kindred who both fear and respect her. No one poses a true threat to Anyanwu - until she meets Doro. The moment Doro meets Anyanwu, he covets her; and from the villages of 17th-century Nigeria to 19th-century United States, their courtship becomes a powerful struggle that echoes through generations, irrevocably changing what it means to be human.

Hear Then the Parable - Bernard Brandon Scott 1989-01-01 Hear Then the Parable is an innovative literary-social reading of all the parables of Jesus.


Capitalism in Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower". Utopia through Immanent Critique - Lena Danielmeyer 2020-10-06 Seminar paper from the year 2020 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,0, University of Osnabrück, language: English, abstract: This paper will argue that in "Parable of the Sower" by Octavia Butler creates utopian hope by realistically building a dystopian vision which immanently criticises the present. For reasons of brevity, this will be elucidated mainly using the example of capitalism. While an abundance of other issues taken up by the novel, like climate change, democracy, race or violence, would certainly serve as productive foci of analysis as well, capitalism will be the centre of attention because it is at the core of the apocalyptic circumstances portrayed in the novel. It also constitutes an intersection with most of the other issues named above, making capitalism a suitable starting point. Firstly, a short overview will be given on contemporary interpretations of the state of utopia, pointing out capitalism as a main factor in the changing of utopianism. Among others, Krishan Kumar’s “The Ends of Utopia”, Jerry Phillips’s “Utopia and Catastrophe in Octavia Butler's Parable of the Sower” and Darko Suvin’s Metamorphoses of Science Fiction will be consulted. Realism, cognition, and estrangement will be pointed out as main tools of offering immanente critique and, in extension, utopian hope. Secondly, the production of immanente critique in Parable of the Sower will be analysed with the help of Mathias Nilges’s paper on “The Realism of Speculation”. Mike Davis’s City of Quartz will serve to illustrate the realism in Butler’s vision of future Los Angeles. The second example will examine the company town Olivar. Briefly consulting Rottinghaus’, Pluretti’s and Sukto’s discursive paper “The End of Material Scarcity”, the effectiveness of this immanente critique will be discussed. Lastly, this paper will seek to show how immanente critique allows for the creation of utopian hope, pointing towards the transformative value of utopian literature presented in Carl Freedman’s Critical Theory and Science Fiction. This paper will, because of its limited length, not be able to further investigate critiquees of capitalism in any other context than that of Butler's novel. Also, it will not be analysing the portrayal of capitalism as essentially nostalgic and conservative, making it the opposite of the utopian vision of adaptation and progress that it is contrasted with. This paper will not delve deeper into other interesting aspects of the generation of utopian hope, like narration.

The Lathe Of Heaven - Ursula K. Le Guin 2008-04-15 George Orr discovers that his dreams possess the remarkable ability to change the world, and when he falls into the hands of a power-mad psychiatrist, he counts by dreaming up a perfect world that can overcome his nightmares, in a new edition of the classic science fiction novel. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

Caring for God’s People - Philip Culbertson 2000-01-01 Culbertson has built his text around the ideal of Christian wholeness and maturity—a healthy interconnectedness of self-within-community. Culbertson presents three schools of counseling theory: family systems theory, narrative counseling theory, and object relations theory. Each of these is explained and then applied to various counseling situations: pre-marital counseling, marriage counseling, divorce counseling, counseling gay men and women, and grief counseling. Culbertson addresses issues of gender, families, sexual orientation, the relationship of emotions to spirituality, and the relevance of the counselor's own self-understanding. --From publisher's description.
**Ishmael**-Daniel Quinn 1995 An award-winning, compelling novel of spiritual adventure about a gorilla named Ishmael, who possesses immense wisdom, and the man who becomes his pupil, offers answers to the world’s most pressing moral dilemmas. Reprint.

**Utopia and Memory**-1999

**Lake of the Long Sun**-Gene Wolfe 2015-08-25 It is the far future, and the giant spaceship, The Whorl, has travelled for forgotten generations towards its destination. Lit inside by the artificial Long Sun, The Whorl is so huge that you can see whole cities in the sky. And now the gods of The Whorl begin to intervene in human affairs. A god speaks to Patera Silk, a clergyman at work in the schoolyard of his church. Silk must go on a quest to save his church and his people. "Stylistic excellence and topnotch storytelling."--Library Journal At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**A Study Guide for Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower"**-Gale, Cengage Learning 2016-06-29 A Study Guide for Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs.

**Summary of Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler**-Book Zoom 2021-03-31 Have you been wishing to read "Parable of the Sower" by Octavia E. Butler but don't have the time to read the 300-page book or are looking for a reading companion that will help you grasp everything you are reading for easy reference? If you've answered YES, keep reading... You've Just Discovered The Most Detailed Chapter-To-Chapter Summary Of "Parable of the Sower" By Octavia E. Butler! Summary And Study Guide Of Parable of the Sower If you are curious to know answers to Your questions regarding Parable of the Sower, you are in luck, as this book breaks down the 300 pages into value-packed 60 pages that will help you grasp the main things talked about in each chapter! This book summary features: * Summary * Story Analysis * Character Analysis * Themes * Symbols & Motifs * Literary Devices * Important Quotes * Essay Topics Yes, if you feel you need more than a book review to decide whether to read Parable of the Sower, then this Summary of Parable of the Sower is a must-read! Note: This is an unofficial companion book to Octavia E. Butler's popular non-fiction book "Parable of the Sower" - it is meant to improve your reading experience and is not the original book! Scroll up and click Buy Now With 1-Click or Buy Now to start reading!

**China Mountain Zhang**-Maureen F. McHugh 1997-04-15 Winner of the James Tiptree, Jr. Memorial Award, the Lambda Literary Award, the Locus Award for Best First Novel, and a Hugo and Nebula Award nominee. With this groundbreaking novel, Maureen F. McHugh established herself as one of the decade's best science fiction writers. In its pages, we enter a postrevolution America, moving from the hyperurbanized eastern seaboard to the Arctic bleakness of Baffin Island; from the new Imperial City to an agricultural commune on Mars. The overlapping lives of cyberkite fliers, lonely colonists, illicit neural-pressball players, and organic engineers blend into a powerful, taut story of a young man's journey of discovery. This is a macroscopic world of microscopic intensity, one of the most brilliant visions of modern SF. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

**Revolution and Evolution in the Twentieth Century**-James Lee Boggs 1974 This book provides a concise and instructive review of the revolutions of the twentieth century, with separate chapters on the Russian, Chinese, Guinea-Bissau, and Vietnamese revolutions, in which the authors seek to extract the principle lessons from each of these struggles and the special course taken by each. In these and in a summary chapter on the dialectics of revolution the authors furnish a picture of the principal aspects of Marxism, Leninism, Maoism, and the other currents of Marxism active in the revolutions of our times. A second section is devoted to the United States, and begins with a survey of the class forces in American history from the settlement of the original thirteen colonies to the present, with special attention to the enslaved black population. Thereafter, the authors present their ideas on the objects and means of an American Revolution. Includes new introduction by Grace Lee Boggs.

**The Wild Shore**-Kim Stanley Robinson 2013-12-31 The Wild Shore is the first novel in Kim Stanley Robinson's highly-acclaimed Three Californias Trilogy. 2047: For the small Pacific Coast community of San Onofre, life in the aftermath of a devastating nuclear attack is a matter of survival, a day-to-day struggle to stay alive. But young Hank Fletcher dreams of the world that might have been, and might yet be--and dreams of playing a crucial role in America's rebirth. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.
**The Fifth Sacred Thing** - Starhawk 2011-08-10 An epic tale of freedom and slavery, love and war, and the potential futures of humankind tells of a twenty-first century California clan caught between two clashing worlds, one based on tolerance, the other on repression. Declaration of the Four Sacred Things The earth is a living, conscious being. In company with cultures of many different times and places, we name these things as sacred: air, fire, water, and earth. Whether we see them as the breath, energy, blood, and body of the Mother, or as the blessed gifts of a Creator, or as symbols of the interconnected systems that sustain life, we know that nothing can live without them. To call these things sacred is to say that they have a value beyond their usefulness for human ends, that they themselves became the standards by which our acts, our economics, our laws, and our purposes must be judged. No one has the right to appropriate them or profit from them at the expense of others. Any government that fails to protect them forfeits its legitimacy. All people, all living things, are part of the earth life, and so are sacred. No one of us stands higher or lower than any other. Only justice can assure balance; only ecological balance can sustain freedom. Only in freedom can that fifth sacred thing we call spirit flourish in its full diversity. To honor the sacred is to create conditions in which nourishment, sustenance, habitat, knowledge, freedom, and beauty can thrive. To honor the sacred is to make love possible. To this we dedicate our curiosity, our will, our courage, our silences, and our voices. To this we dedicate our lives. Praise for The Fifth Sacred Thing “This wisdom wrapped in drama.” —Tom Hayden, California state senator “Starhawk makes the jump to fiction quite smoothly with this memorable first novel.” —Locus “ Totally captivating . . . a vision of the paradigm shift that is essential for our very survival as a species on this planet.” —Elinor Gadon, author of The Once and Future Goddess “This strong debut fits well against feminist futuristic, utopic, and dystopic works by the likes of Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Ursula LeGuin, and Margaret Atwood.” —Library Journal

**Parable of the Sower** - Octavia E. Butler 2020 The follow-up to *Kindred*, the #1 bestseller, comes Octavia E. Butler’s groundbreaking dystopian novel. In this graphic novel adaptation of Octavia E. Butler’s *Parable of the Sower*, by Damian Duffy and John Jennings, the award-winning team behind the #1 bestseller *Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation*, the author portrays a searing vision of America’s future. In the year 2024, the country is marred by unattended environmental and economic crises that lead to social chaos. Lauren Olamina, a preacher’s daughter living in Los Angeles, is protected from danger by the walls of her gated community. However, in a night of fire and death, what begins as a fight for survival soon leads to something much more: a startling vision of human destiny... and the birth of a new faith.

**Sword and Citadel** - Gene Wolfe 2000 Recently voted the greatest fantasy of all time, after The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit, Gene Wolfe’s *The Book of the New Sun* is an extraordinary epic, set a million years in the future, on an Earth transformed in mysterious and wondrous ways, in a time when our present culture is no longer even a memory. Severian, the central character, is a torturer, exiled from his guild after falling in love with one of his victims, and journeying to the distant city of Thrax, armed with his ancient executioner’s sword, Terminus Est. This edition contains the second two volumes of this four volume novel, *The Sword of the Lictor* and *The Citadel of the Autarch*.

**Death of a Laird** - M. C. Beaton 2022-02-15 A wealthy laird’s guests are trapped in his estate during a furious storm— but when the laird turns up dead, Scotland’s most quick-witted but unambitious policeman, Hamish Macbeth, is on the case in this delightful new short story in M.C. Beaton’s New York Times bestselling series. When Sergeant Hamish Macbeth is sent to investigate reports that the wealthy new laird of the remote Naglar House has disappeared, north-west Scotland is hit by the worst storm in living memory. The road is washed away, phone lines are down, mobile reception is dead and his police radio is out of order. He is trapped with the laird’s high-class house guests. Then he discovers the laird’s body. Forced to remain overnight at the house, Hamish interviews each of the guests and pieces together an alarming picture of clandestine infidelity, vicious jealousy, deadly revenge, lust, greed and fear. It begins to look like all of the guests had good reason to want the laird dead, but which one of them actually did the deed?

**Parable of the Sower. Butler, Octavia. 1st Ed. 1994-2016**


**Amelia to Zora** - Cynthia Chin-Lee 2008-07-01 Profiles the lives of twenty-six women who, through their acts and deeds, helped shape and change the world during their lifetime, including pilot Amelia Earhart and anthropologist Zora Neal Hurston.

**Woman on the Edge of Time** - Marge PierCY 1997 Connie Ramos, a woman in her mid-thirties, has been declared insane. But Connie is overwhelmingly sane, merely tuned to the future, and able to communicate with the year 2137. As her doctors persuade her to agree to an operation, Connie struggles to force herself to listen to the future and its lessons for today. From the Paperback edition.
Dollar Bahu-Sudha Murty 2007-12-11 A story of how money corrupts the way people look at one another and how it can almost tear a family apart Vinuta marries Girish, a bank clerk, and starts living with his family in Bangalore. She adjusts to her new family well, looking after her husband, father-in-law and mother-in-law Gouramma, not taking to heart her mother-in-law's constant picking. But when Girish's elder brother Chandru, who is in the US, decides to get married, Vinuta has to listen to the constant comparisons made between her and Chandru's wife, the 'Dollar Bahu', whose husband earns the valuable dollars that has brought the family its recent affluence. Vinuta slowly loses her peace of mind and health. Then Gouramma decides to visit her US-based son and daughter-in-law. Once there, she sees how liberating life can be, away from the strict norms that govern Indian middle-class life. But she also begins to understand that mere dollars cannot buy the love and respect that she gets as her due back in India. Does Gouramma forge a new relationship with Vinuta and can Vinuta forgive and forget the past?

The Wood Wife-Terri Windling 1997-08-15 Maggie Black leaves behind her fashionable West Coast life to pursue her passion and dreams in the Southwestern desert, reading the secrets of her late mentor, the acclaimed poet Dennis Cooper, and learning about the desert's wild, ancient secrets. Reprint.

The Conan the Barbarian Stories-Robert E. Howard 2017-11-21 An action-packed collection of Conan the Barbarian's wild adventures. In this unparalleled collection from a literary mastermind, swordsman Conan the Barbarian faces powerful sorcerers, deadly creatures, and ruthless armies of thieves. With his character Conan the Barbarian, author Robert E. Howard single-handedly invented the genre that came to be known as sword and sorcery. In this volume are eighteen Conan stories, including a classic of dark fantasy, “The Phoenix and the Sword,” and the classic adventure “The Devil in Iron.” These timeless stories feature Conan the raw and dangerous youth, Conan the daring thief, Conan the swashbuckling pirate, and Conan the commander of armies, and bring to mind the pulp tales that dominated the mid-twentieth century. The Conan the Barbarian Stories includes “The Phoenix on the Sword,” “The Scarlet Citadel,” “The Tower of the Elephant,” “Black Colossus,” “The Slithering Shadow,” “The Pool of the Black One,” “Rogues in the House,” “Gods of the North,” “Shadows in the Moonlight,” “Queen of the Black Coast,” “The Devil in Iron,” “The People of the Black Circle,” “A Witch Shall Be Born,” “Jewels of Gwahlur,” “Beyond the Black River,” “Shadows in Zamboula,” “Red Nails,” and “The Hyborian Age.” This ebook has been professionally proofread to ensure accuracy and readability on all devices.

Parable of the Talents-Octavia E. Butler 2012-07-24 Winner of the Nebula Award for Best Novel: The powerful and compelling sequel to the dystopian classic Parable of the Sower Lauren Olamina was only eighteen when her family was killed, and anarchy encroached on her Southern California home. She fled the war zone for the hope of quiet and safety in the north. There she founded Acorn, a peaceful community based on a religion of her creation, called Earthseed, whose central tenet is that God is change. Five years later, Lauren has married a doctor and given birth to a daughter. Acorn is beginning to thrive. But outside the tranquil group's walls, America is changing for the worse. Presidential candidate Andrew Steele Jarret wins national fame by preaching a return to the values of the American golden age. To his marauding followers, who are identified by their crosses and black robes, this is a call to arms to end religious tolerance and racial equality—a brutal doctrine they enforce by machine gun. And as this band of violent extremists sets its deadly sights on Earthseed, Acorn is plunged into a harrowing fight for its very survival. Taking its place alongside Margaret Atwood’s The Handmaid’s Tale, Butler’s eerily prophetic novel offers a terrifying vision of our potential future, but also one of hope. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Octavia E. Butler including rare images from the author’s estate.

The PLAIN Janes-Cecil Castellucci 2020-01-07 Meet the Plain Janes—artist activists on a mission to wake up their sleepy suburban town. This cult classic graphic novel is perfect for fans of The Lumberjanes and Awkward. When artsy misfit Jane Beckles is forced to leave her beloved city life behind for the boring suburb of Kent Waters, she thinks her life is over. But then she finds where she belongs: at the reject table in the cafeteria, along with fellow misfits Brain Jayne, Theater Jane, and sporty Polly Jane. United by only two things—a shared name and frustration with the adults around them—the girls form a secret club dedicated to fighting suburban apathy with guerrilla works of art scattered around their small town. But for Main Jane, the group is more than simple teenaged rebellion; it's an act of survival. She's determined not to let fear rule her life like it does her parents' and neighbors' lives. Armed with her sketchbook and a mission of resistance, the PLAIN Janes are out to prove that passion, bravery, and a group of great friends can save anyone from the hell that is high school. With each installment printed in its own distinct color, this volume includes the original two stories--The Plain Janes and Janes in Love--plus a never-before-seen third story, Janes Attack Back. The Janes are back, and better than ever.

The Sheep Look Up-John Brunner 1991-01 Food and crops, water and scarce resources—all are undergoing major stresses due to human incompetence and greed. In “The Sheep Look Up,” Brunner describes the lives of the people in the midst of ecological catastrophe and their attempts to come to terms with their environment. This is the first limited edition of “The Sheep Look Up” ever published. This edition features an introduction by Kim Stanley Robinson, one of science fiction's best-known writers. The book is also signed by Robinson and features an interview with Brunner, a column by John Brunner, and a short autobiography with photographs.

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Across the Wounded Galaxies - Larry McCaffery 1991-01-15 Modern science fiction writers, including Gregory Benford, William S. Burroughs, Ursula K. LeGuin, and Bruce Sterling talk about their careers, influences, and works

The Steerswoman - Rosemary Kirstein 2019-04-12 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION If you ask, she must answer. A steerswoman’s knowledge is shared with any who request it; no steerswoman may refuse a question, and no steerswoman may answer with anything but the truth. And if she asks, you must answer. It is the other side of tradition’s contract -- and if you refuse the question, or lie, no steerswoman will ever again answer even your most casual question. And so, the steerswomen - always seeking, always investigating - have gathered more and more knowledge about the world they travel, and they share that knowledge freely. Until the day that the steerswoman Rowan begins asking innocent questions about one small, lovely, inexplicable object... Her discoveries grow stranger and deeper, and more dangerous, until suddenly she finds she must flee or fight for her life. Or worse -- lie. Because one kind of knowledge has always been denied the the steerswomen: Magic. "If you haven’t read Kirstein’s Steerswoman books I envy you the chance to read them now for the first time.... I think they have a very good claim to be my favorite thing still being written. [...] If you like science, and if you like watching someone work out mysteries, and if you like detailed weird alien worlds and human cultures, if really good prose appeals... you’re really in luck." - Jo Walton, Hugo and Nebula Awards winner, author of Among Others and Farthing. "[Kirstein] walks the tightrope between fantasy and science fiction with precision and grace... [her] compassion for even minor characters is evident on every page, and her prose is measured and alluring without being overworked." -- Damien Broderick & Paul Di Filippo, in Science Fiction: The 101 Best Novels 1985-2010

Loveland - Robert Lukins 2022-03 Compelling, compassionate and profoundly moving, this new novel by the acclaimed author of The Everlasting Sunday confirms Robert Lukins as one of our finest writers.

Primary Inversion - Catherine Asaro 1996-05-15 A rivalry between the Skolian and Trader empires escalates into all-out war that threatens to bring every Skolian citizen into slavery or result in the destruction of both sides. Reprint.

The Complete Stories - Alice Walker 2011-12-29 A fantastic collection of stories - funny, touching, surprising - from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of THE COLOR PURPLE 'Stories are, after all, like a thumbprint. Unique to the soul and heart they are by creation attached' Comprising two volumes - In Love and Trouble and You Can’t Keep a Good Woman Down - The Complete Stories is a rich smorgasbord of tales that showcase three decades of the author's work. They show the immense range of Alice Walker's talent, from humour to stories of love, race and politics, reaffirming her position as one of the most important writers of the past 50 years.

The Dystopian Balance - Keith Elphick 2011
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