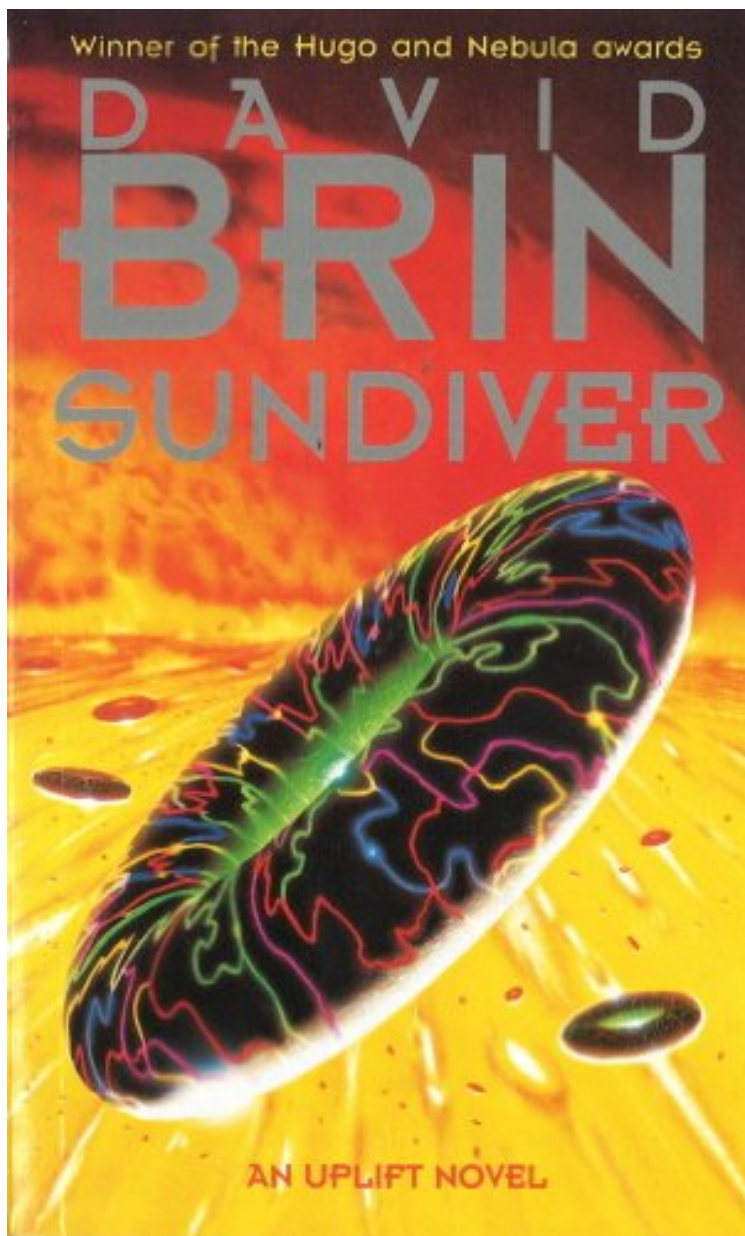


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Von David Brin : Sundiver (Uplift) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sundiver (Uplift):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great ideas, mediocre story...Von Ein KundeThis book is considered the first of Brin's first Uplift Trilogy, but it is really a

stand-alone novel, set far apart in setting, plot, and style from *Startide Rising* and the *Uplift War*. That said, it is in this book that Brin first introduces the readers to the universe that will be developed more fully in his later works-- and what a fascinating universe it is! Humans 'uplifting' dolphins and chimps to a sapience equal to our own, religious/intellectual/political conflict on earth between those who believe that humanity evolved and those who believe that an alien race uplifted us long ago only to abandon us, a vaguely unsettling futuristic social structure where humans are divided into full citizens with rights and 'probationers' without, and of course, a billion-year-old shared culture of galactic races into which earth's young, self-taught, human culture seems to have rudely and unpreparedly been thrust. It's great stuff... but the problem here is the story. What starts off as a kind of sci-fi quest to fly on a 'sunship' into the sun to see if the 'ghosts' that have been reported there might be the lost patron aliens who once uplifted humanity evolves into a murder/sabotage mystery. That's fine by me, but the 'whodunnit' part of the mystery just doesn't work very well in my book. For the most part, it seems rather convoluted involving aspects of sci-fi physics and alien politics that the reader is not sufficiently introduced to in advance. Even worse is the fact that the entire novel is told from the perspective of a single protagonist-- except for one chapter early on-- in which the reader witnesses a conversation that... well, it doesn't really reveal the *whole* of the whodunnit part of the mystery per se, but it gives you too good of an idea of at least one of the key figures involved. That just strikes me as a storytelling mistake that ought to have been avoided. All in all, this is a decent book, but it's more interesting for the ideas that will come to full bloom in Brin's later uplift books, than for the story itself.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I was really bored... as much as I tried not to be. Von Dr. Zoidberg I started reading this book with a lot of expectations. I got the impression it's going to be one of the best books I'm ever going to read. (Did it win a Hugo? I'm not sure, but it might have had). The world David Brin created was fascinating, but the story was just SO BORING... I kept waiting for something exciting to happen - but nothing! I managed to finish the book, only to decide I'm never going to read the sequels. Although many reviewers said that this is the weakest book in the series, so maybe I should give him a second chance. His short stories book was superb, in my opinion. Anyway, to summarize - so-so, in my opinion. If you heard good things about the next books - I guess this should be worth reading. but if you have a list of good books, and you're just trying to decide which one to read? Wait with this one!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Au contraire, read this BEFORE *Startide*. Von Ein Kunde Don't get me wrong, good old "Startide Rising" is the centerpiece of the Uplift novels. If the idea of "uplift" makes perfect sense to you right away, then perhaps you should go straight to *Startide*. However, the Brin universe took a little "getting acquainted" time (for me, anyway). Here we have a nice bite-size mystery dealing with humans that make about as much sense of this "uplift" thing as the reader. Find out why certain Galactics hate our guts, and why others want to give the poor wolfings a chance in this crazy universe. Unlike later Brin novels (which are drop-dead amazing), this one is a quick sip...you won't need to devote weeks of reading to it (hey I read slow, so sue me) and you'll be ready to plunge right into the next to installments and get the hang of them much better. Bring it along the next time you're on a plane and enjoy this refreshing yarn.

Kurzbeschreibung Circling the Sun, under the caverns of Mercury, Expedition Sundiver prepares for the most momentous voyage in our history. A journey into the boiling inferno of the sun, to seek our destiny in the cosmic order of life. For in a universe in which no species can reach sentience without being 'uplifted' by a patron race, it seems that only mankind has reached for the stars unaided. And now, the greatest mystery of all may be explained... Sundiver is the first book in David Brin's magnificent Uplift series.

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