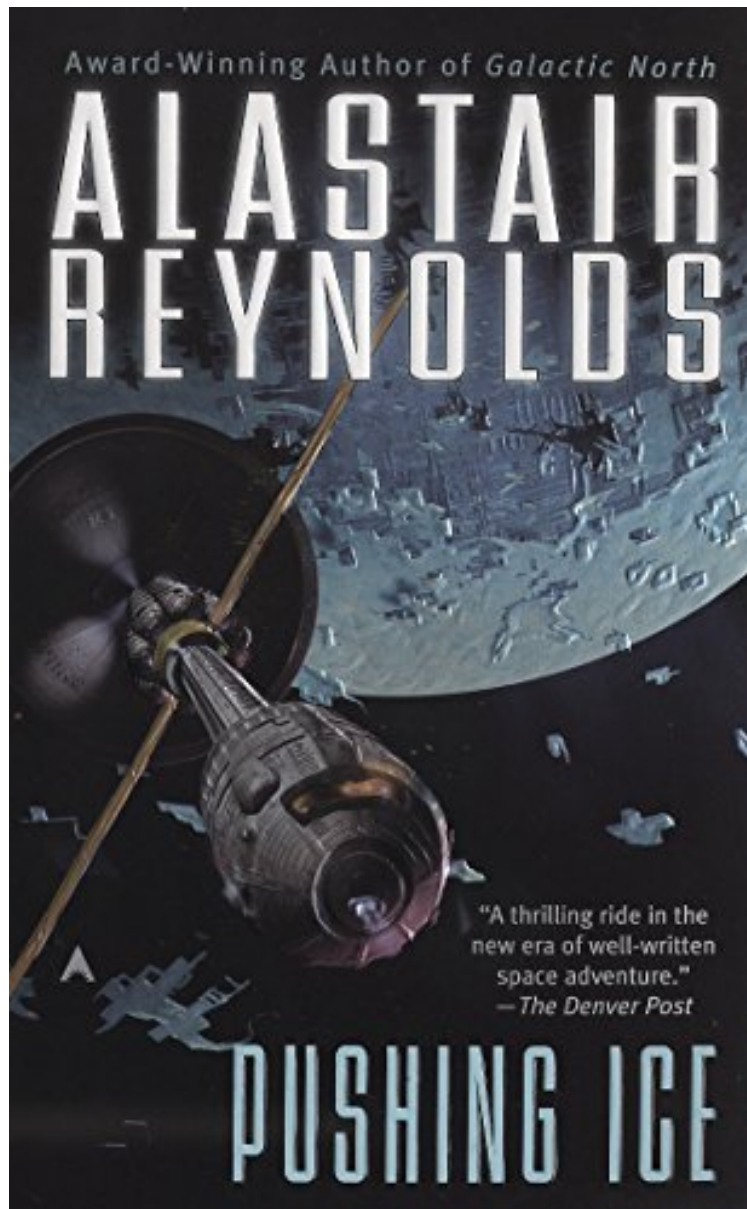


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Von Alastair Reynolds : Pushing Ice before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pushing Ice:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen15 von 15 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Better than you thinkVon Daniel VollmerI finished reading Alastair Reynolds "Pushing Ice" about a week back. I was

sceptical as it didn't take place in the Revelation Space universe and was put off by the mediocre -reviews, but I think the people who gave it those marks didn't understand the book at all. He manages to convey so much more in 500 pages (which I finished in the span of 2 days) than - say - Peter F. Hamilton in 2000... You have to pay some attention as much information is given in passing or has to be inferred, but this is to the books' credit, not to its detriment. It starts off as an amalgam of so many things - alien artefact / first contact story, moving on with strong influences of some Arthur C. Clarke books, but it pulls through brilliantly into something I never saw coming, never forgetting the human touch (and reminding me that fights between women are scary!). I even liked the ending (which I rarely do), because it stops where it ought to. Very recommended!

6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. And again ... Von Axel Bock... Mr. Reynolds has written an extraordinary book. A Must Read. Definitely. The story is rather simple. Some time in the future, around 2057, mankind has developed inter-planetary travel and is about to colonize Mars. Note: It's inter-planetary, NOT inter-stellar. To get resources for expansion special ice-pushers fly around in the solar system and "push" asteroids toward inhabited areas to be caught and processed. That book is the story of one of those ships, the ship "Rockhopper". One day, the Saturn moon Janus leaves its orbit around Saturn and begins to accelerate towards a star system far away. The ship Rockhopper is the only ship in range to intercept, and it is sent out to do so and to perform some analysis. The plan is: Intercept, make a five-day-analysis, then head back home. Of course it's not that easy. I won't tell what happens, that would be spoiling it. . But I will tell as much. First, there will be aliens, and humans know nothing in comparison to their achievements. Second, you will get a feeling of what "time" and "space" means on a cosmic scale. Third, reading the book WILL leave you with a tensed feeling, you will feel small, alone and insignificant in comparison to that universe and to time. Still it's the story about the crew of Rockhopper, and what happens to them, and about how they are coping with the ongoings. It is always about them. What I personally like most of Alastair is that he manages to get the feeling across. As reader you can actually glimpse of what it must be like to be confronted with things on a scale so much larger than anything we can usually imagine. You feel the vast emptiness of space, the incomprehensible distances of time, the insignificance of one single planet in space. But the main stunner is that this is only a side effect - it is necessary for the story to evolve. And a good story it is, a story about people, motivations, friendship - something that grips you, with an end that leaves you frustrated and a little bit disturbed. Great science fiction, paired with enormous writing talent.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interessantes Szenario mit offenem Ende Von Rolf Schwemmer Pushing Ice beinhaltet eine spannende Entwicklung deren Ende nicht vorherzusehen ist. Das finale Szenario in dem Spica-Gebilde stellt eine interessante und sicherlich in der Science-Fiction-Literatur herausragende Idee dar. Ich frage mich daher, ob das Ende wirklich offen bleiben muss oder ob es im Anblick der zeitlichen Fast-Finalitt noch Spielraum für eine Fortsetzung gibt bzw. geben könnte.

Kurzbeschreibung 2057. Bella Lind and the crew of her nuclear-powered ship, the Rockhopper, push ice. They mine comets. But nothing can prepare them for the surprises in store when Janus, one of Saturn's ice moons, spins out of control.

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