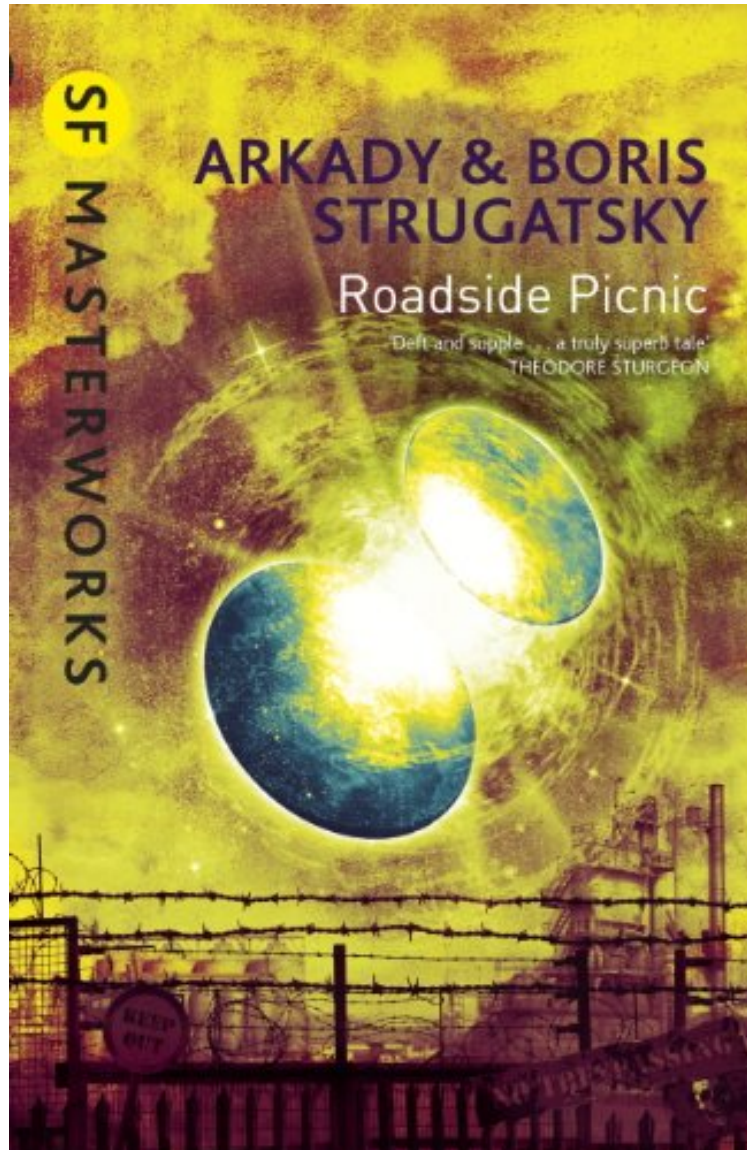


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Von Arkady Strugatsky : Roadside Picnic (S.F. MASTERWORKS) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Roadside Picnic (S.F. MASTERWORKS) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A must-read.Von CSThe translation is rather clunky (clumsy wording, shifts in tenses mid-sentence, once even a change of the sentence's subject that renders a whole paragraph nonsensical). But I forgive all that because of an accidental

pentameter on page 110 (complete with rhyme): "The risen dead have no place to return ... and that is why they're sorrowful and stern." I also enjoyed the descriptions of unpredictable physics and weird artefacts inside the Zone, and shuddered at the various "accidents" and ways to die in there (that totally go with my "descriptions of war can never represent war" argument). All in all, I'm really glad to have read this book. Still, I think that Tarkovsky probably picked out some of the best bits for his adaptation STALKER.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Cerebral Classic of Soviet Science Fiction Von Dr. Bojan Tunguz Several alien spaceships have visited Earth at some point in the late twentieth century. Their landing sites seem to have been chosen at random, and during their visit they made almost no attempt at contact with humans. When they finally left, their landing sites were permanently altered and polluted with various artifacts and substances, and the sites themselves exhibit many strange and troubling behaviors. In the years and decades following the aliens departure a vast array of scholars, scientists, technology experts, military interests, and black market opportunists tried to make sense of the visit and leverage the landing sites for their own varying interests. However, exploring the sites was always a very risky activity, and those who dared to venture within their carefully guarded perimeters frequently exposed themselves to harmful and often lethal consequences. These landing site visits, however brief, had impact not only on the explorers, but also subsequently on almost everyone who the explorers came in touch with. This short Sci Fi novel reduces the subgenre of the alien visit to its most basic elements: the landing sites themselves, mysterious left-over artifacts, and the fundamental and irrevocable change that this visit has brought upon the human civilization. Within this minimalistic setup it is still possible to extract a surprising amount of narrative richness and human and intellectual drama. The main protagonist, Redrick Red Schuhart, is a hard-nosed stalker an opportunistic and illegal rummager of the visitation zones who is trying to make the most of his ability to extract valuable artifacts and sell them on the black market. Red is an almost prototypical antihero who is nonetheless guided by some high-minded principles and moral standard. This moral probity particularly comes into play in his relationship with his own family. He tries his hardest to protect them and help them out, especially since they have incurred a personal tragedy due to Reds involvement with the visitation zone. This is a very deep and richly psychological book. Readers accustomed to the more western-style science fiction may find it more philosophical than what they are accustomed to reading. The Roadside Picnic nonetheless has a very well developed plot and nuanced and believable characters. This is science fiction at its best good writing, rich plotline, and deep, potentially open-ended, questions and problems that it grapples with.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A friend's recommendation. Von Andrei G. After a friend recommended this book, I immediately bought it to see for myself if it was truly an enjoyable read. I was not disappointed. The book is really well written and can be read quite fast. Having my eyes opened to the Strugatsky brothers, I am now looking forward to their other works. I can safely say that I myself recommend this book and the authors further, it was by no means a wrong decision buying it, on the contrary, it made me want to read more of the Strugatskys. Enjoy the read.

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Werbetext 'Deft and supple ... a truly superb tale' Theodore Sturgeon

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