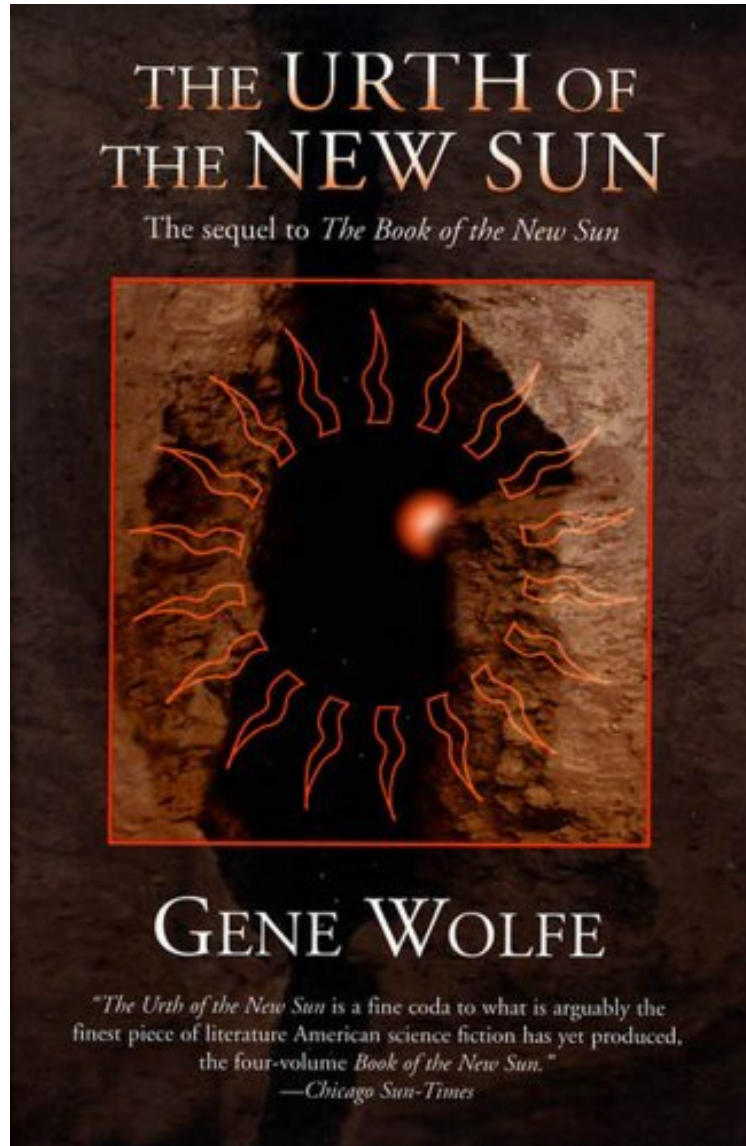


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More than Just Dotting the i's, Crossing the t'sVon CustomerPart of the motivation for reading URTH OF THE NEW SUN is simply to breathe in more of Wolfe's beautiful prose, as written by Severian, and to take a few more footsteps in the

path of that (ex?)-torturer. URTH OF THE NEW SUN does more than simply show us what happens when Severian takes the trip implied at the end of THE CITADEL OF THE AUTARCH. It does not explain away the mystery, but deepens it; it widens and deepens our understanding of the universe of Wolfe's Sun Books, and warns us to (in Flannery O'Connor's phrasing) beware of "the swiftness of mercy" and the painful touch of Divine Grace. Le Guin (who sometimes achieves the goal herself, but not as often as Wolfe) is correct in calling Wolfe science-fiction's Melville--not that Wolfe and Melville have the same vision, but they share the ability to make the concrete things in their fictional worlds embody ideas and truths without losing their "thingness"--they escape the Scylla and Charybdis of fictional idealism and materialism. In Wolfe's case, I would call this "Incarnational" fiction, grounded in his Catholic worldview, but whatever perspective it comes from, it is worth seeking wherever it can be found in literature.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great...but lacks closure
 Von Amy "The Urth of the New Sun" has the same strength and depth of "Book of the New Sun." It has exciting action scenes, bittersweet love interests, and a thought-provoking (mind boggling) scientific foundation. BUT...like the other 4 parts, it lacks closure. Up until the last page, Wolf's dynamic story line and writing style kept me glued to the book, but when I finished the last paragraph, I couldn't help feeling robbed. If you've read "The Book of the New Sun," you can relate. Only this time, you know there won't be a sequel. The Beginning and the Middle were definitely worth it, but just don't expect a big Conclusion. The story just sort of wears itself out, and doesn't provide any sense of emotional satisfaction for the reader or for poor Severian. But the book WAS very very gripping and I would definitely recommend it.

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 Von Ein Kunde Mr Gene Wolfe certainly has a hotline to some dark spirit, and this novel is no exception. The story plunges from episode to episode with the usual disorienting pace, the images and devices are as disturbing and powerful as ever, and the plotting as intricate and dazzling. But something new happens - as we realise that the story of Severian is the story of nothing less than a new God, the messianic figure who will usher in the end of one world and preside over the birth of another, the story attains a level of religious and mythological depth not seen before in the New Sun novels. The writing about Yesod, the world beyond the world where the beings of our own and other Galaxies are to be judged, is of a degree of lyricism and passion rarely encountered in run of the mill SF. As piercing is the end of the book, where Severian encounters himself and his companions as figures in a new pantheon. The underlying themes of human pain, loss, beauty, transcendence and death are handled with a seriousness, power and deftness that only Tolkien CS Lewis behind and Ursula Le Guin have matched.

Kurzbeschreibung The long awaited sequel to Gene Wolfe's four-volume classic, The Book of the New Sun. We return to the world of Severian, now the Autarch of Urth, as he leaves the planet on one of the huge spaceships of the alien Hierodules to travel across time and space to face his greatest test, to become the legendary New Sun or die. The strange, rich, original spaceship scenes give way to travels in time, wherein Severian revisits times and places which fill in parts of the background of the four-volume work, that will thrill and intrigue particularly all readers of the earlier books. But The Urth of the New Sun is an independent structure all of a piece, an integral masterpiece to shelve beside the classics, one itself. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

From Library Journal Severian, formerly a member of the Torturers' Guild and now Autarch of Urth, travels beyond the boundaries of time and space aboard the Ship of Tzadkiel on a mission to bring the New Sun to his dying planet. Wolfe demonstrates his mastery of both style and content in this complex, multilayered story of one man's eternal quest. Containing enough background material to make it accessible to series newcomers, this sequel to the four-volume Book of the New Sun is highly recommended.

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