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ETERNITY ROAD

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The Roadmakers left purely ruins at the back of -- yet what brilliant ruins Their concrete highways nonetheless go the continent. Their cups, combs and jewellery are present in each Illyrian home. They left in the back of a legend, too -- a hidden sanctuary referred to as Haven, the place even now the secrets and techniques in their civilization may nonetheless be found. Chaka's brother used to be a kind of who sought to discover Haven and not returned. yet now Chaka has inherited an extraordinary Roadmaker artifact -- a ebook known as "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" -- which has encouraged her to keep on with in his footsteps. accumulating an not likely band of partners round her, Chaka embarks upon a trip the place she is going to come upon bloodthirsty river pirates, digital ghosts who mourn their misplaced civilization and machines that skim over the floor and air. Ultimately, the crowd will research the reality approximately their very own mysterious past.

this is often relatively three 0.5 stars. i cannot deliver myself to offer it a 4 because of its flaws, yet I did take pleasure in it for the main part. "Eternity Road" follows the adventure of a small workforce of individuals from the post-apocalyptic Mississippi zone numerous centuries after the area we all know ends. they're trying to find Haven, a city that tales inform used to be manage after the catastrophic occasion that killed off the Roadbuilders (us), and which could have historic and medical info that has another way been lost. A mysterious item--a reproduction of Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court", formerly regarded as misplaced forever--left at the back of by means of the only survivor of the previous, tragic excursion to Haven, deals the gang a tantalizing desire of what wonders they could find. the 1st a hundred and fifty pages or so are a section Eternity Road slow--just buildup to the crowd leaving. After that, however, it will get much more interesting. They Eternity Road make loads of discoveries, and it's totally transparent how little they comprehend of a lot of what they find. so much know-how is lost--travel is completed walking or horseback and books are all handwritten. (One personality makes word of ways humanity forgot the right way to make a printing press yet remembered tips to make guns.) no longer Eternity Road it all quite makes sense--at one element the gang meets a guy who has primarily re-invented the steam engine and the recent air balloon (and it seems that is familiar with a few type of chemistry as he refers to hydrogen), yet not anyone has get a hold of a printing press still? That turns out unlikely. The characters are beautiful flat and so much of them come off extra as checklists of qualities instead of genuine people. (The one I felt was once the simplest written was once after all the 1st to die.) The romance, in case you can name it that, was once dry and compelled and an entire waste of words. no longer each books wishes a rattling romance, particularly if it really Eternity Road is simply pasted on for a bit additional note count. However, what fairly detracts from this e-book is the ending--or should still I say, the shortcoming thereof. The publication builds up and builds up and builds up the secret approximately what occurred to Eternity Road the Roadbuilders and what they might locate in Haven, yet then it ends (view spoiler)[with the surviving contributors of the crowd discovering a cache of handwritten books that can not be greater than 100 years old, bare and shut to drowning of their try to store the books from the emerging tide. No, really, that is the place it ends. Then the five-page lengthy epilogue Eternity Road Eternity Road tells the

reader that oh, by way of the way, the Roadbuilders have been killed by means of an airborne virus that got here from the rainforests, almost certainly as a inhabitants regulate check. by way of the rainforests. Also, they're nonetheless hand-copying the books they discovered and the rest survivors reside quite fortunately ever after. The booklet simply stops. Eternity Road It was once just like the writer had a closing date (or received uninterested in the story?), wasn't finished, and simply acknowledged "to hell with it" and slapped an epilogue on it. there have been such a lot of unfastened ends and avenues of exploration that simply went nowhere, and that i imagine the booklet could were significantly better if Silas had survived rather than one of many those that truly did. The characters with the main precious contributions to the expedition--the scholar, the desert guide, and the healer--all killed. The survivors: the soldier, the service provider alongside to redeem his father's name, and the silversmith alongside to determine what occurred to her brother. (He was once additionally the one personality I felt had a lot depth, and the one one whose dying I cared about.)For example: Silas, the scholar, may unquestionably have attempted to get much more details from Mike. Mike, a sentient computing device AI from the Roadbuilder times, who remembered the Roadbuilders and absolutely had all types of treasure troves of knowledge to offer, who the crowd kills at his request. Yes, they killed a sentient AI who remembered the folk they have been attempting to understand. Mike says that there have been others like him who survived the top of the Roadbuilder civilization, yet that's by no means explored any further. the gang took the maglev (futuristic rail train), that Eternity Road Mike was once nonetheless running, for an extended distance--so once they killed Mike I puzzled how the hell they have been going Eternity Road to get back. I nonetheless do not know how they obtained again because the ebook simply trailed off. there's additionally a component the place they locate an previous Planetary Society construction with a working laptop or computer that was once nonetheless examining info from the Hubble Telescopes that stay operational. the pc says that they have got discovered seventeen man made signs from outer space, indicating attainable clever life, and asks for authorization to ship a sign back. Chaka tells the pc to do it, so post-apocalyptic, technologically-challenged Earth is now sending out "hello, right here we are's" to attainable aliens. this would be fairly important, however the complete scene is apparently unnecessary even though because it does not relate to what occurred to the Roadbuilders (as I before everything proposal it might) and it does not cross anywhere. and naturally Silas, the main intellectually engaged and curious of the group, used to be too useless Eternity Road to enquire further. There's additionally regressive gender politics, yawn, of course. (I did not purchase the author's naive statement that almost all ladies could simply chorus from having intercourse to prevent pregnancy. So humans merely have intercourse in his global once they are actively attempting (or at the least open to the possibility) to procreate. Seriously, has he met the human race?) Avila's dying (shot numerous instances Eternity Road after expressing formerly slightly indicated sexuality--of course; sexual ladies constantly die, the soiled sluts, bla bla bla yawn, and convinced she was once attempting to retailer the crowd however the scene simply felt exploitative) used to be terrible, and gave the impression of it was once written to titillate up to something else. total the gender stuff isn't really performed as heinously as loads of different post-apocalyptic stuff though, and the writer does convey that a number of the different little societies that experience cropped up are extra open to ladies having a extra equivalent role. However, it is commonly a sausage fest. And the final line of the novel... oh the manpain. used to be that truly the proper observe to finish on? Meh. Also, Karik's activities make no sense. After his crew all died other than him, he had an immense stack of priceless, irreplaceable books that had formerly been lost... which he dumps

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