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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

While not quite up to the Spellsong saga or the best of the Recluce novels, Modesitt's complex fourth entry in his Corean series (after 2004's *Scepters*) contains plenty of fine world building and intelligently developed magic. With the life force of the planet Ifryn almost exhausted, its population is about to migrate to Corus, where the eight-foot Alectors, a superior race with psychic powers, are overseeing the biological preparation of this new world. Unfortunately, the migration will reduce the status of the powerful Alectors, while the Corus natives, known as indigens, will move so far down the social ladder as to be barely visible. The many subplots tend to slow the pace, but Modesitt fans, knowing what they're in for, will find reaching the end of this challenging fantasy well worth the effort. Newcomers would do best to start with *Legacies* (2002), the first of the Corean chronicles. (June 8)

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Instead of resuming the adventures of Alcius, the fourth volume of the Corean Chronicles adopts the points of view of Dainyl, an Alector, and Mykel, one of his talented (and Talented--i.e., psychic) company captains. As previous chronicles (*Legacies*, 2002; *Darknesses*, 2003; *Scepters*, 2004) have imparted, Corus has been developed as a future home for aliens who live by draining one planet's biological life force before moving to another. The development is supervised by Alectors, bigger, stronger, technologically superior to the natives, and all possessed of Talent, which most natives lack. The aliens' transfer to Corus is imminent, but the highest-ranked Alectors are intriguing among themselves, making use of the natives' political and economic aspirations. Dainyl, a just-promoted Alector, is supposed to straighten out a revolt among the steers, as the natives are derisively called. He discovers that higher-up Alectors instigated it, and the rarely seen aboriginal inhabitants of the planet, the Soarers, have gotten involved. Readers of its predecessors may most relish this book, which does, however, stand on its own. *Frieda Murray*

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Review

"A powerful, entralling and exciting fantasy epic. All the questions of the previous two books (LEGACIES and DARKNESS) are finally answered and all the loose ends are tied up. The protagonist is a hero for going into battle against an enemy that is more powerful than he is. His love for his wife adds a romantic dimension that humanizes the larger than life champion. *Scepters* is an outstanding fantasy."

--*Midwest Book Review on Scepters*

"Faster paced than *Legacies*, *Darknesses* is, since it concerns multiple states and their political ambitions, much more intricately plotted. Reading *Legacies* before tackling it is advisable, but because Alcius is like many other Modesitt protagonists, turning the pages to see what the author's current quiet, competent hero will do next is always a pleasure."

--*Booklist on Darknesses*

"*Legacies* is for people who enjoy a leisurely reading experience, want to see their characters grow and like to fill in the blanks themselves rather than have the author do it for them. . . . With a likable character in an intriguing land, *Legacies* is off to a promising start."

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