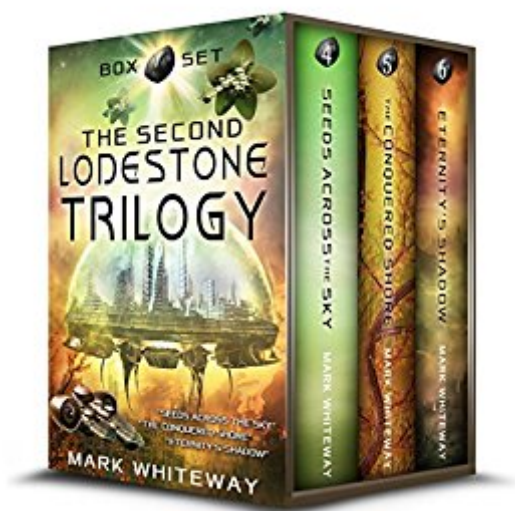


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# The Second Lodestone Trilogy Sci-Fi Adventure: Box Set (Limited Edition)



## Synopsis

Critically Acclaimed Epic Sci-Fi Adventure - Get three books for a fraction of the price! The first Lodestone trilogy saw Keris of the Kelanni join a ragtag band to combat the alien invasion of her world. Five turns of the season have now passed. Keris receives a disturbing report of the theft of an ancient artefact. The thief? Alexander McCann, the last human left on Kelanni! When she tracks him down in a liquor den, the drunken McCann spins a fantastical tale. An ancient sphere recording claims that her people, the Kelanni, are alien invaders just as the humans were. Worse yet it tells of Ash, an all-powerful alien being, who almost destroyed her world in the distant past. Now sinister forces are plotting his return. Accompanied by McCann, Keris must travel to the ancient ruined city of Gal Mador, uncover the truth of her people's dark past, and find a way to defeat an invincible alien foe... For the first time in a single volume, this version includes all three books of the Second Lodestone Trilogy. Fully and professionally edited, the combined 320,000-word epic is available for a limited period only. Lose yourself in the astounding world of Kelanni! ===== Lodestone Book 4: Seeds Across the Sky The discovery of an ancient artefact sends Keris of the Kelanni and the human Alexander McCann spinning back into the distant past to uncover a threat more terrible than either of them could conceive. Five planetary turns have passed since Humans were driven from the planet Kelanni. Keris learns of an ancient record that purports to tell the true origins of her people, and of a being named Ash that has manipulated their development for his own purposes. But is the record true, or merely another cynical attempt by humans to exploit the power of Lodestone? Lodestone Book 5: The Conquered Shore Following a momentous journey across space, two groups of Helvenans are locked in a struggle for survival on the strange, virgin planet they have named Kelanni. Their long journey over, the exiles from the planet Helvena must now carve out a new existence. But the stain of war still blights the two factions - the Hubbers with their strict caste system, now enforced by the new, fearsome Keltar in their flying cloaks, and the free community of Rimmers. On an alien world beset by unknown dangers and complex life forms they must find a way to come together... or be destroyed! Lodestone Book 6: Eternity's Shadow With her old adversary, Glaisne, now loose on Helvena along with the fey creature, Ash, Keris of the Kelanni must risk everything by awakening an ancient power so dangerous that it could destroy both worlds... "Once again Whiteway delivers another dazzling spin through a world of magic & technological wonder through the eyes of characters that face peril, heartbreak, and challenges at every turn. As always, I love how cinematic the book is. You can really see The Great Tree, The Sea of Storms, and all the other imaginative places. By this point I'm really endeared to the characters. I love how strong

Keris has gotten, and I always enjoy seeing McCann! There's lots of great back and forth dialog that keep the book rapid fire and fun. Definitely a must read for fans of sci-fi and fantasy. It's a very fast paced and rewarding read! Meagan Maguire "This went deeper than the other novels and has taken a great deal of thought, care and attention. The sub-storylines and the testing of each character's beliefs was excellent. The twists and turns had me hanging onto every word. I didn't want to put the book down. This book is a masterclass in how to create engaging characters in fantastical settings. It's the best book yet. I do hope that there will be a follow-on." Annette Young

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## Customer Reviews

Mark Whiteway's Lodestone Trilogy happened to be the first indie sci-fi book that I ever read. It was an incredible series with a strong and twisting storyline and well-developed universe of alien characters in an advanced society. The first Lodestone trilogy laid out the foundations of the world and the rise of the four heroes of Kelanni homeland. This series continues where the first trilogy left off and takes place in the past (kind of like the "X-Men: Days of Future Past" kind of thing), where you get to see where the characters and the plot developed. I particularly liked this series for a

number of reasons. First, the main villain in the series is the reverse of what it usually is in science fiction. Instead of the alien conquering mankind, it's the reverse. It's mankind conquering another planet and putting in a hierarchical society designed to keep that going. The second is the well-developed themes of ecology and connection that are present in the mysterious world of Chandara. If you read the first trilogy, there is one enigmatic character that stands out, Boxx, who is sort of like a R2-D2 in insect form, but with the powers and communication style of an E.T. In the first trilogy, you only meet Boxx and a few Chandara in some enigmatic (and sometime funny) scenes. In the second trilogy, you get to see more of Boxx's world and how it came to be. You meet the people who helped to protect the Great Tree and how that shaped interactions over the future. Third, I particularly enjoyed reading and watching Keris (the alien version of an warrior Princess Leia) struggle with the role of being a "superhero" in a world that she now knows is not what she thought it was. As she goes back in time, you'll see the development of Kelanni society and how it shaped her. You also get to see where she broke from the Kelanni power structure to become a hero and then one of "The Four" and watch as she struggles with this new celebrity status. This is a great series. It's a long read, but once you get into the story, it will be worth it to watch all of the characters interact: Keris, Sann, Boxx, Ash, and all of the rest. I highly recommend and will buy the print version!

Author Mark Whiteway continues to produce fantastically fascinating science fiction adventure with this second trilogy based on his previously published and well-received Lodestone saga. This is an entertaining trilogy that spans time and the cosmos in which readers will find themselves wholeheartedly engaged in this science fiction epic rampant with intrigue, adventure, and romance embodied in bold and wondrous worlds deftly created by the author. All three books are potentially entertaining reads with each book featuring a strong heroine figure deeply immersed in worlds of action and adventure; in *Seeds across the Sky* (book 4); Keris the heroic female lead from the previous Lodestone trilogy is on a mission to retrieve a stolen artifact which places her uncomfortably close to the notorious being Alexander McCann. This book also, introduces Zemira, another resilient and heroic female character. Next in book 5: *The Conquered Shore*; looks back in time and details the history of Keris's people, the Kellani and has Zemira deeply involved in a thrilling life or death mission. Lastly Book 6: *Eternity's Shadow*; serves readers another big helping of sci-fi adventure as Keris and her companion adventurers, find themselves on a noble but harrowing venture. Overall, this is yet another great work by author Mark Whiteway, whose writing is instantaneously engaging. His use of vividly textured imagery, and

strong characterizations combined with fascinating science fiction ideals, creates wondrous microcosms within his painted cosmos. I look forward to the future works of author Mark Whiteway and I heartily recommend both parts of the Lodestone Trilogy to fans who love great sci-fi reads.

I liked this one - It's a prequel nested within a sequel and a coming-of-age tale. It's quite similar to Wizard and Glass, of Steven King's Dark Tower series. Except it's in space, of course. Seeds Across the Sky explores the consequences of an advanced species breaking the Prime Directive. In this aspect, it's similar to David Brin's Uplift Trilogy and the Stargate television series. However, the female protagonist, caste system, and the slow unraveling of mysteries make it more reminiscent of Hugh Howey's Wool. Whiteway does a good job of blending his "Speculative Sci-fi" with good old-fashioned story telling. His descriptions of advanced technology are enticing - it all seems possible, but just out of reach. Fortunately, the hard sci-fi is balanced nicely by politics and the mystery of Ash. The protagonist's tale, refreshingly broken up at intervals by McCann and Keris, was what really pulled me through the book. Young enough to stand in awe at the bold science project of her race, Zemira is endearing and relatable. But she is also old enough to start seeing her world as it really is. As she and her budding society age and mature, we follow them on an exciting odyssey through the stars - and the mysteries of ancient Helvena.

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