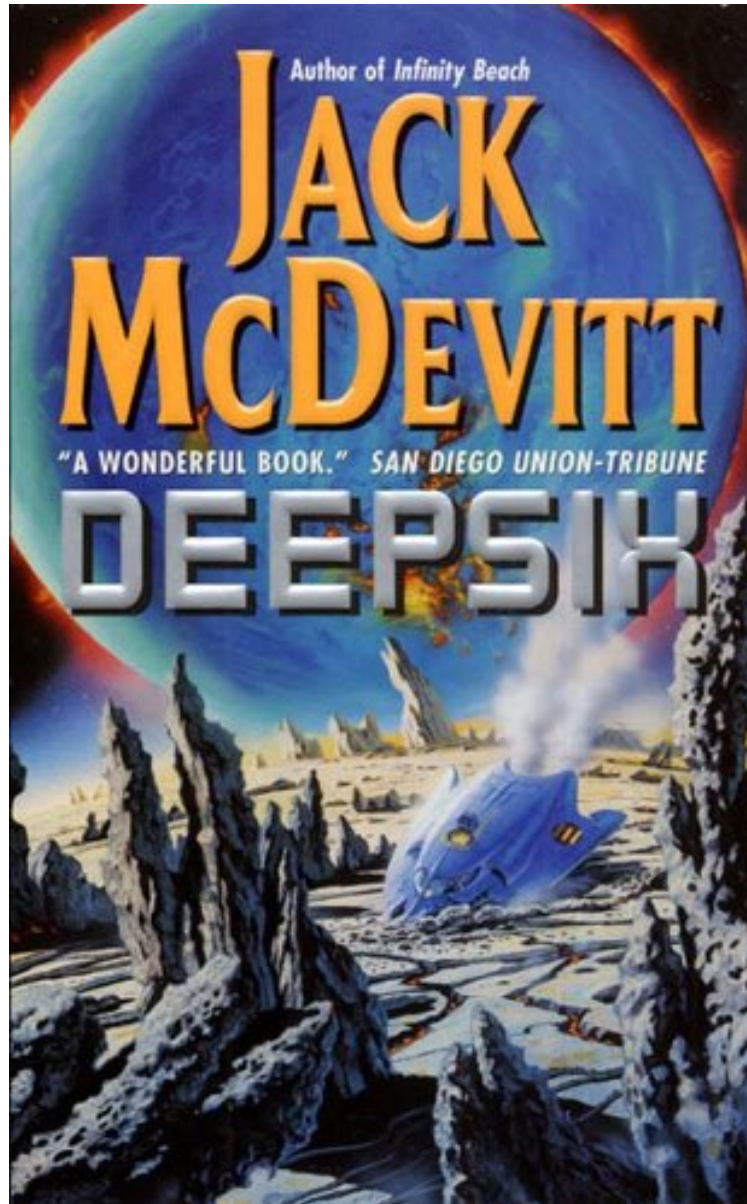


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Von Jack McDevitt

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**Von Jack McDevitt : Deepsix (The Academy series(Priscilla Hutchins) novel)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Deepsix (The Academy series(Priscilla Hutchins) novel):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.

Thrilling! Suspense from Start to End  
Von technozidAs always, Jack McDevitt understands to write a real thriller. The characters are finely developed, we see into the depths of their souls as they struggle to survive this adventure. There's some sort of initiation story as well, when the cynical media figure gets - to an extent - changed by events. And we meet brave old "Hutch" again. If you like McDevitt, this is a must-read!  
4 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. rather boring  
Von Ein Kunde  
The plus side of this book is that Mr. McDevitt knows how to write unfortunately the plot is so unimaginative that this doesn't help very much. The book has a promising start - a planet and alien artefacts to explore unfortunately that is never done. The characters get from one life threatening situation into the next. Whatever can go wrong does go wrong (good example of Murphy's laws) but it gets boring rather quickly because as soon as they have overcome one problem one just knows there will be a next, and next, and next ... right till the last pages of the book. The character development is also unsatisfactory, and as likeable as some are (for a short time) at the end of the book one doesn't care anymore what happens to them. There are also no satisfactory explanations for the technologies he uses. He should have spent much more time explaining those than coming up with new ways to torture the characters.  
2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ziemlich schwach  
Von Patrick Borer  
Whrend ich "The Engines of God" noch ganz ordentlich und interessant zu lesen fand, fillt "Deepsix" dagegen deutlich ab. Dem Verfasser scheinen die Ideen ausgegangen zu sein; das letzte Drittel des Buches habe ich mit zunehmender Ungeduld und immer flchtiger gelesen, da es nur noch darum geht, wie seine (weitgehend wenig interessanten) Hauptfiguren aus ihrer Gefahr gerettet werden sollen - die visionren und gelegentlich sogar poetischen Momente aus "Engines" fehlen gnzlich, wobei sich McDevitt schon in ersterem Buch eines ziemlich saloppen Schreibstils befleissigt, so auch hier. Und dieser Eindruck des Schnelldahingeschriebenen macht es nicht besser.

Kurzbeschreibung  
In the year 2204, tragedy and terror forced a scientific team to prematurely evacuate Maleiva III. Nineteen years later, a rogue moon hurtling through space is about to obliterate the last opportunity to study this rare, life-supporting planet. With less than three weeks left before the disaster, superluminal pilot Priscilla "Hutch" Hutchins -- the only even remotely qualified professional within lightyears of the ill-fated planet -- must lead a small scientific team to the surface to glean whatever they can about its lifeforms and lost civilizations before time runs out. But catastrophe awaits when they are stranded on this strange and complex world of puzzles and impossibilities. And now Hutch and her people must somehow survive on a hostile world going rapidly mad -- as the clock ticks toward apocalypse for a doomed enigma now called...de  
Deepsix is concerned with the motivating force that drives all scientists--the quest for truth, for expanding the limits of human knowledge. How much are we willing to risk for that moment of discovery, of knowing what no other soul yet knows? Our time? Our reputations? Our careers? Our lives? The premise is this--just weeks before the planet Deepsix will be destroyed by a collision with a gas giant, ruins are detected on its surface, suggesting the presence of civilisation. The Academy diverts scientists from the nearest spaceship to go down and explore, and they are joined by their century's Ellsworth Toohey: a misogynistic, sanctimonious gadfly who has never before been off of Earth's surface. The party's landers are destroyed in an earthquake induced by the approaching gas giant, so now they must find a way to get off Deepsix before it is destroyed by the collision. Needless to say, their excavations are placed on the back burner. The science and technology, both the physics describing the space travel and the archaeology used to reconstruct the lost culture of Deepsix, are interesting and explained well. There is plenty of action and suspense--will the party survive? And the evolving characters and group dynamics are more complex than those usually found in science fiction books, making Deepsix a worthwhile read. --Diana Gitig, .com  
From Booklist  
In 2223, scientists, tourists, and reporters swarm to witness the destruction of Maleiva III, aka Deepsix, by the rogue gas giant, Morgan's World. Nineteen years earlier, the only expedition to search Deepsix for signs of intelligent life ended prematurely when killer birds attacked it. Now scientists awaiting the collision believe they have discovered a tower on Deepsix and other signs of civilization. Spaceship pilot Priscilla "Hutch" Hutchins, the only person with archaeological experience capable of reaching Deepsix in time, leads a team intent on learning what those signs really portend. Disaster strikes when the mission lander is lost in an earthquake. The survivors must trek across the planet to find a lander stranded during the first expedition. McDevitt's captivating scenario plays out in a surprisingly relaxed, straightforward manner. His writing is sometimes a bit fulsome, but being able to follow a single story line to its conclusion, without numerous subplots and disjointed passages, is refreshing. Hopefully, McDevitt will give us more stories from this universe. Bryan Baldus  
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