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# Fringe Runner (Fringe Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

The first book in a new space adventure series, on sale for only 99 cents! An old space captain hounded by arthritis and war memories, Aramis Reyne struggles to make enough credits to feed his crew and keep his ship flying by running mail and supplies to the farthest, most dangerous reaches of the Collective known as the fringe. When he's offered a no-questions-asked contract to pick up a package, he jumps at the opportunity. But, he quickly learns that he should've asked questions...and that there are far worse things in the Collective than being broke. Fans of Firefly, The Expanse, and Guardians of the Galaxy are sure to enjoy this new space opera.

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## Customer Reviews

As a first time reader of Rachel Aukes, I have to say I am impressed. I brought Fringe Runner on a whim because it's premise sounded interesting and I must say it went beyond my expectations. Fringe Runner is more than a bunch of characters going from world to world delivering cargo and the reader quickly enters a universe that has an under-current of intrigue. I don't want to give away too much of the plot, suffice to say, Rachel Aukes has created some great characters - think a little

bit of Firefly here - and a universe with a complex, layered society that categorises people into 'citizens', 'indentured' and 'colonists'. Alluvia and Myr are the oldest of the colonised worlds and humans lucky enough to be born on either of these two worlds are called citizens. Both planets form the government called the Collective and all other colonies are subject to laws, taxes, etc issued from the Collective and enforced by CUF (Collective Unified Forces). However, Alluvia and Myr have a troubled past and several centuries ago they went to war against each other and it looks like these worlds may once again be at war. Enter Reynes and the crew of the Gryphon who find themselves thrust into the center of a world of trouble that involves a nasty little organism called the Blight, a group called the Founders, pirates and a war for control of the Fringe worlds. Awesome story and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Straight up sci-fi of the space opera variety. In many ways this read like a Syfy TV series, very episodic with flashes of high octane adventure. There is a bigger political conspiracy running in the background. Sorry romance lovers, no hearts and flowers, just itches getting occasionally scratched in fade-to-black detail. Rachel Aukes offers her typical fast-paced, lethal story-telling style. Thrilling action and creative world-building, with more than lip-service paid to the outer space setting, but I was never emotionally invested with the characters. Here are a few random thoughts:> Gore and annihilation> Lead character is a mature man with gray hair and a touch of arthritis, with a side of vitality> Another lead character has a disability> Themes of oppression and servitude/slavery> Lots of planet -hopping> Flashes of humor

I've read several of Rachel Aukes' novels and when she started teasing Fringe Runner, the first novella in a longer story, I was pretty excited. She's a brilliant writer with the ability to convey a story that keeps you glued to it. And Fringe Runner did not disappoint in any way. Fringe Runner is pure space opera; it's got a great plot, excellent and believable characters, and it's gritty and fun. I found the interactions between the characters outstanding, the action solid and intense, and running underneath the main story arc in this book is a much deeper story, one that I am excited to see come to life. If you've read any of Aukes' work in the past, you'll find that she transitions to sci-fi extremely well. If you haven't, this is as good a place to start as any

I love Rachel Aukes' Deadland Sagas when I was asked to read and review her new book Fringe Runner, I jumped at the chance. And Fringe Runner is a seriously cool SF adventure. Reynes is a great lead character. He's not a virile cocky alpha dude, but instead an older seasoned captain,

struggling with age and his past. His crew is very interesting as well. My favorite was Throttle, the pilot and Reyne's adopted daughter. All of them get caught up in events that might destroy the life they have, and even kill them if they can't figure out what's going on. I was hooked from the start. Aukes knows how to write a compelling story. There is lots of action, conspiracies, and dangerous situations. I liked getting to know Reyne and his past, and was rooting for him and his crew to come out of their predicament alive. The world building is well done without unnecessary info dumps and while some things stay vague, there's enough explanation to be able to picture the planets and people Reyne and his crew encounter. Some of the major story lines got their solution in this book, making sure you aren't left totally frustrated when finishing the book, but there's enough still unresolved to make you eager for the next book. All in all I very much enjoyed this book and will be keeping an eye out for the next.

A grizzled captain, tight knit crew and a battered freighter working the fringes of civilized space wander into something big and it just keeps getting hairier. You've been here before but the fairly pedestrian plot allows the writer's craft to shine thru. Rachel Aukes brings a freshness and caring for her characters that make this an enjoyable read. Not her first rodeo she has turned in a tightly paced, smooth read that holds promise of being a good series. Recommended.

Straight forward sci-fi story with great characters and an interesting setting. It's a little hard to follow the story in the first few chapters but it picks up quickly. Fans of the genre will enjoy this first in the series. The Kindle edition has a fair amount of typos.

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