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Stross' novel *Saturn's Children* (2008) took place in a twenty-third century devoid of humans but replete with androids, including a professional sexual companion with no more biological customers left to service. This equally inventive follow-up occupies the same universe, albeit thousands of years later, featuring a new metahuman protagonist named Krina Alizond-114, whose consciousness can be beamed across light-years of space into newly fabricated bodies. When her sister, Ana, unaccountably goes missing, Krina sets out for Ana's last known home base—the water world of Shin-Tethys—but she doesn't get far before her ship is seized by pirates. While their captain, Count Rudi, chivalrously offers to ferry Krina to Shin-Tethys in order to meet Ana, his real motive is shadier: capturing a fabled and powerful monetary instrument called the Atlantis Carnet, of which Ana and Krina are part-owners. Readers new to Stross' densely packed prose and profusion of ideas may want to switch to lighter fare. His many fans, however, will find the author's usual wealth of futuristic scenarios and technological extrapolation enthralling. --Carl Hays

Review

"Witty, smart, and more relevant than you'd expect, this is a thoroughly entertaining sci-fi mind-expander from one of the genre's most reliable imaginations."—*SFX*

"A wonderful bouquet of ideas."—*Boing Boing*

"The fun part comes from the way Stross devises his robotkind to act as humanity's successor species—to imagine them not as intellects vast, cool, and unsympathetic but as very much like us, writ not large but as merely durable."—*Locus*

"Agreeable characters, a fascinating backdrop and brilliant plotting, with a further outlook of lengthy grins and occasional guffaws."—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

About the Author

**Charles Stross** is a full-time science fiction writer and resident of Edinburgh, Scotland. The author of six Hugo-nominated novels and winner of the 2005 Hugo Award for best novella ("The Concrete Jungle"), Stross has had his work translated into more than twelve languages. His books include *Singularity Sky*, *Iron Sunrise*, *Accelerando*, *Halting State*, *Glasshouse*, *Saturn's Children*, *Wireless*, *Rule 34*, and *The Laundry Files* (*The Atrocity Archives*, *The Jennifer Morgue*, *The Fuller Memorandum*, *The Apocalypse Codex*, and *The Rhesus Chart*).

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