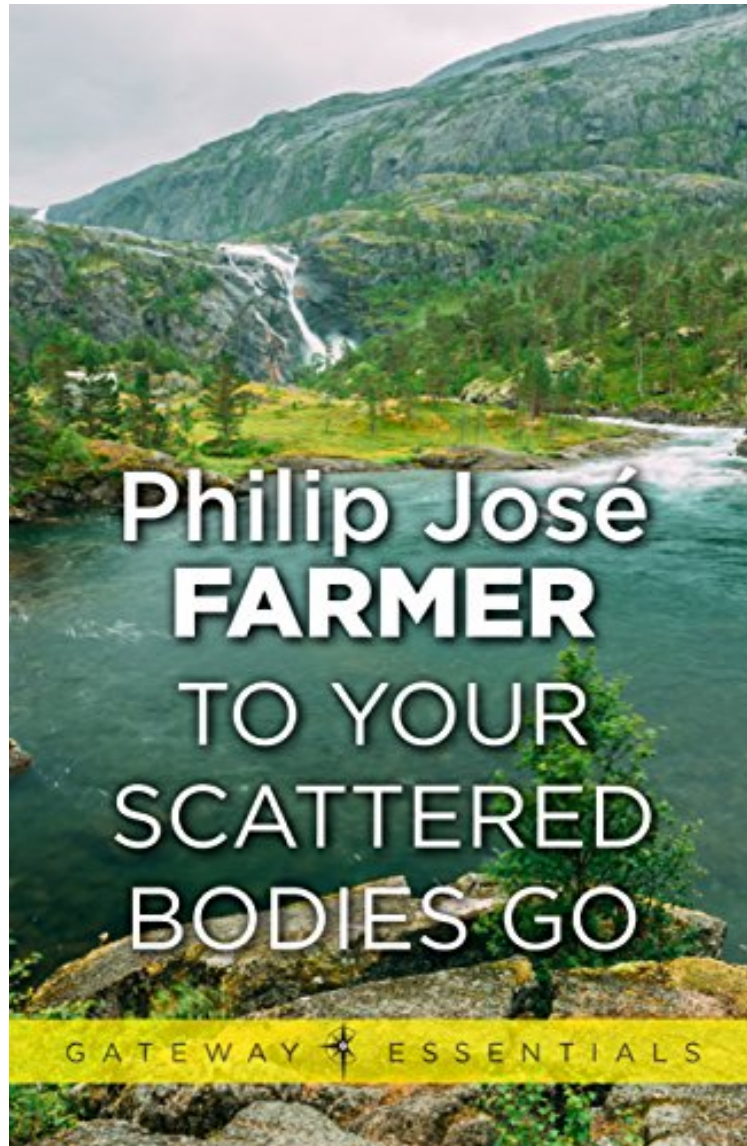


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Von Philip Jose Farmer : To Your Scattered Bodies Go (Riverworld) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised To Your Scattered Bodies Go (Riverworld):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fascinating premiss doesn't reach it's conclusionVon mathilde de gardenThe premiss of this book is fascinating: what if after you die there is nothing. No heaven (or hell, for that matter) no reincarnation. Just nothing. Until someone develops the technology, and the will, to bring back everyone who has ever died on this planet. Bring them back with

no possessions, no tools, no clothes, no infrastructure, and not a clue. Just billions and billions of naked confused, semi-immortal, multi-cultural human beings. What will they do? What is the meaning of all this? The actions these resurrected peoples take are very well written and highly believable (unfortunately). The motives of the people who are responsible for all this are the mystery we are trying to solve. Farmer received the 1972 Hugo Award for this book that did survive the test of time, and is still a good read now. Then why not 5 stars? --- This book is not a well rounded whole, with a plot that comes to a resounding conclusion. At 3 quarters of the book the pace changes, slows down. The answer is pushed further to the future, and it soon becomes clear a further quest will be necessary, even though the book ends. I suppose you'll (and I'll) have to read the rest of what now turns out to be a series to reach the fulfillment of a philosophical conclusion. That's why I feel a bit cheated.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An enthralling story. Von Ein Kunde I found my copy of Riverworld waiting for me in a package sent by , lying in my parents apartment at 4:30 am in the morning. I finished it four and a half hours later. The story of Sir Richard Burton, resurrected along the shore of The River, together with all other humans who have lived their lives on Earth, is a story full of questions, answers and surprises. Why has humanity been resurrected? How does a Neanderthal react to civilized humans? What does the mushroom shaped object do? Is this hell? Heaven? The novel is written in a fine style, which is transparent and fluidly to read. Philip Jos Farmer goes to great length to develop the character of Richard Burton, who, seen as historical person, seems to be the perfect hero of the story, a man, whose life was dedicated to exploration. It is him, who is to set out and find the source of the River... There is one thing, that dims the reading pleasure of the book, it is the fact that it is made up by two of Farmer's short stories, "The Day of the great shout" and "The Suicide Express" (even though the book claims it is composed of ("The day of the great shout" and "Riverworld"). One can see that the main storyline, though both parts fit well together, was not designed to be one, at first. But, all in all, it is a great novel, certainly a must read for all science fiction fans, and an idea which is one of the few great story ideas to surface during a century!

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Okay I'm hooked Von Matt I picked this one up at a used bookstore and was pleasantly surprised. It is one of those books where the concept alone is fascinating, that every person who ever lived is reborn somewhere along a seemingly endless river (approx. 36-37 billion in all). They can't reproduce, and they need not work for their food, and neither can they die and stay dead so seemingly they have nothing to do but enjoy peace and pleasure for all eternity.... well we are talking about human beings so it doesn't work out that way! It is the questions about this world that pulls the reader along. Who could have built it? What is its purpose? And will it all end as suddenly as it began? And through it all there is The River, it is the central feature of RiverWorld, presumably millions of miles long, one could travel upon it for millenia and never get to the end. For that matter does The River even have a beginning and an end? This novel is very spiritual, what would you do if you had eternal life? Sit back and enjoy it or fight against the current (literally) to find out the meaning of it all? Warning if you read the first book in the series you're going to be compelled to pick the rest up to.

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To Your Scattered Bodies Go is the Hugo Award-winning beginning to the story of Riverworld, Philip Jos Farmer's unequalled tale about life after death. When famous adventurer Sir Richard Francis Burton dies, the last thing he expects to do is awaken naked on a foreign planet along the shores of a seemingly endless river. But that's where Burton and billions of other humans (plus a few nonhumans) find themselves as the epic Riverworld saga begins. It seems that all of Earthly humanity has been resurrected on the planet, each with an indestructible container that provides three meals a day, cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, a lighter, and the odd tube of lipstick. But why? And by whom? That's what Burton and a handful of fellow adventurers are determined to discover as they construct a boat and set out in search of the river's source, thought to be millions of miles away. Although there are many hardships during the journey-- including an encounter with the infamous Hermann Goring-- Burton's resolve to complete his quest is strengthened by a visit from the Mysterious Stranger, a being who claims to be a renegade within the very group that created the Riverworld. The stranger tells Burton that he must make it to the river's headwaters, along with a dozen others the Stranger has selected, to help stop an evil experiment at the end of which humanity will simply be allowed to die. -- Craig E. Engler

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