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The first in a new space opera series!

After the colonization of Mars and Europa, it took us fewer than five generations to reach beyond our solar system and discover new planets capable of supporting human life. Too far away to be governed under Earth law, the Collective was formed. Several hundred years later, the Collective has expanded to a thriving system of six inhabited worlds, but power struggles are common, and a seemingly inevitable interplanetary war looms on the horizon. It's nearly impossible for the working class to make ends meet.

Aramis Reyne is one of the working class. An old space captain hounded by arthritis and war memories, he 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.

## **Fringe Runner Details**

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# From Reader Review Fringe Runner for online ebook

## Chi says

Really enjoyed this book!

I met Rachel Aukes at DemiCon 29 and got a copy of this book. I really enjoyed it. Reminds me of James S. A. Corey's Expanse series in all the right places. Its to the point space opera with a good lived in feeling. I enjoyed the politics and shadowy power plays, but also the crew members of the Gryphon. After I finished this, I picked up the next one, Fringe Station.

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## Walter Scott says

This was my first book by Rachel Auchs. I had no idea what I was getting into but it was all good. Solid characters you will root for. Betrayals and alliances you never saw coming. A carefully detailed future with politics, colonies, vile villains and complete mastery of the details. An author worth following.

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## Helen says

Fast and fun space adventure. Heavily influenced by Firefly, but that's not a bad thing. Turn your brain off and just enjoy it!

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## Celestine says

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
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## Rosemary Desris says

Great.

Very good and different story . I didn't think I would like futuristic stories but this one was believable . Not stupid . I would recommend this author to all .

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### **Angela Burkhead says**

When I first began reading this book it felt like home. The setting was so familiar, a ship full of honest space pirates in a post war Galaxy. I very much wanted it to fill the hole left by the concluding of Firefly, and in many ways it did.

The characters are deep and flawed (just the way I like them) and they each have their own distinct personality.

Aukes is great at dialogue and uses her characters to move the plot forward, but not so great at mystery and intrigue... There were several moments when characters just 'knew' what had happened rather than let their confusion guide their actions and lead them to a conclusion.

A bit more world building, and a few more secrets, and this story would have been perfect.

I don't think we needed to know so soon that certain characters were betraying their side and the story would have been stronger with a bit more conflict between those opposing sides when they met.

The story has a lot more to look forward to and I think the author will provide another thrilling episode in book two. Hopefully with a bit more mystery and a lot more epicness to keep us guessing.

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### **Jonathan Bergeron says**

Pretty standard space opera fare. The last 10% of the story feels like the author got drunk and then wrote it. She goes from explaining little things, keeping it from being clichéd, to a snowball picking up speed as it goes down hill. My guess is she no longer wanted to write the book, got antsy, and then decided to wrap it up right quick. I'll probably buy the next one. Maybe, maybe not. I won't lose sleep if I never finish the series.

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### **AudioBookReviewer says**

**My original Fringe Runner audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.**

Fringe Runner is the first book in a series called Fringe by Rachel Aukes. Humanity has spread beyond the solar system to inhabit six other worlds, governed by an organization called the Collective. But the struggle between the powerful Collective and the working class now threatens the peace. In this environment, Aramis Reyne is a ship captain focused on making enough money to make ends meet with his crew by running mail and supplies to the fringe, or the edges of the collective. On of one such mission, Reyne and his crew are thrust into the middle of a developing conspiracy. Now Reyne must figure out how to navigate the situation while keeping his crew safe.

Fringe Runner is a new space opera and it definitely fits the category. The background leading up to the beginning of the novel is a little complicated but is explained quickly in the beginning in a somewhat abrupt prologue. But it was definitely necessary to set up the story. Fringe Runner is ultimately a story about the oppressed working class rising up against the corrupt ruling class. The antics of the aging ship captain and his crew are really fast-paced and filled with action and snide remarks. The story is also filled with unexpected twists and turns that move the characters from one place to another. And these shifts from planet

to planet and from ship to ship, each with its own cast of characters for Reyne and his crew to interact with makes the story really dynamic. There is a diversity of characters – aging, disabilities, addiction struggle, rebels, pirates, and secret society members. While each character seemed to have their defining trait, there was not enough time with each character to really get to understand the depth of all of the characters. However, the pace of the action was such that the deep characterization was not missed. Hopefully, as the series continues, the characters will develop further.

This novel was narrated by James Foster. Overall, the narration was really well done, the characters were distinguishable and the accents were really good and diverse. The production quality was also good. I would recommend this novel to anyone who likes action-filled space operas and stories about fighting against the ruling government.

Audiobook was provided for review by the narrator

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### **Steelwhisper says**

Rachel Aukes has been officially added to my auto-buy list.

Simply fabulous. If you like Firefly, you'll like this.

PS: Don't be deterred by the somewhat clunky prologue! It's there for a reason, and I promise that the rollercoaster starts right afterwards :)

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### **Online Eccentric Librarian says**

*More reviews (and no fluff) on the blog <http://surrealtalvi.wordpress.com/>*

Fringe Runner is an enjoyable, if undemanding, read featuring likable characters and an expanding set of characters. The story starts small but by the second book will include quite a group to follow as the fate of worlds begins to hang in the balance. Author Aukes isn't afraid to kill off characters and there is plenty of action to keep readers invested.

With this first book, we're introduced to key characters of a freight hauler captain Reyne and CUF warship captain Heid. Their worlds will collide as key villain figures begin to make power grabs that will involve both. There are the rebels (Torrents) whose failed coup was led by Reyne (the man many believe betrayed them in the end). There is the military power the CUF - whose dictatorial rule has oppressed many. And then there is the secret illuminati type of 'movers and shakers', led by Mason.

The book primarily focuses on Reyne and his working class crew. But Heid (who is the daughter of the mysterious Mason) also plays quite a part as she will start to pull away from her father and his power grab. Also playing a growing importance is Critch, the formal Marshall of the rebels and now a space pirate. He also believes his former superior, Reyne, betrayed the cause and lost the rebellion. These three characters are surrounded by those loyal to them, to round out the cast.

There is plenty of cloak and dagger, betrayals, and ground combat. I would have liked for more space battles but likely that will come with an epic final clash in the last book in the series. For the most part, this first book builds the story and focuses on Reyn and his supposed betrayal of the Torrents.

In all, I enjoyed Fringe Runner. It may not have the depth of a CJ Cherry or the tension of a Jack Campbell series, but it has its own charm and keeps readers invested to the end. Note that I listened to the Audible version and the narrator did an ok job (though he had an odd accent for the pirates that sounded like a cross between Jamaican and Irish).

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### **Sheryl says**

I really liked this book! No cliffhanger here, just the great start to what promises to be an excellent new series. Great group of characters. I'm not normally one for political intrigue but there wasn't so much here that it bogged down the story, rather it bolstered it. Great space story of the "little guys" rebelling against oppression. Action, excitement, wonderful character interplay and good, solid writing. The audiobook performance was top notch with the narrator doing a wonderful job at creating unique voices for each and every character. Totally worth listening to if you enjoy audiobooks. If you don't, the book is still very much worth reading. Just wish the next book was on audio.

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### **Phoenix Reads says**

#### **A COMPELLING STORY**

Reynes is an old seasoned captain, struggling with age and his past. He and the crew of his Runner ship, the Gryphon, struggle to make ends meet delivering cargo and mail to the various colonies. When he's offered a contract to pick up a package, he jumps at the opportunity. But, he quickly learns that there are far worse things than being broke.

They find themselves thrust into the center of a world of trouble that involves a nasty organism called the Blight, and a war for control of the Fringe worlds.

Terrific characters and page-turning adventure. A solid space operaFringe Runner

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### **Tiffany\_Reads says**

A nicely written sci fi book. I enjoyed the main characters and the plot twists. I'm definitely looking forward to reading more of the series. I won this book on goodreads and normally a space novel wouldn't be my cup of tea but I enjoyed this so much.

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### **Chris Stoesen says**

#### **Great fun**

This was a great sci-fi story. It kept me glued to the pages. I really liked it. I am looking forward to the next installment.

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## **RBSProds says**

REYNE & HIS 'GRYPHON' CREW ARE CAUGHT UP IN TREACHEROUS SITUATIONS

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Five IMAGINATIVE Stars. "Fringe Runner" is an excellent SciFi novel by award-winning author Rachel Aukes, who wrote the "Deadland" series and it is Book 1 of her new 2016 Fringe Series. Said to be somewhat similar to the "Firefly" TV series, the opening scene where the captain and a crew member of the star freighter Gryphon are raiding a derelict is familiar, but all else becomes decidedly different. Aukes creates different and dangerous futuristic worlds which were found and terraformed centuries after humans have traveled to the stars. Caught up in the long term after-effects of the devastating war between Myr and Alluvia and a later uprising by the harried Fringe worlds against both, the mysterious Captain Reyne and his small crew are pulled into a series of dangerous situations where their lives and possibly entire worlds are at risk, as shadowy forces are at work and unsettled scores are in play. The novel ends with an interesting setup for book two that could have an immediate impact. Highly Recommended. Five ABSORBING Stars.

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