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## Editorial Review

### Amazon.com Review

**An Amazon Best Book of May 2015:** Stephenson is not afraid of writing big books—big in page count, big in concept, and big in their long-lingering effect on the reader’s mind. Newcomers to Stephenson should reject any trepidation. This science-fueled saga spans millennia, but make no mistake: The heart of this story is its all-too-human heroes and how their choices, good and ill, forge the future of our species. *Seveneves* launches into action with the disintegration of the moon. Initially considered only a cosmetic, not cosmic, change to the skies, the moon’s breakup is soon identified as the spawning ground of a meteor shower dubbed the Hard Rain that will bombard Earth for thousands of years, extinguishing all life from the surface of the planet. Now humanity has only two years to get off-world and into the Cloud Ark, a swarm of small, hastily built spaceships that will house millions of Earth species (recorded as digital DNA) and hundreds of people until they can return home again. But who goes, and who stays? And once the lucky few have joined the Cloud Ark, how will the remaining seeds of humankind survive not only the perils of day-to-day of life in space but also the lethal quicksand of internal politics? Slingshot pacing propels the reader through the intricacies of orbit liberation points, the physics of moving chains, and bot swarms, leaving an intellectual afterglow and a restless need to know more. An epic story of humanity and survival that is ultimately optimistic, *Seveneves* will keep you thinking long past the final page. --*Adrian Liang*

### Review

“No slim fables or nerdy novellas for Stephenson: his visions are epic, and he requires whole worlds-and, in this case, solar systems-to accommodate them....Wise, witty, utterly well-crafted science fiction.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“Stephenson’s remarkable novel is deceptively complex, a disaster story and transhumanism tale that serves as the delivery mechanism for a series of technical and sociological visions... there’s a ton to digest, but Stephenson’s lucid prose makes it worth the while.” (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

“The huge scope and enormous depth of the latest novel from Stephenson is impressive... a major work of hard sf that all fans of the genre should read.” (Library Journal (starred review))

“Well-paced over three parts covering 5,000 years of humanity’s future, Stephenson’s monster of a book is likely to dominate your 2015 sf-reading experience.” (Booklist)

“[Stephenson] plays with hard ballistics, hard genetics, hard sociology. And what thrills me, is that he makes it interesting. That he makes life and death in space about actual life and death.” (NPR Books)

“Written in a wry, erudite voice...*Seveneves* will please fans of hard science fiction, but this witty, epic tale is also sure to win over readers new to Stephenson’s work.” (Washington Post)

“*Seveneves* offers at once [Stephenson’s] most conventional science-fiction scenario and a superb exploration of his abiding fascination with systems, philosophies and the limits of technology.... Stephenson’s central characters, mostly women, serve as a welcome corrective to science-fiction clichés.” (Chicago Tribune)

“*Seveneves* can be fascinating. . . . Insights into the human character shine like occasional full moons.”  
(Boston Globe)

“[A] novel of big ideas, but it’s also a novel of personalities, of heart, and of a particular kind of hope that only comes from a Stephenson story. Science fiction fans everywhere will love this book.” (BookPage)

“Stephenson... knows the life-sustaining power of storytelling, since storytelling is what he does... Today’s post-apocalyptic stories routinely aim to convey the loss of the old world through the personal losses of a few characters. Stephenson makes you feel the loss of Earth on the scale it deserves.” (Salon)

“This is hard sci-fi in a real and welcome sense, ruled by unrelenting physical laws, unlike the negotiable rules of the action thriller.” (Nature)

“Stephenson’s storytelling style combines the conversational and the panoramic, allowing him to turn his piercing gaze on the familiar aspects of a strange future, encompassing the barely conceivable detail by detail.” (Seattle Times)

From the Back Cover

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