

mantis's GURPS book: a review

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Ron Hale-Evans — 02 Jan 2000, 17:44

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Great chapter-by-chapter synopsis of the five books
- * History of Urth
- * Lots of maps
- * Summary of Commonwealth social structure
- * Interesting to see artists' conceptions of Urth; illustrations are occasionally quite clever (look twice at the one on p. 90 for example)
- * Interesting to read some of mantis's explicit guesses on New Sun "mysteries"
- * Can be read fruitfully without knowledge of GURPS

FLAWS:

- * Text and illustrations somewhat bowdlerised for a mass-market audience
- * Illustrations occasionally cheesy
- * Not long enough! :-)

SUMMARY:

A must-read for Urthlings! You can order yours at

<<http://www.sjgames.com/>>

if you have no enlightened games shops nearby. I ordered mine on a weekend during the holiday season and received it via UPS 5 days later.

DISCLAIMER:

I have no financial interest in the success of this book, but wish mantis well as fellow listmember and New Sun reader.

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Jim Henley — 02 Jan 2000, 21:08 · follows Ron Hale-Evans

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From: [urth-errors at lists.best.com](mailto:urth-errors@lists.best.com) [[mailto:urth-errors at lists.best.com](mailto:urth-errors@lists.best.com)] On
Behalf Of Ron Hale-Evans

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who does not use GURPS.

Best,

Jim

"There will always be Costello/
a little larceny Bacharach,
in everyone" "My Thief"

Inire — 03 Jan 2000, 00:14 · follows Jim Henley

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I was just in Vegas doing a game-store-crawl/dredge
and nearly fell flat when I saw that New Sun was out.
But was I able to get one in SandyEggo where I had a

giftcert? NOOOOOO! Will I be able to find one in
Denver (these are the people that told me that they
were going to hold of until Feb to order it from the
catalog because 'SJGames is always late anyhow'!)?
AERGH!

I loathe being patient...;->

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Jeff "My dice hate me!" Miller

"The idea of verifying facts about the world through controlled repetition seems alien to just
about everyone with the _possible_ exception of Fr Inire, and he's a bug-eyed space monster
. . ."-Jim Henley

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