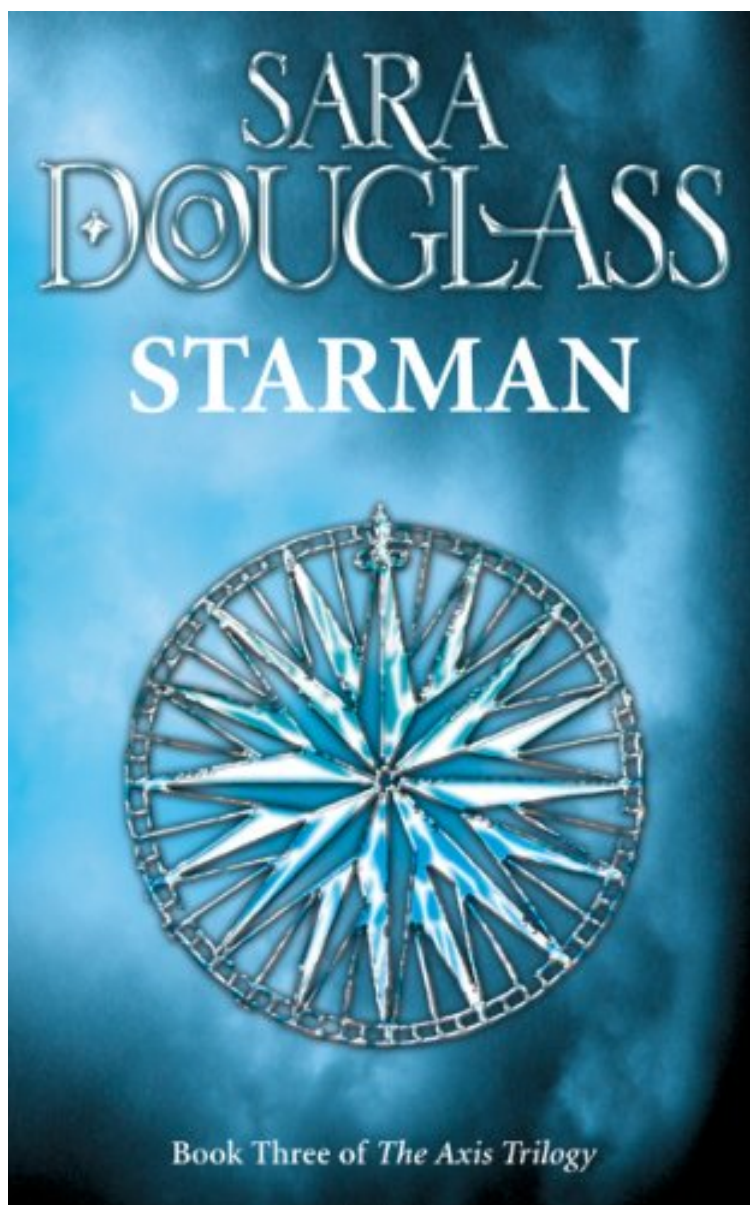


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Description : Description du produitThe Prophecy of the Destroyer is hurtling toward fulfillment, and Axis, Azhure, and Faraday are caught in its tumultuous wakeAll know the Prophecy of the Destroyer, a riddle that foretold how Axis would defeat his half-brother and lay claim to the land upon which Tencendor will be created. But prophecies can sometimes be mecurial things. Unanticipated was the presence of not one but two forces that pull at Axiss life: the beautiful and courageous Faraday, his late half-brothers wife, and the feisty and hauntingly enchanting Azhure. To Faraday he has pledged his love and a place by his side as ruler of Tencendor; to Azhure he has given his children, his time, and his devotion.While Azhure explores her newfound powers as an Icarii Enchantress, and Faraday replants the ancient forests of the Mother, the evil Goragel is plotting Axiss downfall, invading the sky with ice and terror and the flesh-hungry Gryphons. His

most daring move is to use the prophecy to taunt Axis with the pain of his beloved. But which woman will Goragael choose . . . and will she be the one whose death will distract Axis from his task of saving the world?

Prsentation de l'diteurEpic fantasy in the tradition of Trudi Canavan, Fiona McIntosh and Robert Jordan. StarMan concludes the first Tencendor trilogy with an unexpected and glorious climax. Weakened by their terrible encounter with Bornehelds men, Axis and his army are forced to march north as Gorgrael breaks through Jervois Landing and invades Tencendor with ice and terror. But under a sky black with Gryphon, Axis discovers that hes confronting a seemingly invincible enemy. As the Prophecy of the Destroyer hurtles towards fulfilment, Azhure and StarDrifter unravel the mysteries of the Island of Mist and Memory, where they finally confront WolfStar; Faraday moves east to replant the ancient forests of Tencendor; and the Sentinels begin a lonely journey planned for them thousands of years ago. Enveloping all looms the promise of treachery treachery that threatens to strike into the very heart of Axis and Azhures family. From Publishers WeeklyMore about femmes fatales than fatal battles, this final imaginative novel in the Axis Trilogy (The Wayfarer Redemption; Enchanter) should satisfy a fantasy readership hungry for strong female characters despite their restricting romantic relationships with magical men. Axis SunSoar must fulfill the ambiguous prophecy of WolfStar, the Icarrii patriarch, by fighting WolfStar's evil half-brother, Gorgrael, and by sacrificing Gorgrael's lover. It's unclear whether the lover is Azhure, WolfStar's daughter and Axis's wife, or Faraday, Axis's former fiance and the replanter of the great forests. Whoever the Prophecy of the Destroyer names is likely to die at Gorgrael's hands. Azhure has the added burden of being pregnant with sorcerous twins, who harbor an intense, deadly dislike for the rest of their family. While the plot features several mystical pregnancies, the most destructive are those of the devouring Gryphons that Gorgrael has created; they're born pregnant with nine pups and multiply fast enough to lay waste to the world. Faraday has her own problems: the need to fight a god, her own exhausted condition and other women who believe Axis wronged her by marrying Azhure. Gods, women, sorcerers and babies all figure in the battles that neatly conclude this trilogy while leaving enough open questions to seed other stories. Douglass may manipulate her characters such as via the strange rebirth of the sainted Faraday in ways that have more to do with romance convention than logic, but this won't deter the faithful. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Assuming his role as the Starman of the Prophecy of the Destroyer, the warrior-wizard Axis makes his way to his final confrontation with his corrupt half-brother, Gorgrael. Meanwhile, Azhure, Axis's wife, discovers her own powers as an Enchantress and learns the twin strengths of love and friendship. Douglass (Enchanter, Battleaxe) brings to the fore her world-building abilities and storytelling expertise in this satisfying conclusion to a fantasy epic set in a world of winged sorcerers and ancient races. A few loose ends pave the way for future novels featuring a new generation of heroes and villains. Recommended for most fantasy collections. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.