

ABOUT *STEEL SKY* BY ANDREW C. MURPHY

Dear Editor / Reviewer:

Thank you very much for your interest in *Steel Sky* (Per Aspera Press, Cloth, \$24.95, 26 April 2006).. As a small press our focus is on quality over quantity — our last hardcover won two independent press awards and made two top-ten lists. It is our belief that *Steel Sky* is even better.

“Andrew Murphy is a rising talent in science fiction ... with a strong imagination and real storytelling verve.”

—David Brin, Nebula and Hugo award-winner

A bit about *Steel Sky*:

Centuries after global disaster, the remnants of humanity endure in a world turned inside out, a bubble of steel in infinite stone. In the Hypogeum the very air is poison, invisible assassins cull the weak, and privacy is a thing of the past.

At the top of this radically stratified society sits the Orcus family, corrupt and contentious, but heir to a secret that allows them to wield uncontested power — until the appearance of a mythical, seemingly superhuman avenger disrupts their careful machinations. But behind his mask, the Winnower is a man haunted by his own misdeeds, as much in need of redemption as the people he seeks to champion.

The Winnower’s arrival precipitates society’s collapse, and possibly an end to all of humanity — save through the interactions of an unlikely confluence of characters: a reluctant dictator, a disfigured outcast, a defiant victim, and an enigmatic artificial intelligence. The true power of *Steel Sky* lies in the richness of these characters and their personal stories of ambition, bravery, revenge, and love.

I hope you can feature or give review attention to *Steel Sky*. For more information or to schedule an author interview, please contact me at 206.347.4559 or adastra@perasperapress.com. Visit Andrew online at www.andrewcmurphy.com. *Steel Sky* (ISBN 0974573450) is distributed by Independent Publishers Group, 800.888.4741 or ipgbook.com.

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