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The conclusion to the classic Skyway series by the award-winning author of *Castle Perilous*.

Jake McGraw, independent space trucker, has been shanghaied. He and his crew, fresh off their adventures in *Starrigger* and *Red Limit Freeway*, are plucked off the Skyway by a creature of unknown power. Now on an alien planet where most of the rules of the regular universe do not seem to apply, Jake confronts the builders of the Skyway once and for all. Will he and his crew make it out alive?

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Mark Palmer says

Great finish. Resolves almost all unresolved questions.

bluetyson says

isbn,original

Charl says

I enjoyed the whole trilogy. And no cliff-hanger, stop-in-the-middle-of-the-story endings, either. Well done, well worth reading.

Tina says

While this novel did explain everything introduced in the first and second novels (and I mean *everything*), it was not nearly as entertaining as Starrigger. While it definitely wasn't terrible by any means, it just seemed to be one big wrap up: there's no new enemy, no new characters, no new real plot. It's definitely not a stand-alone book. My major issues:

1. We're still focusing on the same boring enemies from Red Limit Freeway. Starrigger introduced two enemies to contend with: Twrrrl and Wilkes. They both had a reason to be Jake's nemeses and they posed threats. In the second book, a lot of the tension with them was dissolved (view spoiler) and a new enemy was introduced, but there is nothing interesting about him at all. There is not a lot of tension in this novel, as a result.
2. The characters. Jake and Darla stay the same, but I never really got the whole Susan romance and it seems to get thrown away pretty quickly in this novel. Perhaps it would have been better if there weren't like 16 characters to deal with. You have Jake, his AI Dad, Darla, Carl, Lori, two Russian people, two aliens, two more aliens, two random logger guys, and the three pseudo-religious people. That's a huge cast for such a small book. And, in all truth, you really only needed the first five for this novel. John, Ray and Susan and the rest could have been artfully dropped off last book or something, as they didn't do much here.
3. The plot is JUST wrapping up loose ends from the first two books! Seriously, there is NOTHING else. And while making links to time travel paradoxes is fun, to go through every single step of the way again, but briefly, with no tension, is boring.

While the complex time travel paradox was artfully done in terms of making everything fit, it's not interesting to read about. This book lost all the humour, tension, and, quite frankly, magic, that Starrigger had.

Bob Phule says

One of my all time favorite books. Starrigger. Jake is an interstellar trucker who picks up a hitchhiker and things go bad, as you would expect. Most of the interstellar roadway is unmapped and of course he heads off the map to shake those after them, Jake, the truck and the hitcher.

Book two, Red Limit Freeway. Book three, Paradox Alley.

Nuranar says

Great ending to the Skyway series.

Dantegideon says

Take out the action of the previous books, and you're left with a bunch of unlikeable dicks sitting around pontificating. Hard to muster up interest or sympathy for them. Didn't care what happened to them in the end.
