

# REVIEWS FOR THE CLOUDS OF SATURN

## ★★★★★ A Swabuckling Sci-Fi tale among the floating cities of Saturn

By [Sidewalk Sam](#) on September 23, 2005

Format: Paperback

This is my favorite novel by Michael McCollum. It doesn't have the following of his Antares or Life Probe series but it has a kind of well crafted elegance that sets it apart and I think above the rest.

Earth has been abandoned, rising solar radiation sterilizes our home world. Humanity has retreated to floating cities in the atmosphere of Saturn (plus some small colonies on the more mineable moons)

Human nature being what it is, intereige and conflict abound.

Our Hero, an interesting mixture of Han Solo and perhaps Sir Francis Drake, is drawn into a plot to bring all the independent cloud cities under one government ("to prevent war" quoteth the villain).

The author serves up a full helping of mystery and suspense, along with plenty of action. Charactor development is particularly strong in this novel and the inevitable romance is well handled.

I find the political overtones in this novel interesting. The idea of a single super government to "end all war" has a Wilsonian ring that students of history will recognize and it resinates stongly with our current international situation.

This novel should appeal to a wider audience then even the usual Sci Fi croud. The future tech is well crafted but stays in the background and doesn't intrude on the story.

So if you like adventure, in exotic settings, mixed with action, mystery and romance, this is one that you shouldn't miss.

## ★★★★★ Enjoyable and Fast Paced Adventure

By [Allen W. McDonnell](#) on November 11, 2015

Format: Kindle Edition | [Verified Purchase](#)

Have read this book many times and it has inspired many thoughts about where the Human Race may someday end up living.

## ★★★★★ Excellent science fiction

By [Classic Lit Fan](#) on December 23, 2004

Format: Paperback

I picked this book up (literally) off an airline seat during a flight across the country...and began to read it as I had finished the novel (forgotten now) that I had brought with me. This book, however, I have not forgotten and has peaked my long-lost interest in science fiction again. Very well written with technically exciting details of 'future world' possibilities.

## ★★★★★ Fantastic! Awe inspiring.

By [mhooper@mindspring.com](mailto:mhooper@mindspring.com) on December 27, 1998

Format: Mass Market Paperback

This story envelopes the reader from start to finish. Since Mr. McCollum is himself an engineer, he has a good idea about the theories that he has based this story on. That is just the beginning. This novel is fantastic! Humanity living in cities that float in the skies of Saturn, and a battle is taking place.