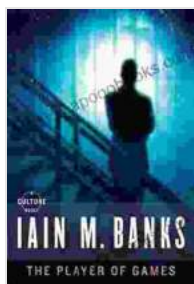


The Player of Games: A Culture Novel by Iain M. Banks

The Player of Games is a science fiction novel by Iain M. Banks, first published in 1988. It is the second book in the Culture series, and follows the story of Jernau Morat Gurgeh, a professional player of the game Azad.



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Azad is a complex and challenging game, played on a board with 81 squares. The object of the game is to capture your opponent's king, but there are many different ways to do this. Gurgeh is one of the best Azad players in the Culture, and he is recruited by the Contact section to play a game against the Azad player of the Azad-playing species, the Azad.

The Azad are a powerful and mysterious species, and they are very protective of their game. Gurgeh knows that if he loses, the Culture will be in danger. So he sets out to learn everything he can about the Azad and

their game. He travels to the Azad homeworld, and he studies their culture and their history. He also learns to play Azad at a level that no human has ever achieved before.

The game between Gurgeh and the Azad player is a tense and exciting affair. Both players are evenly matched, and the outcome is uncertain. But Gurgeh has one advantage: he is a Culture citizen, and he has access to the Culture's vast resources. He uses these resources to develop new strategies and tactics, and he eventually defeats the Azad player.

Gurgeh's victory is a major triumph for the Culture. It shows that the Culture is not only a powerful military force, but also a sophisticated and cultured society. *The Player of Games* is a classic science fiction novel that explores the themes of culture, identity, and the nature of games.

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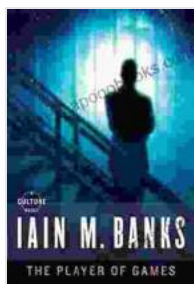
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