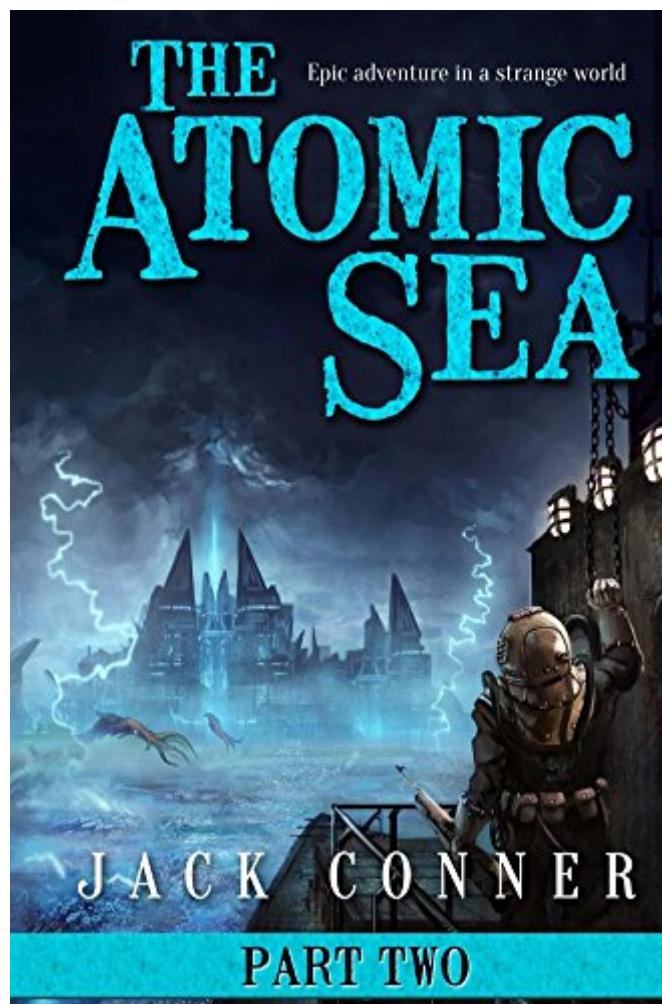


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The Atomic Sea: Volume Two: Epic Fantasy And Science Fiction Adventure Series



Synopsis

Epic adventure in a strange world by New York Times bestselling author Jack Conner. A thousand years ago, the sea began to change, and the change spread. Now the boiling, toxic, lightning-wreathed Atomic Sea has encompassed every ocean on the planet, and the creatures that live in it have become mutated and unnatural. The sea's taint can infect any human who comes in contact with it or with unprocessed seafood, killing them . . . or altering them. No one knows why the sea has become this way or what it portends, only that it's irrevocably changed the world.

Meanwhile, world war has erupted, and the small country of Ghenisa, like many others, is tottering on the brink of collapse under the onslaught of the Empire of Octung. Dr. Francis Avery, a middle-aged widower, is aboard a military whaling ship far out on the Atomic Sea when a series of murders onboard propels him down the rabbit-hole of danger and terror unlike any other. Soon he becomes aware of a spy on the ship, but that's just the beginning. With the help of the grizzled whaler Janx and a mysterious woman named Layanna, he will embark on an epic quest to save Ghenisa from Octung and unravel the secrets of the Atomic Sea. This is the second volume of a multi-volume saga of adventure and high stakes in an awe-inspiring world unlike any you've ever seen before. Welcome to the world of New York Times bestselling author Jack Conner's the Atomic Sea. You can find Part One here in the US: <http://www..com/dp/B00QH3SE0C> . . . in the UK: <http://www..co.uk/gp/product/B00QH3SE0C> You can find Part Three here . . . The Atomic Sea: Part Three in the US: <http://www..com/dp/B00SDSL5PU> . . . in the UK: <http://www..co.uk/gp/product/B00SDSL5PU> . . . in Germany: <http://www..de/gp/product/B00SDSL5PU>

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Customer Reviews

The story begun in the first volume of The Atomic Sea here picks up as a small but stalwart band of former rogues led by Dr. Avery continue their quest to stop the forces of the Octunggen Empire from overwhelming all the world in the service of the eldritch beings from beyond that the empire worships. This complicated by the fact that high-level traitors in Avery's own country have declared him an enemy of the state and hunt them with advanced and otherworldly weapons. Their hope is in the cleverness and tenacity of Avery and his comrades, including one such eldritch entity in human form who has thrown her lot in with humanity. This steampunk fantasy horror show follows our heroes in a hijacked dirigible dodging giant flying manta rays controlled by psychics, squadrons of biplanes and other monstrosities. They are driven into subterranean realms ruled by feral mutants and come face-to-face with the god-kings these mutants worship. All the while, the villainous Admiral Sheridan continues a relentless pursuit of the heroes, showing very understandable and human evil as a counterpoint to monstrous and mutant antagonists, and new surprises are revealed in every chapter. Overall, the series continues as an excellent example of using the heroic quest to showcase some exceptional worldbuilding. The characters continue to act and react like real people would when encountering these unearthly events. The only slip I saw was in Avery's reactions on entering the god-emperor's palace. That seemed a bit heavy handed, but readers will eagerly devour the pages to see what will happen next.

Note: This is Volume 2 in the series and I feel this is a series best read in sequence. Volume 1 is freaking awesome but it also gives you a good basis for the characters' motives in Volume 2! I so very much enjoyed Book 1 and then got distracted by life and other books. But I am very glad to be back in the world of the Atomic Sea. Vol. 1 set the stage with the war and the messed up oceans and the tainted people. An unlikely group forms if they

aren't quite all friends but they do all have some shared enemies. Now in this volume we will learn more about the motives behind the war, about what exactly created the Atomic Sea, and about how little chance they actually have of saving their beleaguered world. Dr. Avery is still alive and kicking and he, the mysterious Layanna (who was pulled whole from the sea in Vol. 1), and their new odd friends (Muirblog, Janx, Simon, Hildra, and Byron) are just hanging out on a mountainside trying to plan their next move when they see a flying ray (possibly hunting them) in the distance. Yet before they can move out, the Mikvandi attack. They've got fish faces and weapons, so you know Avery will probably be having nightmares. Layanna in her weird Cthulu-amoeba-like form saves them only to have the Mikvandi declare her one of their gods (one of the Minuthra) and insist on escorting her to the other gods. Layanna is amenable to going with them because she believes the Minuthra will have an active altar, which is a kind of other dimensional portal. She wishes to contact her friends for very secret reasons which she reveals later in the book and which would be spoilery to chat about in detail here. Things don't go as planned and the whole lot of them make an escape attempt. Only some of them get out on a dirigible but they have a direction to go and a quest that they adopt because if they don't then what hope do they have? Layanna needs another active altar and the crew need answers. Layanna can only give them some but they are kind of mind blowing.

It's all kinds of wonderful messed up. So if I tell you more of the plot, I will be in spoiler land, so I won't. In broad strokes, I just thoroughly enjoyed this book every bit as much as Vol. 1. If you eat tainted meat from the Atomic Sea, you start getting these weird fishy mutations and no one has pinned down a predictable trend (will it be gills and bulging eyes or shark skin and a spiny mohawk?) nor a real way to cure it. So we have these humans who have managed to stay all human, such as Dr. Avery, and then you have humans who had no choice but to eat tainted fish to survive and have these fishy attributes (like our big warrior Janx), and then you got Layanna who can have a human form or her other dimensional Cthulu-like form. I just love all the clashes and chances for odd friendships this causes in the book. One of my favorite, possibly amoral, characters from Vol. 1, Cpt. Sheridan, returns in this book but not till perhaps half way through. I'm glad she's back on scene because she adds some real angst to the sometimes emo Dr. Avery. These two bounce off each other in ways that highlight both Avery's humanity and Sheridan's coldness. Then there's the human sacrifices and the Minuthra gods and dirigibles and giant caverns that house whole cities. It's like HP Lovecraft and Jules Verne got together and had a baby and named that baby Jack Conner who gave us The Atomic Sea

series. We got adventure, a touch of guttural terror, the fear of the unknown, things way larger than you messing with your life, and good people stuck in bad situations. Yeah. It's that good. I was provided this audiobook at no charge from the narrator in exchange for an unbiased review. Thanks! The Narration: Ray Greenley did a great job with Vol. 1 and he continues to do so with Vol. 2. He does amazingly well with all the distorted fish voices. He makes Sheridan sound ice-cold but then he can switch to the emo Dr. Avery in the same conversation, back and forth multiple times, without missing a beat. Excellent performance.

This is the 2nd installment for the Atomic Sea and it is just as action packed as the first. Continue with Avery as he tries to help save the world from an ancient race bent on total domination. Love this series and the author is still writing more books so pick up the first one and start reading!!!

A must read book. It kept me on the edge of my seat. I didn't want to stop reading. It compelled you to turn the page. The characters are well filled out and come to life... both the main characters and the newly added ones. The story is completely unpredictable. You think one thing is going to happen and something completely different takes place. Lots of plots and sub-plots. Many unexpected twists and turns. Unexpected alliances and romances as well as unexpected animosity. Never a dull moment. I would recommend this book to everyone to read. It is a great series so far.... an promises to continue to be so. I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I bought Volume Two because I had become so attached to the characters, both heroes and villains, that were introduced in Volume One. Their epic quest takes the reader through many strange and wonderful lands, as they overcome marvelously conceived dangers and obstacles. The quality of the writing is refreshingly more skillful than most of the sci-fi ebooks I see these days. I would have given this a 5-star rating if the books were more of a complete story, rather than ending suddenly and requiring you to buy the next book to find out what happens next.

**** Note: This is a copy of my Goodreads review. **** This book was quite good. It picks up where Book 1 left off and takes the reader on the continuing journey through a crazy future world, possibly a future earth, where outside forces in the form of alien entities, who are god-like to the inhabitants. These aliens tried changing the people, and the world, to fit their needs. There is a lot going on in this book and the author has made strong headway in giving the reader the information

needed about characters, actions, and the world. This book was a great improvement from Book 1 and I plan to read Book 3.

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