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Tough, volatile, and angry—a luckless prospector hoping for that one rich strike that will make him wealthy—Ramón is content only when on his own out in the bush, far from the dirty, loud, bustling hive of humanity that he detests with sociopathic fervor. Then one night his rage and too much alcohol get the better of him, resulting in sudden bloodshed and a high-profile murder. Ramón is forced to flee into the wilderness for however long it will take for the furor to die down.

Here, mercifully, almost happily alone, Ramón is once again free. But while searching for his long-elusive lode, he stumbles upon something completely unexpected: a highly advanced alien race in hiding; fugitives like himself on a world not their own. Suddenly in possession of a powerful, dangerous secret, Ramón must battle for his freedom from alien captors and also against the hostile and unpredictable planet. And so the chase begins.

Police, fugitive aliens, and a human murderer weave a web of shifting alliances as Ramón enters the greatest manhunt the alien world of São Paulo has ever known. If he is to survive, Ramón must overcome inscrutable aliens and deadly predators, but his greatest enemy is himself. With every move in the desperate game, he struggles to outwit his enemies and solve the mystery of a murder he himself committed.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Martin (Song of Ice and Fire series), Dozois (*Strange Days*) and Abraham (*A Shadow in Summer*) revisit classic themes of exploration, exploitation and what it means to be human in this gritty SF adventure. Humanity has finally reached the stars, only to find that all the best spots have been claimed by other races—the Silver Enye, Turu, Cian and others. Human colonists serve as world-building crash-test dummies, dropped onto empty planets deemed too dangerous or inconvenient for other races, to pave over whatever marvels and threats evolution had put there. On the misbegotten colony planet of São Paulo, ore prospector Ramon Espejo has no illusions, especially about how the Enye view humanity. Then Ramon murders the wrong man in a drunken fight and takes off into the wastelands to avoid the Enye authorities. Once in the outback, he discovers he's not the only one trying to hide from the Enye—and that the deadly cat-lizards called *chupacabras* are far from the worst dangers on São Paulo. This tightly written novel, with its memorable protagonist and intriguing extrapolation, delivers on all levels. (*Jan.*)

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In music, supergroups of established artists are rarely greater than the sum of their parts. The same often goes for science fiction, but critics agreed that these three authors beat the trend by producing a tight, consistent novel. Whether because of Martin's decades of collaborative work, Dozois's long career as an editor, or Abraham's fresh prose style, every reviewer said the book seemed as if it were written by one person. The only complaint came from reviewers who had read an earlier, novella-length version of the story; they felt that expanding the story enriched it somewhat, but not by much. While it would be hard to match *Hunter's Run* with any of these authors' previous works, it can certainly be called a successful experiment and a compelling SF novel.

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Review

"Suspenseful and absorbing." (Romantic Times BOOKclub (4 stars))

"A remarkably smooth adventure with intriguing psychological underpinnings...suspenseful and unpretentious." (San Francisco Chronicle Book Review)

"This novel provides solid escapism for those who love adventures on strange planets; the detailed descriptions of assorted aliens are especially fascinating." (Lansing State Journal)

"This is smashing SF—a great manhunt story." (Express)

"[A] tense interspecies battle of wits with tangy atmospherics and a bleak lesson on the meaning of freedom. A." (Entertainment Weekly)

"[S]o sharp you have to be careful not to cut your fingers while turning the pages...HUNTER'S RUN is the sort of tense, what's-gonna-happen-next battle of cultures and wits that keeps you guessing. And, perhaps, rekindles your childhood love of sci-fi." (The Star Press (Muncie, Indiana))

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