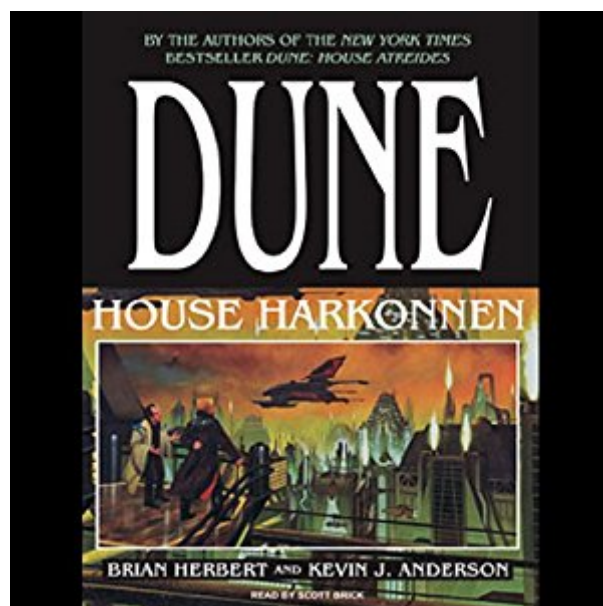


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# House Harkonnen: House Trilogy, Book 2



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Dune: House Harkonnen is the second installment in the much-anticipated trilogy which serves as prequel to Frank Herbert's all-time classic SF novel Dune. Written by the late Herbert's son Brian Herbert (a successful author in his own right) and Kevin J. Anderson (who has written roughly 70 books in the last ten years - half of them in media-fiction realms like Star Wars and the X-Files), the trilogy covers the decades leading up to the opening events of Dune. Having accelerated the demise of his father, Emperor Shaddam IV now sits on the throne of a vast galactic empire. A few years ago, the Tleilaxu (a mysteriously religious race who are masters of genetic engineering) subjugated the planet of the Ixians (famous for their advanced machines). The Tleilaxu, in league with the

Emperor, are running a huge, secret program on Ix to create an artificial substitute for the spice melange - the most valuable substance in the universe due to its life-extending properties and ability to enhance mental capabilities. Melange can only be found on the desert planet Dune, ruled by Imperial edict by House Harkonnen. The cruel Baron Vladimir Harkonnen seeks to tighten his control over the spice, while at the same time gaining vengeance against his blood enemies House Atreides, and an all-female cult called the Bene Gesserit (who blackmailed the Baron into cooperating in their secret breeding program to create a super-being known as the Kwisatz Haderach, and later infected him with a slowly debilitating illness). The Baron's rival, the young, popular Duke Leto Atreides, having befriended the exiled Prince and Princess of Ix, hopes to help them regain control of their world.

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