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### About the Author

A science fiction legend, **Lois McMaster Bujold** has won six Hugo Awards and three Nebula Awards. Her Miles Vorkosigan saga is a massively popular science fiction mainstay. Her many *New York Times* bestsellers including previous series entries *Cryoburn* and *Diplomatic Immunity*. The mother of two, Ms. Bujold lives in Minneapolis.

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