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What begins as a film crew's bold expedition to document surviving bastions of civilization across a fracturing earth, grows to be more as their flight intersects with an old soldier's journey to find his long lost daughter, a nation's hope for an impossible future, and the fate of one who may hold the key to it all. Soon their struggle is not only to film, but to survive.

In three parts: The Engineer's Daughter, The Last Guide, and The Empress of Shorakai.

... 'I'm still waiting to hear back from you,' he said. 'Years Syra, it's been years. I found her, I planned, I got her out. Now she's here. What would you have me do? Will I tell them? You never had a great deal of love for those in charge here, but you respected them. You know the edge on which I am forced to live, you know I can't possibly protect her.' He shook his head and huffed, 'You have trusted me with too much. You should have told John, he's her father after all, doesn't he deserve to know? Shouldn't this be his responsibility? What should I do with her Syra? You asked me to look for the girl, you didn't say what to do then! I couldn't leave her there any longer. I have been waiting for a reply to the words I sent you, but none have come.'

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Aly says

For me, this book was a little hard to get into. I wanted to like the book but I'm not sure it caught me the way I thought the story line would. I was just not blown away by this book. I wanted to like the characters but they did not engage me like I thought they would. But this is my opinion and you should try the book for yourself and see what you think. * I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review*

InD'tale Magazine says

“The Memory of Blue Sky” is an imaginative pre-apocalyptic story set in an expansive world that has undergone devastating changes.

Read full review in the 2016 March issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Dylan Hiler says

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I received a free copy from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Spoiler-Free - Bardsley's The Memory of Blue Sky is a gigantic undertaking. Setting up a 'close-apocalyptic' world requires a great amount of detail and creativity. Thankfully Bardsley had this in droves. The Earth is in a bad way and author-ess Bardsley manages to keep the story relevant to its setting while maintaining a sense of nostalgia from a better time. The novel is a Science Fantasy that has elements of romance organically weaved in. The core cast of characters are well developed and human. They have flaws, fears, goals, and strengths that are realistic and engaging.

For those familiar with the series Final Fantasy this could be an epic chapter in its creative universe. The Memory of Blue Sky is by no means a fan fiction and is original content. I could not help but draw parallels between Bardsley's world and Final Fantasy's, in the best of ways.

The novel length can be intimidating to the average reader but Bardsley does a good job keeping the reader engaged and wanting to move forward. That said, with the incredible attention to detail on the world and the core cast's interactions with it the ending did feel a bit rushed. If this series were to continue it would seem more complete, but it kind of comes to a screeching halt. If Bardsley would have peppered elements of the end throughout the second half of the story a little more it would have increased the amount of tension.

I am a firm believer that it is an author's job to tell a story, it is an editor's job to fix it. The Memory of Blue Sky was in need of a once or twice over from a professional editor. It is a HUGE undertaking and needed more time with a critical eye. I usually don't like to pick on editing issues but they were noticeable. However the tale itself was well done and that is what matters more. Those that are a fan of Science Fantasy will eat this novel up. It will be a more difficult read for those not familiar with non-modern fiction. The world is

created from scratch and those looking for a more ‘pure earth’ setting will be found scratching their heads on occasion.

I enjoyed The Memory of Blue Sky and with a critical round of editing it would get five stars!
