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## New Novel Seeks Meaning in the Face of Disillusionment

*'An Alien's Quest' crosses an alternate 21<sup>st</sup>-century Sol system in search of answers*

In the face of humanity's tribalism and destructiveness, it can be difficult to keep faith in the meaningful, the important, and the good. Cary Neeper's new novel *An Alien's Quest* chronicles the journey of a young human woman and her mixed alien family to the dark planet Ellason, seeking answers or comfort from famed spiritual leaders there.

Released on Monday, November 21, 2016, this fourth book in Neeper's series *The Archives of Varok* follows the cast from Nautilus silver medalist *The Webs of Varok* to Sol's distant watery stepchild, where they risk and reaffirm both lives and family ties among Ellason's ecological wonders and genetic mysteries. Continuing the series' exploration of tough issues through storytelling and world building, Neeper uses her alternate 21<sup>st</sup> century solar system to explore just what makes life meaningful for sentient creatures not so different from us here on Earth.

"Within the context of an action-packed, adventure, Neeper invites the reader to join an exploration of philosophy, science, faith and social organization. Funny, exciting, imaginative and contemplative, *An Alien's Quest* illuminates many of the challenges that plague contemporary Earthlings while remaining optimistic that not all is lost. An enjoyable and important read."

—Michael D. Fels, Ph.D. *Odysseus Consulting Services, Inc., author, Gone To Ground*

*An Alien's Quest* becomes available from major online book retailers November 21 in hardcover and paperback. Ebook editions for Amazon Kindle and Barnes & Noble Nook will be released in time for the holidays.

Author Cary Neeper, Ph.D., is an avid student of sustainability, steady-state economics and the impact of cosmology on issues of science and religion. Her writing includes the *Archives of Varok* novels, two musical science fiction comedies, and articles on exobiology for [Astronaut.com](http://Astronaut.com) and animal sentience for the [Los Alamos Daily Post](http://LosAlamosDailyPost.com). She studied zoology/chemistry and religion at Pomona College and earned her doctorate in medical microbiology at U. Wisconsin–Madison. The Neepers raised their family in northern New Mexico with a friendly menagerie of dogs, fish and fowl. Dr. Neeper also paints landscapes in acrylics, including the cover art for the most recent *Archives of Varok* editions.

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