



# An Alien's Quest

*A novel from The Archives of Varok*

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## *In an alternate 21st Century Solar System . . .*

Only two decades after first contact, even Earth's people know of Haralahn, the great-fish spiritual leader on distant Ellason. Shawne Oran-ElConn-Grey determines to seek his guidance as she struggles to tame a haunting disillusionment that followed her home from Earth. Her quest for meaning draws everyone she loves away to the Kuiper Belt and into a genetic mystery on the watery home planet of the ellls. The fourth novel in Cary Neeper's *Archives of Varok* series, *An Alien's Quest* completes the story of Shawne and her mixed family as they search for answers in Ellason's wild seas.

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