The Player of Games (The Culture, #2) Iain M Banks

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"Jam-packed with extraordinary invention" Scotsman

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Consider Phlebas, the first book in the Culture series, introduces readers to the genre-defining universe created by Iain M. Banks.

"The Player of Games is a mind-bending, metaphysical adventure that expands the scope of science fiction to new heights..." -- The Washington Post

"The Player of Games" is a science fiction novel by Iain M. Banks.

"The Player of Games" was published in 1987.

"The Player of Games" was a critical and commercial success.

"The Player of Games" has been translated into multiple languages.

"The Player of Games" has been adapted into a television series.

"The Player of Games" has been a source of inspiration for other works of science fiction.

"The Player of Games" has been praised for its complex characters and intricate plot.

"The Player of Games" has been noted for its exploration of themes of identity, power, and consciousness.

"The Player of Games" has been described as a "philosophical thriller.

"The Player of Games" has been compared to other works of science fiction, such as "The Left Hand of Darkness."
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Elysium Fire is a smoldering tale of murderers, secret cultists, tampered memories, and unthinkable power, of bottomless corruption and expounding revolution from the king of modern space opera. The thousand city-state habitats orbit the planet Yellowstone, forming a near-perfect democratic human paradise. But even utopia needs a police force. For the citizens of the Glitter Band that organization is Panoply, and the prefects are its operatives. Prefect Tom Dreyfus has a new emergency on his hands. Across the habitats and their hundred million citizens, people are dying suddenly and randomly, victims of a bizarre and unprecedented malfunction of their neural implants. And some "melters" have been linked to the cause of their deaths... As panic rises in the populace, a charismatic figure is sowing insurrection, convincing a small but growing number of habitats to break away from the Glitter Band and form their own independent colonies.