

# New Planet

by Martin Vopěnka

*Crossover / young adult*





A silhouette of a person in a prehistoric setting, looking out over a futuristic city skyline. The person is standing on a rocky outcrop, and the city is visible in the distance under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The scene is framed by dark, silhouetted trees and branches in the foreground.

# New Planet

*The Old Testament story of Joseph and his brothers set in the distant future*

*As epic as the Count of Monte Cristo, The Egyptian or Cloud Atlas*

*A novel and author with global potential*

*Far more thoughtful than Hunger Games*

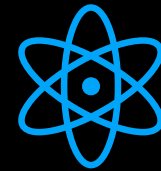
—Jan Sulc,  
leading Czech critic

The New Planet has 700 pages. It consists of 2 parts and 12 chapters. It can be published as one book or as two volumes.

*Full English translation available.  
Translated by Anna Bryson.*



# About Martin Vopěnka



## Background

Martin Vopěnka (born 1963) is a Prague Jewish writer and visionary. Under communism he studied mathematics and physics at the Faculty of Atomic Physics.



## Publications

A total of 29 of his books have been published in Czech, and 26 translations into 13 languages, and he has won a series of awards.



## Writing Genres

Apart from major novels set in the future, he writes novels from contemporary life, including for young people, fairytales, educational literature for children and teenagers, poetry and philosophical travelogues.





# The Story Begins

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## David's Upbringing

Youngest son David, whose father prefers him to his elder brothers, is growing up on Earth in the civilisation of New Planet, which is completely sealed off from the rest of the world and technologically self-sufficient.

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## Betrayal

David is betrayed by his beloved yet resentful brothers and is dumped outside the impenetrable walls of his own civilisation.

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## New World

He finds himself on a heap of corpses in the old world, which for unknown reasons had lost all its technology - it no longer has electricity or the combustion engine, and so is in deep decline. David is discovered by children stripping the corpses. He is sold to a local ruler in a mountain valley.





# David's Journey

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## Success

By a combination of fate and his abilities he becomes successful, and later falls in love with the ruler's daughter.

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## Family Life

She becomes pregnant with their child, and it seems that he could live the happy life of a young husband and father in the valley.

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## Abduction

But David's happiness is short-lived. News of his abilities has spread far beyond the valley, and he is abducted by armed men from the Empire of Columns.



# The Empire of Columns

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## Remnants of Civilization

The Empire of Columns lives off the remnants of our current civilisation. It takes glass from collapsing skyscrapers and printed teeshirts from old warehouses.

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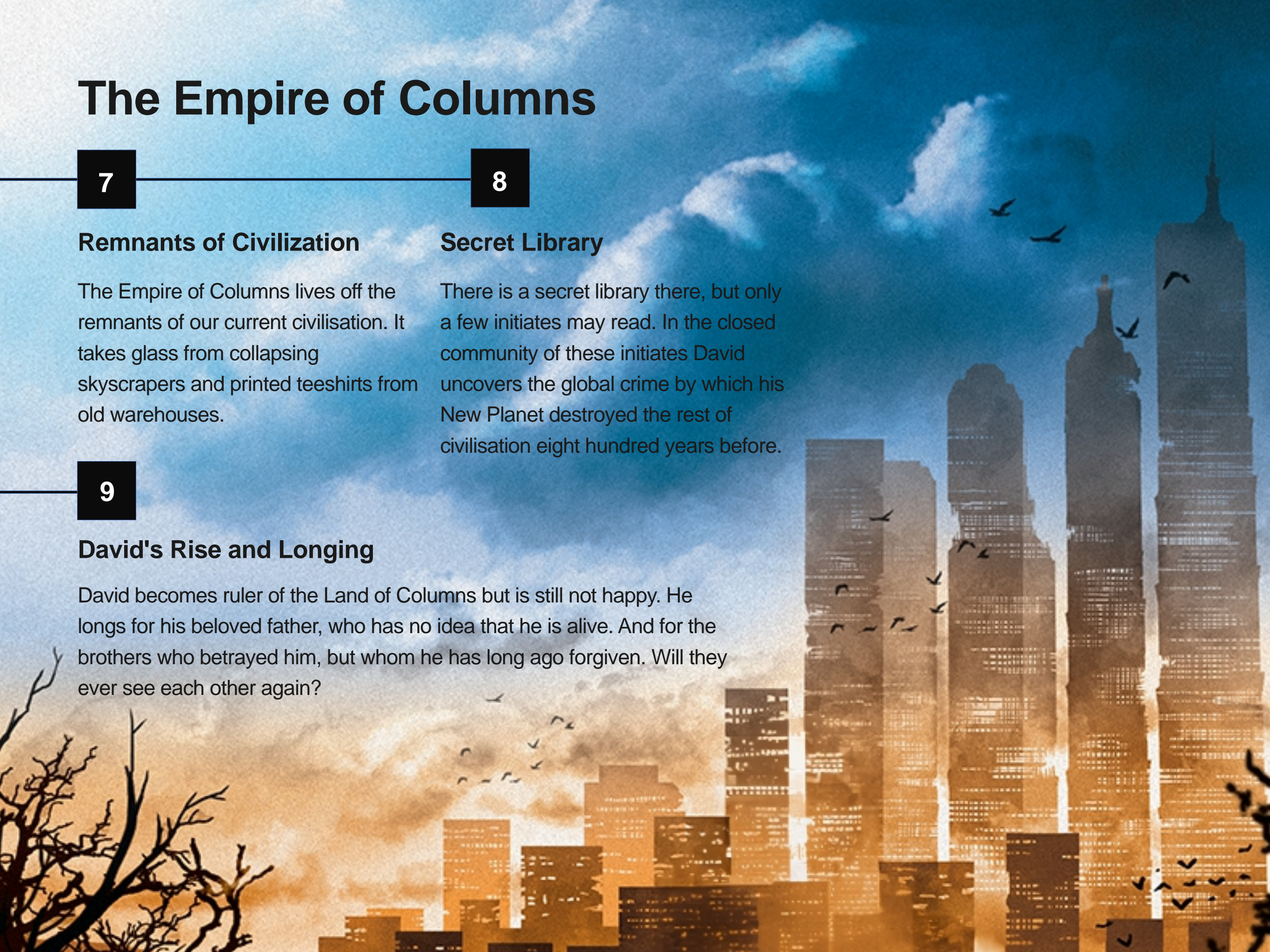
## Secret Library

There is a secret library there, but only a few initiates may read. In the closed community of these initiates David uncovers the global crime by which his New Planet destroyed the rest of civilisation eight hundred years before.

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## David's Rise and Longing

David becomes ruler of the Land of Columns but is still not happy. He longs for his beloved father, who has no idea that he is alive. And for the brothers who betrayed him, but whom he has long ago forgiven. Will they ever see each other again?







# Awards for the New Planet

- ▶ Golden Ribbon (Czech)
- ▶ White Raven (Germany)
- ▶ Masters' (Bulgaria)
- ▶ Reading Peterburg (Russia)
- ▶ Teachers' Award (Czech)

# Other Works of This Genre



## Love in the Time of Deathlessness (2019)

The principle of quantum entanglement and of the tragedy of two young lovers from different planets in an era of planetary civilisations.



## The Sleeping City (2011, 2016, 2019, 2021)

Dystopian Czech best-seller for children and young people.

- Recommended literature in Czech schools
- The book turned into a cinema movie



## Dorian Goes Back to the Future (coming in 2026)

A time loop, thanks to which the crew of a planetary ship finds itself on our planet a million years in the future. There is no longer any trace of human civilisation, but old crises and the old times still seem to be returning.





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