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### Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** Not so much a novel as a stultifying political treatise, the latest from the author of *Henry Martyn* is set on Pallas, an asteroid "terraformed" to be suitable for human life. Two societies compete for dominance: the Greeley Memorial Utopian Project, a totalitarian communist collective, and the Outside, a haven for freewheeling, gun-toting, Old West-style individualism. Born in the collective, Emerson Ngu manages as a teenager to escape to the Outside, where he fits smoothly into the loose, anything-goes culture. The book's meager plot concerns the collective's occasional attempts to recapture Ngu. Smith's writing is palatable enough, but he fails to create a convincing fictional environment (details such as the asteroid's minimal gravity are mentioned only in passing), and the characters are mere puppets mouthing his political views. His "utopian collective" is a simplistic straw man, and the individualistic society he clearly intends to glorify is unconvincing and blatantly based on the works of Ayn Rand (one chapter is even called "The Fountainhead"). Rand's fans might find the book appealing, but there is little here to entice other

readers.

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**From Library Journal** Born to a life of incessant toil inside the Greeley Utopian Memorial Project on the terra-formed asteroid called Pallas, Emerson Ngu engineers his own escape and discovers a new way of life outside the compound's Rimfence. Smith ( Henry Martyn , Tor, 1991) injects a heavy dollop of social commentary into this rags-to-riches tale of free enterprise and personal revenge. Although his arguments for libertarianism and the right to bear arms may not please everyone, his conviction and intensity give impetus to an otherwise ordinary story. For large sf collections.  
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