Ringworld's Children is a science fiction novel by Larry Niven, set in his Known Space universe and ties into numerous other books set in Known Space. It is the fourth book in the Ringworld series. This novel continues the story of the Fringe War which was begun in The Ringworld Throne (novel). The intelligent species of Known Space have become interested in the Ringworld and are engaged in manoeuvrings for control of the Ringworld. Ringworld's Children is a 2004 science fiction novel by American writer Larry Niven, the fourth in the Ringworld series set in the Known Space universe. It describes the continuing adventures of Louis Wu and companions on Ringworld. Plot summary. The novel's plot is largely concerned with the so-called Fringe War. All the intelligent species of Known Space are interested in the Ringworld.