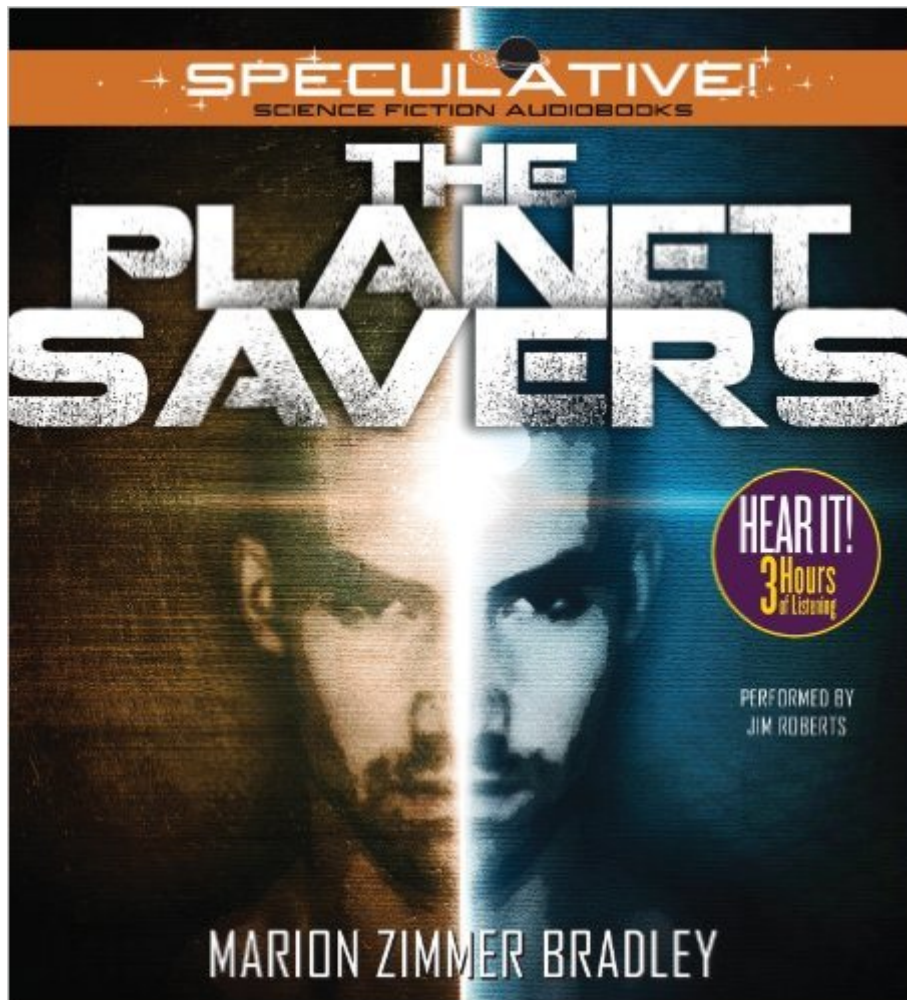


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Synopsis

Darkover was experiencing a flare-up of trailmen's fever, a disease that would decimate the entire human population of Darkover, from the Comyn to the Terrans. The Medical Branch at Terran HQ had the start of a cure, but in order to finish it, they needed trailmen to come out of their mountain heights and donate blood. Only one man on Darkover stood any chance of persuading the trailmen to help, but he occupied the same body as the doctor capable of doing the medical side of the work, and he was the personality the doctor had utterly suppressed. Even with hypnosis, only one of them could be active at a time, and the solution needed both of them. This story first appeared in *Amazing Stories*, November, 1958.

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Customer Reviews

http://www..com/gp/product/B003VYBHHW/ref=cm_cr_rev_prod_imgl have read all MZB's Darkover novels, and actually the Trailmen are discussed in one more novel, though I don't remember which one. The idea of Darkover was by no means fully developed when this book was written, but the roots were there, and the characters show up later as adults in fully developed and very good books written decades later. I strongly recommend that SF/F fans read this book; if you haven't yet discovered Darkover (though I find that unbelievable), this is a good introduction before you try to jump to *The Forbidden Tower*, which is an awfully long jump. I try to sort out which books are set in the Age of Chaos, which during the Terran occupation, and which after the Terrans leave and read that way, as MZB didn't write them in any kind of order and admits herself that her geography and

history are somewhat muddled. Buy it. Read it. If you don't enjoy this one, you have no imagination whatever and should distance yourself from science fiction, fantasy, and psychology. Especially psychology.

Nobody had reviewed this book, so I thought I would. This was one of the first Darkover books I read, and I enjoyed it very much. The Darkover books seem to vary in quality from slightly interesting to absolutely fabulous, but I'd rate this one as very good. It was first written in 1962, so it's a little dated, but the main character was interesting and it gives true Darkover fans some insights into some little-explored areas of Darkovan life.

Considered by Marion Zimmer Bradley as the first serious story about Darkover, "The Planet Savers" is firmly in the tradition of psionically based hard science fiction and includes the basic foundations of the Darkovan universe. It is an action-packed adventure covering aliens, Terran imperialists, lost Earth colonists, and the hazards of a primitive planet. In this first book you see why Darkover captured the imagination of readers immediately and spawn one of the greatest series in SF and fantasy without violating the rules of either of the genres. Like most of the Darkover works, the author maintains a high-level of psychological tension and a focus on cultures in collision. For a novel of less than ninety pages, it has an amazing depth of characterization for the protagonist without interfering with the rapid pace of the adventure. Over all, the story is a fun and thought-provoking read. Given the recent accusations of sexual abuse by Bradley's daughter, I think it is important to alert this to potential readers. The Marion Zimmer Bradley Literary Works Trust, which owns the copyrights to her literary works has released the following statement "...[we are] aware of the allegations that have been made...Marion is deceased and we are not able to ask her about her side of the story, nor do we have any personal knowledge of the events that are being described. All we can say is that during the decades in which we worked with her, we found Marion to be a great friend and enormously kind person. She was much loved by many friends, especially in the literary community where she supported the careers of many writers at considerable personal expense. That's just a statement of fact based on personal knowledge, and is not meant to be a response to these allegations".

What a great buy. I read this many years ago and it is still well worth a 2nd, 3rd or 4th read. Would have a lot of trouble trying the bookstores to get a hold of a copy. Thanks .

Likely the best description of the Trailmen in the series. The Darkover concept wasn't fully developed at the time of this writing, but much of the ideas are here: advanced mental abilities, a benevolent feudal system, and multiple intelligent species sharing a planet, sometimes rather shakily.

Marion Zimmer Bradley rarely disappoints. In this instance, it's a Darkover novel that doesn't require too much foreknowledge of Darkover. Indeed, this could be a gateway short story that gets the reader interested in Darkover. The Darkover series blends psionics with science fiction if I remember correctly. The native Darkover inhabitants in possession of the psionics and the Terrans (I think, I haven't read much Darkover) largely in possession of advanced technology. In any case, it's inexpensive (if not free), and a novella so it's not a long read. If you don't like it, you haven't wasted much time.

I spent my teen years absolutely LOVING Marion Zimmer Bradley's Darkover. I'm so thrilled to see it on Kindle and have the opportunity to rediscover it all over again!! I had never read The Planet Savers and really enjoyed discovering it on Kindle.

As usual in the writing is very good, if somewhat dated, in attitude due I suspect in part to being somewhat older and of the generation that considered sexuality a facet of human experience to be a private and non-discussed matter. Still the author remains a talented practitioner of the writing art.

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