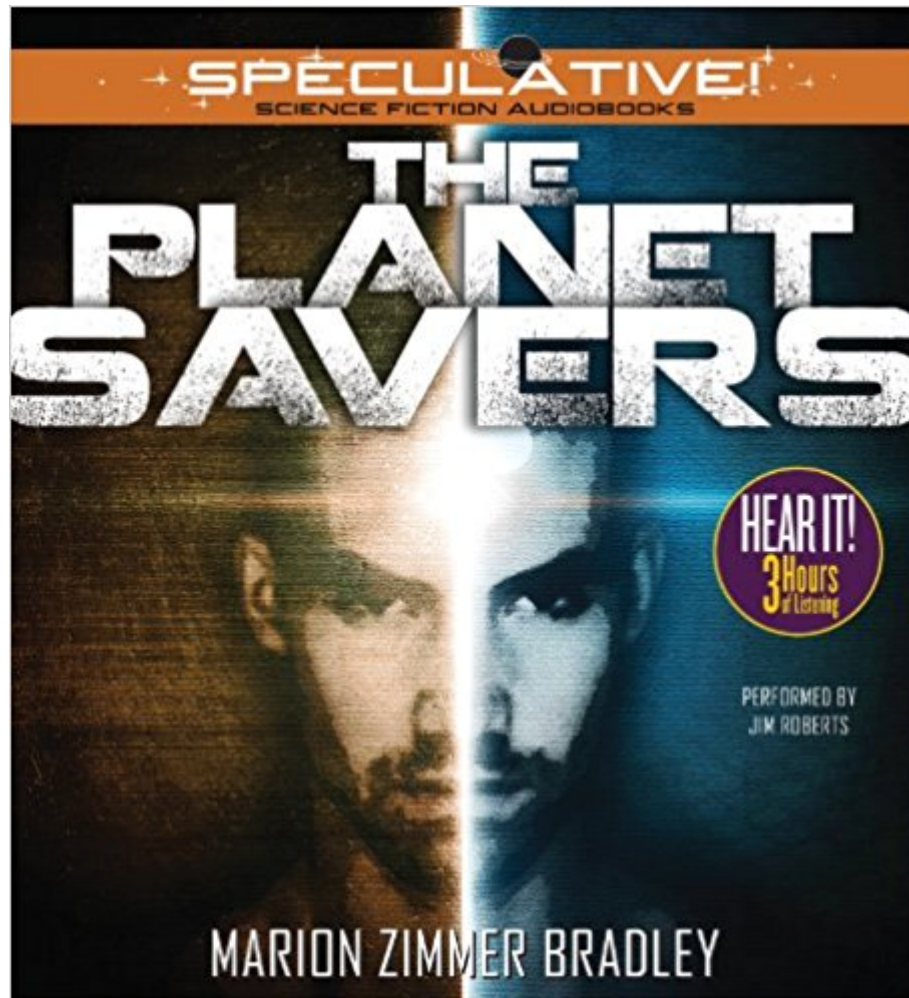




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Synopsis

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

Marion Zimmer was born in Albany, NY, on June 3, 1930, and married Robert Alden Bradley in 1949. Mrs. Bradley received her B.A. in 1964 from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, then did graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, from 1965-67. She was a science fiction/fantasy fan from her middle teens, and made her first sale as an adjunct to an amateur fiction contest in *Fantastic/Amazing Stories* in 1949. She had written as long as she could remember, but wrote only for school magazines and fanzines until 1952, when she sold her first professional short story to *Vortex Science Fiction*. She wrote everything from science fiction to Gothics, but is probably best known for her *Darkover* novels. In addition to her novels, Mrs. Bradley edited many magazines, amateur and professional, including *Marion Zimmer Bradley's Fantasy Magazine*, which she started

in 1988. She also edited an annual anthology called *Sword and Sorceress* for DAW Books. Over the years she turned more to fantasy; *The House Between the Worlds*, although a selection of the Science Fiction Book Club, was "fantasy undiluted". She wrote a novel of the women in the Arthurian legends - Morgan Le Fay, the Lady of the Lake, and others - entitled *Mists of Avalon*, which made the NY Times best seller list both in hardcover and trade paperback, and she also wrote *The Firebrand*, a novel about the women of the Trojan War. Her historical fantasy novels, *The Forest House*, *Lady of Avalon*, *Mists of Avalon* are prequels to *Priestess of Avalon*. She died in Berkeley, California on September 25, 1999, four days after suffering a major heart attack. She was survived by her brother, Leslie Zimmer; her sons, David Bradley and Patrick Breen; her daughter, Moira Stern; and her grandchildren.

I didn't like the size of the book, didn't fit right in my hand or on the shelf with the rest of the mzb books. So, I ordered another one that was used and when I went to find my place in it I noticed an entire page with of the novel was just not there. This version appears to have been heavily edited from the author's original writing.

**** Review of Audio Version ****Darkover is an interesting planet, with a lot going on, apparently! Hoping that the series gets recorded from the beginning as I enjoy Marion Zimmer Bradley's style of writing and would like to read more. I just don't like starting a series on book 9 (the most current one available on audio)! Jay/Jason Allison is a complicated man. Jay completely turned his back on his childhood and its trauma even as he devotes his life to helping the people that, in the end, rejected him. Jason Allison just wants to live. Can the two men reconcile their individual personalities long enough to live as one and save a whole planet? I enjoyed this story, I was invested in the characters, and wanted more when it was over. I can't ask for anything more from a story! The narration by Daniela Acitelli was enjoyable as well. I received this audiobook for free through Audiobook Boom! in exchange for an honest review.

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.

Bradley is the master at blending sci-fi and fantasy, a great read. A look into the mind of a split personality.

As are all of the Darkover books that I have read over last 50 or so years, this one riveted me and was immersion for me. I can imagine it all. This planet and these people come to life on the pages be it paper or electronic. I reread my first one over and over again. The bloody sun. I am discovering more books either I haven't read or forgot. So rediscovery. Timelines blur and spatial relations aren't as clear to me. I'd love to have big graphic of timeline and names as a true history to map out all the books and characters. Is there such a thing? Thank you fir another good read. Karen Hamilton.
Maryland

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.

I've always been a fan of MZB, and I'll never get tired of rereading her Earlier novels! Definitely one of the best in the series

One of my favorite Bradley's - and that's saying something, as I'm a fan. A unique perspective on multiple-personality-disorder (DIS).

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