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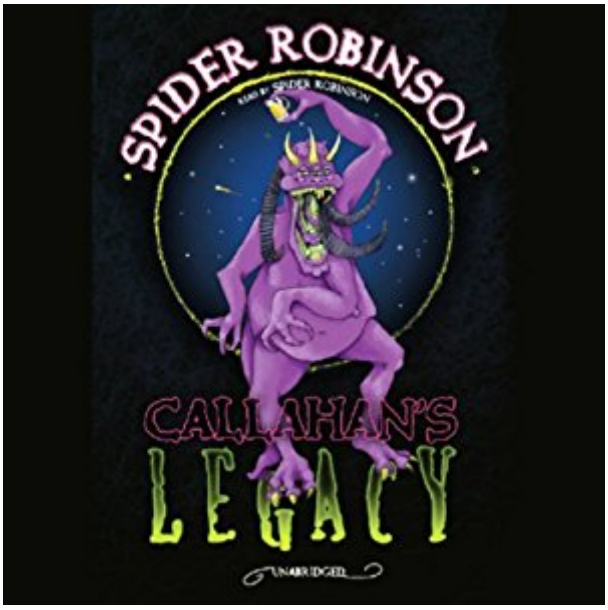

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Synopsis

For years, Callahan’s was the place where friends met to have a few drinks, tell a few jokes, and occasionally save the world. Until that unfortunate incident with the nuke a few years ago....But Jake Stonebender and his wife have opened a new Callahan’s, Mary’s Place, and all the regulars are there: Doc Webster, Fast Eddie the piano player, Long Drink McGonnigle, and of course the usual talking dogs, alcoholic vampires, aliens, and time travelers. Songs will be sung, drinks will be drunk (and drunks will have drinks), puns will be swapped...and as a three-eyed, three-legged, three-armed, three-everythinged alien flashes through space toward the bar, it just might be time to save the world again.... --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Not everyone enjoys puns, just as not everyone enjoys science fiction set in the present day; but for those who like both, the entire Callahan’s Place series and its spinoffs are must-read books. I still have trouble believing that I only discovered Spider Robinson recently; his non-Callahan’s (and more serious) works are also excellent, but when he puts is figurative tongue in cheek the results are truly something special!

I’ve read all the Spyder Robinson that I could get my hands on I started with Callahan’s Crosstime Saloon to me the whole Callahan series speaks to me as how life could be better somewhat twisted but in the best way possible. Fantasy with a touch of Sci Fi I would suggest this to a more mature

reader with an open mind. That said I recommend anything Spyder writes to my friends

Have read all the Callahan books plus a number of books spun-off based on specific characters. All are terrific. As with all good science fiction, once you have suspended your belief system and accepted Spider Robinson's, all of his stories are excellent. He has the ability to bring you into his worlds with ease and excitement.

Although not the best books in the "Callahan's" series, my money is on LSTB, Legacy is a very good read. After the initial shock of the impending doom of Mary's Place, the byplay of the characters in recounting the events was interesting and, as always, lots of fun. Wouldn't everyone like the ability to dispose of millions like Buck, or maybe be immune to pain like Acayib? "Callahan's" readers may be a bit disappointed at first, but read on and enjoy. I'm sure we've not heard the last of Jake and the gang yet.

Spider Robinson's Callahan's regulars once again save the world from certain destruction. No other author combines puns, palindromes, poetry and prose like Robinson. This book has it all -- sex, music, philosophy, outrageous humor, wonderful characters, and a message. Impossible to read it without having fun -- if you like words, you'll love this book.

Of course, "Mary's Place" is really just a euphemism for "Callahan's Crosstime Saloon", even if the proprietor IS Jake Stonebender instead of the great one. But if Doc Webster, Eddie Costigan, Mickey Finn and company hang out there, it's really Callahan's, and as such, fans of the "Callahan's" series will not want to miss this one.This is particularly true because in this book, we finally get the "origin stories" for Long Drink McGonnigle, Doc Webster, and Fast Eddie, and they are superb, some of the most powerful writing that Robinson has ever done, which is why I rate this book five stars IN SPITE of the fact that the main plot is kind of weak (Alien cyborg coming to destroy the earth? Gotta defeat it with one hand tied behind our collective, poor weak human backs? Been there. Done that) AND in spite of the fact that the beginning and ending subplot strikes me as involving rather more mockery of individuals based on physical appearance and speaking an unfamiliar language that "sounds funny" than I'd expect from Robinson and the Callahan's folks. The flashback origin stories are just THAT GOOD. You do NOT want to miss them.

Spider Robinson is probably best known for his Callahan's stories. Some readers stopped reading

after the bar was destroyed in a nuclear explosion. But the latest book, CALLAHAN'S LEGACY, is a good reason to give the later series a better look.This latest volume takes place in Mary's Place, Jake's new bar. Most of the usual characters are present as well as a few new ones who happened through the front door. Jake's wife is nine and a half months pregnant when the story opens. The story progresses through some of the usual tales and word games we have come to expect. Then Mary and Mickey Finn suddenly appear unconscious on the floor. Once revived it becomes clear that a terrible threat is heading towards Earth. Finn's counterpart is coming. Jake and the gang must find a way to save the Earth. During that course we learn how some of the older members first found Callahan's Place and we gain some new insights into the author.I will not give away the ending but I will say that I found it to be one of the better books in the extended series (that includes the Sally books). While an entertaining and light-seeming read, there is plenty to stimulate the brain. Word games (and puns) are found throughout the book along with some other mental exercise equipment. If it has been a while since you last visited with the Callahan's gang you should pick up this book and drop in again, I am sure they would like to see you.

I got that "Mary's Place" resurfaced in a reasonable occurrence, hard as that was to figure at first.Robinson fan only 2nd to Robert A. Heinlein, Robinson is a fan of Heinlein also.Great Minds.

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