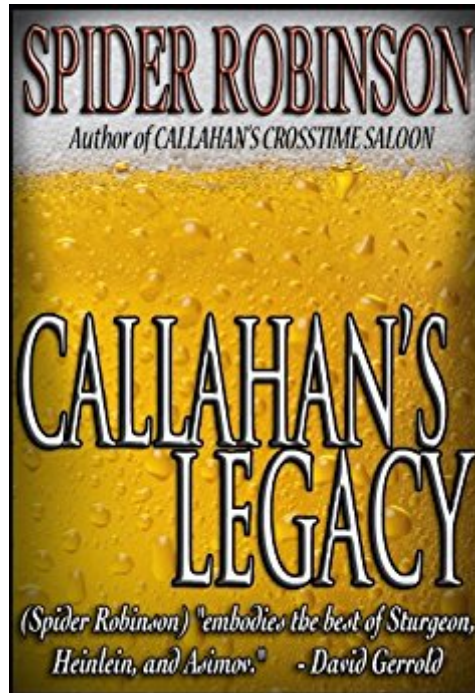




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Of course, "Mary's Place" is really just a euphemism for "Callahan's Crosstime Saloon", even if the proprietor IS Jake Stonebender instead of the great one. But if Doc Webster, Eddie Costigan, Mickey Finn and company hang out there, it's really Callahan's, 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.

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.

I have been reading Spiders works for years, absolutely phenomenal writer. It has been said many

times by people more learned than I, but he is this generations RAH!

How can you not love anything written by Spider Robinson?

I love Spider Robinson I would be his sex slave if he would let me but anyway he is a great writer.

I always enjoy the old gang and the stories. Seeing how Long Drink came along and how others found Callahan's is fun and interesting.

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