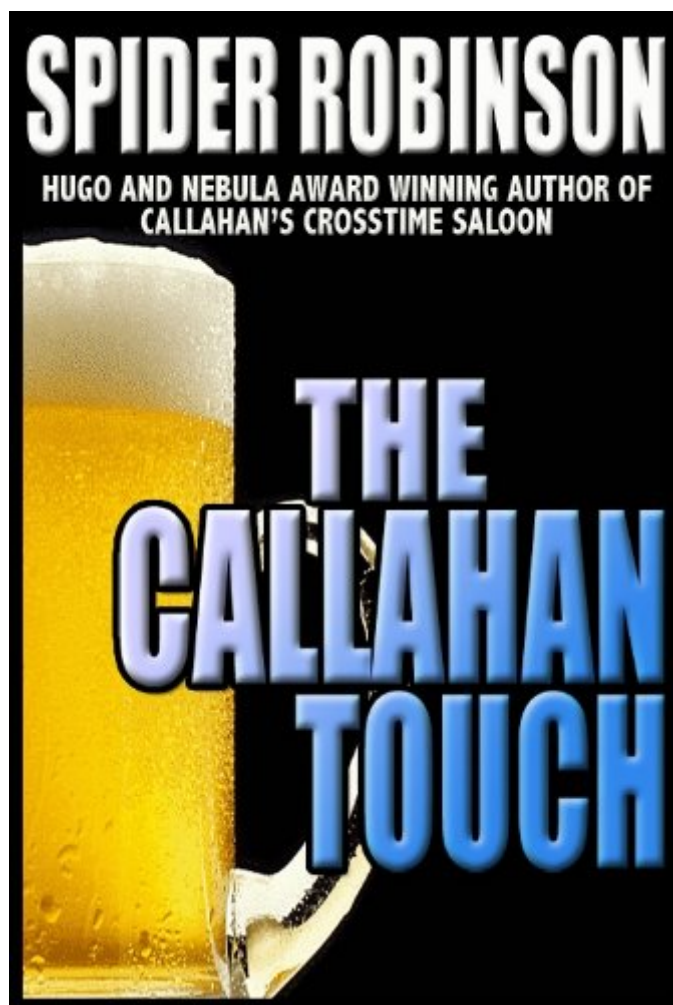


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Synopsis

Opening night at Mary's Place draws the refugees from the now-defunct Callahan's Bar; and bartender Jake Stonebender quickly learns that Mary's Place attracts as many bizarre events and persons as including a drunken leprechaun as its beloved predecessor. The story, says Booklist, hangs together on the strength of Jake's appealing voice and the bar scene, which is hip and witty. •Written by Hugo and Nebula-Award winning author Spider Robinson."If one were given the task of creating Spider Robinson from scratch, the best way to do it would be to snatch James Joyce from history, force-feed him Marx Brothers films and good jazz for the better part of a decade, then turn him loose on a world badly in need of a look at itself."- The Vancouver SunSpider Robinson is the hottest writer to hit science fiction since Harlan Ellison, and he can match the master's frenetic energy and emotional intensity, arm-break for gut-wrench. •- The Los Angeles Times•Nobody's perfect, but Spider comes pretty damned close. •- Ben Bova"Spider Robinson is the Tom Robbins of the 21st century."- John VarleySpider Robinson is a master storyteller •- Allen Steele[Spider Robinson] "embodies the best of Sturgeon, Heinlein, and Asimov."- David Gerrold"Robinson's creative imagination is admirable."- Publishers Weekly

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Customer Reviews

Spider Robinson's Callahan's series is full of fun and also tells everyone who being kind and generous is the key to the universal happiness of all. But don't think it's preachy, nor is it a "book with a Message". It's rampant zany fun.

I've been a fan of the "Callahan's" stories for a long time, and truly enjoy almost all of them. This may actually be the best of the lot, and I think that it would probably be possible to start with this one and still not be completely lost. It's certainly the best (as well as the first) of the "Mary's Place" books which follow the original "Callahan's Crosstime Saloon" series. But I will say that its rating was ALMOST ruined, and WAS dropped a notch, by the love-at-first-sight subplot toward the end. I'm sorry, I can accept Fir Darrig-Pooka half-breeds living in the U.S.; I can accept Cluricaunes (what most people would mistake for a leprechaun) likewise manifesting in upstate New York; I can accept time-travel, super-powerful aliens with highly advanced technology, and all the rest of it, but I CANNOT suspend disbelief far enough to accept a pair of grown-ups experiencing a powerful initial attraction for one another and mistaking it for love; the character of Jake Stonebender is wiser than that, and as written, so is the object of his fascination. Granted, there is a perfectly good chance that such a fascination might grow into love, but the idea that they are, in fact, in love before ever actually laying eyes on one another because of a very sympatico jam session is just silly. And I hate stories that reinforce the societal belief in love as being "something that happens all at once" rather than being "something that grows out of shared experience"; see my review of "Romeo & Juliet".

Are you a Callahan's Place fan who thought the series ended when Mike Callahan exposed his true identity and left our time? If so, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Spider Robinson just could not bring himself to say goodbye to the rest of the improbable, pun-happy crowd of people he created. The fun continues! And if you're new to the series, go ahead and grab this book; once you're hooked, you will go find yourself searching for the volumes that came before, and those that follow this one. Sadly, some are currently out of print; I have had to search used-book stores and websites for some of them, and there still may be one or two I haven't located.

5 stars because it's been a while since a writer and his stories affected me in so many ways. Spider Robinson is somewhat of a throw-back writer in the Sf field. He writes in the mode of all the

acknowledged greats. Read Variable Star. Read the book that he finished writing begun by the late Robert Heinlein. I found it impossible to see where there is a division between either writer. The entire Callahan series is hypnotic, his characters and situations become instantly believable, whether alien or human. In fact, I find the alien characters more believable. Impossible to put down. Must read!!!

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

Typical pyder fare , one of the Callahan series .

I liked the stories in it but I prefer to read a complete novel so I will try others of this series that I haven't read to see if I can tie all of the story lines together and make a little better sense of it. Spider is a good writer and I really liked Variable Star and some others of the Callahan series but I need to read all of the. I would recommend this to people who like lighter SciFi reading.

How can you not love anything written by Spider Robinson?

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