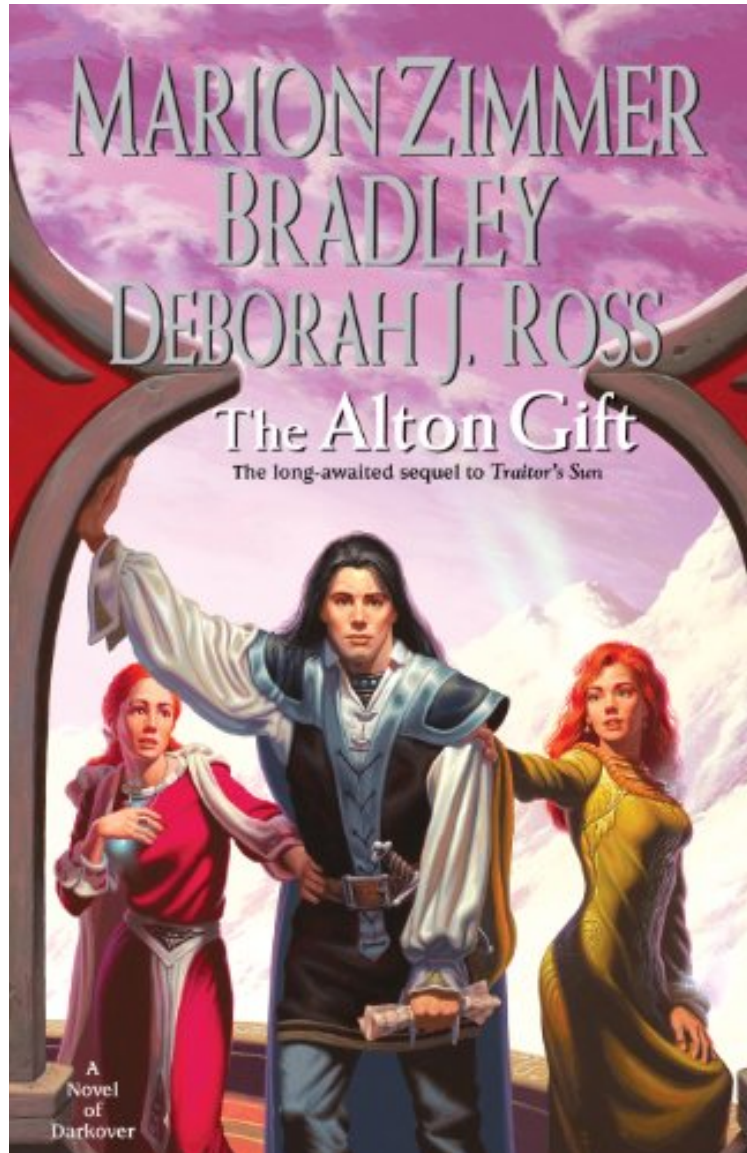


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Von Marion Zimmer Bradley, Deborah J. Ross : The Alton Gift (Darkover) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Alton Gift (Darkover):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen21 von 21 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
ConvincingVon javelinxMarion Zimmer Bradley`s death was a very sad event for many fantasy fans, especially those who were sure to never learn the fate of the characters of her latest novel, "Traitor's Sun".With her "Clingfire" trilogy, Deborah J. Ross undertook the ambitious project of filling up the gaps in the stories of former years in Darkovan

history, centered around the age of "Hawkmistress". After the conclusion of the trilogy, she shouldered the even more difficult task of continuing the story of "Traitor's Sun" and taking up the challenge of Zimmer Bradley's work not of the early years, but at the peak of her writing. Ross takes up the story about four years later; the Terrans have left the planet, and the Comyn face serious challenges. Darkovan society had adapted to the comforts and possibilities of Terran technology and medicine and is still reeling from the gaps and upheaval left by their departure. The Comyn Council seems more interested in individual power struggles than in a joint effort to find a solution to the many problems and the social unrest which have arisen. Old campaigners like Javanne Hastur and Gabriel Lanart-Hastur die, others get more frail and unfit to rule their domain, and few Comyn have heirs ready and able to take over the responsibilities. Lewis Alton is deeply troubled by old sins, furthest his latest misuse of the Alton Gift of forced rapport after the Battle on the Old North Road. His ghosts come back to haunt him in the person of Jeram, a Terran mercenary who stayed behind after the battle and developed a late case of threshold sickness after the tampering of his mind. Here the story suffers a heavy case of predictability - of course the two men meet again, and afterwards, Jeram gets into the power-hungry clutches of Francisco Ridenow, who tries to present Jeram as a helpless victim of the Altons before the Comyn Council. Francisco issues a challenge which Mikhail Hastur cannot refuse without losing face and honor. During the duel Mikhail gets seriously wounded. His son Domenic has to take over his responsibilities as Regent. The stakes have meanwhile been raised considerably by a new outbreak of trailman's fever, which had been considered to be extinct. The Terran Jeram proves himself as specialised in biological warfare and gets to play a major role in getting the disease under control. So far the contents; on the whole, I closed the book with a feeling of satisfaction. The main characters of Zimmer Bradley's prequel took on a life and a personal development of their own, especially Bradley's favorite, Lewis Alton, was well depicted in his role as conscience-ridden man facing his death and trying to come to grips with his history. Marion Zimmer Bradley seemed always very willing to let other authors into her Darkovan Universe, and I could well imagine that she would have accepted this possible future of the characters she envisioned. To really be able to enjoy this story, readers should be well acquainted with Zimmer Bradley's books "The World Wreckers" and "Heritage and Exile" in order to appreciate the new adventure of the Comyn. Highly recommended. 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Warum nur Englisch Von Andreas Fritz Ich bin ein Fan der Darkover Reihe und würde mir das Buch ja kaufen aber dummerweise gibt es das Buch nur in englischer Sprache und nicht in deutsch. Ist schon 8 Jahre auf dem Markt und es findet sich niemand der es ins Deutsche übersetzt. 2 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Alton Gift (Darkover) Von Igsoriantop, spannend, cool, witzig, was soll man noch mehr schreiben, mein Gott 12 Wörter noch ist das nicht ein bisschen betrieben?

Kurzbeschreibung The long-awaited continuation to Marion Zimmer Bradley's popular science fiction Darkover saga. After generations of struggle to protect the unique native culture of Darkover from the ambitions of the ruthless Terran Federation, the Terrans have finally been forced to abandon Darkover due to interstellar civil war. As Lew Alton returned home to the world of his birth after decades spent in exile as the Darkovan representative to the Terran Senate, he wrestles with the dark shadows from his past, his daughter Marguerida's psychic Gifts warn her of impending danger. But danger to whom? Her husband Mikhail, as powerful head of the Hastur Domain is her most obvious worry, for many would stand to gain from his demise. Meanwhile, unknown to Marguerida, her son, Domenic, searches for his place in a world of shifting loyalties, torn by love for two very different women, and troubled by his destiny as the heir to Hastur. But while Darkover's powerful rulers face their personal demons, desperate refugees flood the streets of Thendara, Darkover's capital city, for in the mountains an ancient menace is once again on the rise, a power against which neither sword nor the psychic sorcery of Darkover can prevail. From Publishers Weekly The late Marion Zimmer Bradley's influence can still be detected in her posthumous Darkover "collaborations" with Ross. This opener to the Children of Kings trilogy (after 2004's *A Flame in Hali*, which concluded the *Clingfire* trilogy) focuses on a chilling threat: the resurgence of trailman's fever, a disease that could wipe out Darkover's population. The key to a cure is Jeremiah Reed, a Terran battle survivor whose memories were wiped by Lewis-Kennard Alton via the Alton Gift of forced rapport. As the medical crisis worsens, Mikhail Lanart-Hastur, Lew's son-in-law and Regent of Darkover, must fend off a political takeover by his power-hungry rival, Francisco Ridenow. Meanwhile, Mikhail's son, Domenic, finds himself torn between romances with Alanna, his unstable cousin, and lovely Illona, a Gifted under-Keeper. Though a slow start and arcane historical references might dissuade new readers, the teasing resolution will excite anticipation in those familiar with the memorable land of the Bloody Sun. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist In the sequel to *Traitor's Sun* (1999), the Terrans have left Darkover, and little of their technology remains. Remnants of the Comyn are finding that governing the planet takes more energy and personnel than they have. Changes are needed, but squabbling over what changes continues. Its dream of a Terran-less world fulfilled, the conservative faction strives to restore its unquestioned lordship of the Domains. Domenic Hastur, heir to lordship of the Comyn, travels the Domains to assess the people's problems. When his father, the regent

Mikhail, is assassinated, Domenic must assume the lordship just as a plague strikes Thendara. Sure to please Darkover fans. Murray, Frieda