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Lynne says

This was two novellas but I enjoyed them.

Truitti says

reread October 2009 - reread September 2014

Lavender says

This book contains 2 volumes from the Brain Ship series. After having read the Crystal Singer series, I decided I wanted to read more about the Brain Ships. I wasn't disappointed. I borrowed the whole set from the library one after the other. I wished there were more.

Erik Frederick says

meh

Kat says

"The Ship Who Searched" = 4 stars

"Partnership" = 3 stars

zjakkeliën says

Brain ships contains part 2 and 3 of the Brainship books: **The ship who searched** and **Partnership**.

The first book is about the brain ship Hypatia, or Tia. She is an exceptional brain ship, because she was quite old when she became a shell person: 7. She is interested in archeology and finds a brawn who is interested in the same. Together they get into a few scrapes...

The book was written in typical McCaffrey style, not over-emotional, but compelling nonetheless. I love this world with people who become ships and I like seeing how they interact with the world. The story itself is not overly brilliant, it is more a collection of adventures that show off the world, much like the first book. Only in this book, the adventures are more connected. I thought the ending was a bit too happy, but other than that, this was a very nice book.

The second book is about Nancia. On her first trip, she transports several young people from high families. Unfortunately, they are all corrupt and she overhears their plans, but is persuaded that she shouldn't have, since she didn't identify herself as a brain ship. Her first brawn happens to be extremely stuck up regarding his morals, so it takes a while before the situation gets rectified...

I liked this book a little less. It was still entertaining, but I was annoyed by the moral brawn, and Nancia herself at first agrees with him. Fortunately she loosens up later on. The book followed the young criminals quite a lot, and this was ok, but I still would have preferred reading more about Nancia. I did like the descriptions of Singularities and particularly the Singularity incident that Nancia has to get out of later on in the book.

Joe Martin says

I saw that Baen Books was (re)releasing *The Ship Who Searched* and that reminded me that I had a copy of both that book and *PartnerShip*, in this one volume. I'd read it years ago but I thought it would be fun to re-read it. And it was.

I very much like the big idea here: people who would be crippled or dead can find a new life as the living brain of a ship, city, or space station. Full neural connections to the ship allow the person to experience the ship as their own body and operate it as smoothly as we operate our own limbs.

The stories are fun too.

Lynn Calvin says

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Dianne Durante says

I launched into this right after the first book in the series; finished #2, but paused before going on to #3. The characters were starting to sound the same.

Theresa says

one of the most dynamic series, using technology to enhance the lives of injured and disabled individuals starting with the *Ship who sang*, continuing into the *brain and brawn ships*, and lastly into cities and places controlled by the minds of the individuals whose enhancements allow them to explore space, and control cities with a thought.

Michel says

A book for young adults in my opinion. Somehow this book did not capture my imagination. I only read the first part and quit there. Maybe some day I'll surprise myself and read the second part of the book.

Janine Noble says

This includes two books: *The Ship Who Searched* by Anne McCaffrey & Mercedes Lackey, and *Partnership* by Anne McCaffrey & Margaret Ball.

THE SHIP WHO SEARCHED

A wonderful combination of science fiction and adventure (with a sprinkling of romance), that will keep you engaged from the first page.

Hypatia (Tia) Cade is seven years old when she comes into contact with a mysterious virus on a planetary dig with her archeologist parents, and is left almost completely paralysed. Fortunately, she is an extraordinarily intelligent child and a good candidate for the shellperson programme. Upon her graduation, she begins what will be a successful career as a brainship, assigned to A and E.

This book is a genuine page-turner and reads just as well a second or third time. Tia is a sparkling character, particularly as a child, and her response to the heartbreaking consequences of the virus which infects her, will bring genuine tears to your eyes. As a brainship, Tia has a number of hair-raising adventures and, despite the fact that these are set in space and on unknown worlds, you will find yourself completely fascinated and engaged. The only criticism would be that the ending feels a little too convenient and far-fetched, but this is certainly not enough to detract from the overall quality of the story (and it could be argued that the concept of brainships themselves is equally as far-fetched).

If you like adventure, science fiction, some romance, and well-written characters, you can't go wrong with this book.

PARTNERSHIP

A science fiction, adventure story told from the perspective of multiple characters, with a number of twists and a very satisfying denouement.

This story starts with an introduction to Nancia Perez y de Gras, sixteen years old and a newly graduated brainship, who is setting out on her first mission, transporting five other "High Families" graduates to their first jobs. What should have been a simple courier service assignment becomes complicated when Nancia overhears them discussing their unethical, immoral and illegal plans for "getting ahead".

As the story continues, different chapters are narrated from the point of view of the other five "High Families" graduates, which is perhaps why this is not one of my favourite Anne McCaffrey stories. As much as it is possible to like and admire Nancia, the same cannot be said of these other protagonists. That being said, it is interesting to follow the story from a number of different perspectives, and there are a number of twists in the story that make this another real page-turner. Despite, or perhaps because of, their very different

strengths and flaws, all the characters have depth and draw you in to their reality.

If you like character-driven science fiction and unexpected twists in a story, this book is worth a read.

Mike Haxton says

Brains and Brawn

If you followed me and I understand some do, you know I don't give out 5 stars unless it's earned. I would like to think that in the future there may be brain ships.

? BookAddict ✍️ La Crimson Femme says

The Brain Ships are great stories. I'm pulled in. It's written so well that I can almost believe that this is real. Ms. McCaffrey at her best with relationships and alt-futuristic worlds. This is a must read for every young adult.
