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Hesprid IV can't be that bad. Especially when it holds such a huge deposit of lucrative cielanite ore. Or so thinks Dane Thorson and the rest of the crew of the "Solar Queen, " and its new sister ship, the recently recovered derelict "North Star." The plan seems simple --make landfall, mine ore, leave. But when huge electromagnetic monsoons strike, and a strange lifeform makes deadly attacks on the miners, the mining grinds almost to a halt. Then the real threat arrives: the crew of the "North Star, " long ago stranded here, wants off the planet... at any cost. It'll take every ounce of the "Solar Queen" crew's savvy and experience to make it off Hesprid IV with their lives, let alone a profit. And that's assuming they get past the pirates lying in wait on the far side of the star system...

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### Valerie says

To recap: The Solar Queen Series consists of (in chronological order):

- (1) Sargasso of Space
- (2) Plague Ship
- (3) Voodoo Planet (often paired with the unrelated Star Hunter)
- (4) Postmarked The Stars
- (5) Redline The Stars
- (6) Derelict for Trade
- (7) This book, A Mind for Trade.

This series ought not be confused with the Time Traders series, which is vastly inferior, in my view. The Solar Queen stories are interesting and subtle, and though they occasionally slip back into the "It's clobberin' time!" mentality, there's remarkably little bloodshed compared (say) to the sanguinary Witch World books. There may have been other books in the series blocked out, but I don't know of any being published.

The question of how one establishes trade relations with a species which can't speak, and which it's (mostly) death to touch in order to achieve contact telepathy is an interesting one, and I don't recall encountering it elsewhere.

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### Sandra Munger says

I'm in the mood for Andre Norton. Another in the Solar Queen series. Good characters. A younger generation apprenticing to an older crew.

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### Mike says

Decent stuff if you are a fan of the *Solar Queen* crew and their adventures. Teaming with Ms. Smith has taken away some of the vintage 'Norton' feel I recall from reading the early novels in my youth, but it has added deeper technologies and a broader universe.

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### Unwisely says

I was back home for a family event last week, and my parents were apparently worried I would finish all my books and need something to read. Which I did, indeed, do. This was one of the ~20 books they brought me.

I knew it was mid-series, but I was surprised to see that it's only book #2; I would've guessed more like book 7, given the way nothing was explained and events were alluded to. I kind of had to make myself read it; and it wasn't the sort of thing that made me die to read more of the books. Alas.

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**LadyCroft86 says**

Another mediocre story in the Solar Queen universe by an author who is not Andre Norton. I glad to be done with the series. I should have stopped after book 4 since all the books after that one were written by other people. The story and the characters lose something when it's done by other people. But I finished the series, so it's done now.

Overall 2.5 out of 5 stars, not nearly as good as the first few books that were actually written by Andre Norton.

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