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Out at the edge of the known. They called themselves The Nomads. Unplanned by-products of the chaotic explosion of mankind into space, they had evolved for themselves a way of life similar to that of the gypsies of ancient Earth - except that their gypsy wagons were mighty starships, each a self-contained world that housed a clan of many thousands. It was a hard life, but the only one the nomads knew, or wanted. But someone, or something, did not want them to have it; one by one the nomad starships were disappearing without a trace - and it fell to Joachim, Captain of the Starship Peregrine, to find out why...

"Enjoyable from first to last. Fast-moving and convincing." - P. Schuyler Miller in *Astounding Science Fiction*

"Magnetic writing." - SFF Audio

The Peregrine Details

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Ari says

A great book it is not, but the story was interesting and well told. It was one of Anderson's first novels, and the style feels a bit more clipped and the characters a bit shallower than his later work. On the other hand, it's fun seeing the embryonic version of some of the themes he would later return to in a more sophisticated way. We have the tension between struggle and peaceful existence. We have the interstellar merchants. We have the tottering galactic confederacies. We have some of the somberness about life that Anderson so often exhibits.

The book has some flaws.

The economics in the novel make no sense. It's hard to imagine interstellar starships selling home made handicrafts. Hard to understand just what goods are valuable enough to justify a huge starship to move them from planet to planet.

Marc says

Un roman plus profond et plus intéressant qu'il n'y paraît. J'ai beaucoup aimé.
<https://leschroniquesduchroniqueur.wo...>

John says

Grade B. Book P4.

Lauren Rosenthal says

Not bad, not great - a fun, quick sci fi read. It's the first Anderson I actually have read, and it definitely makes me want to read more of his work.

Sheri Fresonke Harper says

Interesting tale of a star system and the traders and a conflict between the mechanical and biological worlds.

Nicole says

The first Polesotechnic League future history.

Jim says

I listened to this as part of A Galaxy Trilogy: Star Ways, Druid's World and The Day the World Stopped. I'm going to review each book individually & put a link to the review in the overall trilogy. My overall review is here:

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/edit...>

Take a space opera & add some really thoughtful themes to get this story. Spacefaring gypsies meet an alien civilization that offers us utopia, but on their terms. Pretty well done, but a bit dated overall. I would have given it 4 stars if it hadn't been & he'd developed the theme a bit more. Quite an interesting one.

This book was also titled "Star Ways".

Brian Greiner says

3-1/2 stars

This is quite a decent book, despite the age (1956). As others have pointed out, it is not great literature. However it does have more depth than one would expect from an adventure-style classic SF novel. There are thoughtful ponderings about society and where it might be going, and how different societies might interact and evolve.

An enjoyable read from the early days of an extremely talented author.

Netanella says

A science fiction book of the 50's, the original title *Star Ways* was rereleased as *The Peregrine* in the 70's to avoid confusion with the release of the movie "Star Wars." I think, Poul, you got the better title after all.

Carol Colfer says

This science fiction book was a fast read (though I didn't read it particularly quickly). It had a reasonably interesting story line. No characters were very fully developed. It was entertaining, but not great literature.

Jared says

Probably one of Anderson's weakest books in the Flandry universe. Reads like Bertram but without the humor. Doesn't go anywhere and just kind of peters out towards the end. Great author, mediocre book.
