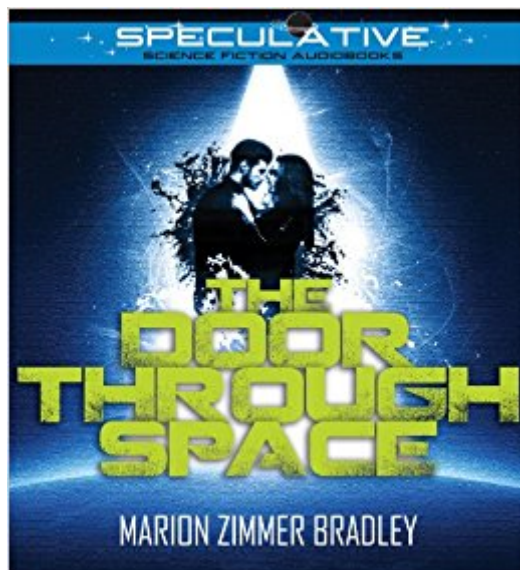


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# The Door Through Space



## Synopsis

In this fast-paced novel, Race Cargill had at one time been the best Terran Intelligence agent on the complex and mysterious planet of Wolf. He had repeatedly imperiled his life amongst the half-human and non-human creatures of that sullen world and he had repeatedly accomplished the fantastic missions until his name was emblazoned with glory. But that had all seemingly ended and for six long years he'd sat behind a boring desk inside the fenced-in Terran Headquarters, cut off there ever since he and a rival had scarred each other in a blood-feud. But when The Door Through Space swung suddenly open, the feud was on again – and with it a plot designed to check and destroy the Terran Empire.

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## Customer Reviews

Marion Zimmer was born in Albany, NY, on June 3, 1930, and married Robert Alden Bradley in 1949. Mrs. Bradley received her B.A. in 1964 from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, then did graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, from 1965-67. She was a science fiction/fantasy fan from her middle teens, and made her first sale as an adjunct to an amateur fiction contest in *Fantastic/Amazing Stories* in 1949. She had written as long as she could remember, but wrote only for school magazines and fanzines until 1952, when she sold her first professional short story to *Vortex Science Fiction*. She wrote everything from science fiction to Gothics, but is probably best known for her *Darkover* novels. In addition to her novels, Mrs. Bradley edited many magazines, amateur and professional, including *Marion Zimmer Bradley's Fantasy Magazine*, which she started

in 1988. She also edited an annual anthology called *Sword and Sorceress* for DAW Books. Over the years she turned more to fantasy; *The House Between the Worlds*, although a selection of the Science Fiction Book Club, was "fantasy undiluted". She wrote a novel of the women in the Arthurian legends - Morgan Le Fay, the Lady of the Lake, and others - entitled *Mists of Avalon*, which made the NY Times best seller list both in hardcover and trade paperback, and she also wrote *The Firebrand*, a novel about the women of the Trojan War. Her historical fantasy novels, *The Forest House*, *Lady of Avalon*, *Mists of Avalon* are prequels to *Priestess of Avalon*. She died in Berkeley, California on September 25, 1999, four days after suffering a major heart attack. She was survived by her brother, Leslie Zimmer; her sons, David Bradley and Patrick Breen; her daughter, Moira Stern; and her grandchildren.

As a long-time fan of Marion Zimmer Bradley, especially her Darkover books, I was delighted to find this reprint of one of her earliest sci-fi/fantasy books. I liked encountering the Darkover-like themes and concepts that she was obviously trying out. 'The Door Through Space' had a more "romance" feel to it with some awkward transitions and concepts that didn't really fit well together, but, hey, it was early in her writing career. I wouldn't recommend this as an introduction to MZB's overall body of work, since her later Darkover books are so much stronger with such wonderful internally consistent worldbuilding. But as a small addition to her work, it was satisfying and shows us where she started as a writer.

The ending was somewhat unexpected and the smashing of the Toy-makers Shop was definitely anti Santa Claus although the author might not have meant it that way. The sex could have been left out entirely and the book would have flowed better. Not one of the author's best but may have been indicating of better books later, this may have been written early in her career. Did have to go online to download to my device.

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