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Faith Cadena hopes to make a new life for herself on a new world far from Earth. After doing hard time for a crime committed in her youth, all she wants now is a chance at a fresh start.

Booking passage on an interstellar colony barge, Faith expects an uneventful three-year voyage spent in cryogenic stasis. But her dream of a better life becomes a nightmare when she is prematurely awakened halfway through her journey and finds herself trapped aboard a ship of horrors: the vessel is adrift in the far reaches of space, its crew brutally murdered and a ruthless killer in command.

With the nearest outpost millions of miles away, it's up to Faith to face an inhuman adversary with terrifying plans for the ship's 4000 sleeping passengers...

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From Reader Review Crossing the Darkness for online ebook

Jenny says

I really enjoyed this one! It's a fast read and hard to put down once you begin reading. I loved the story, the characters, and it had a great ending. I love the way it was written with how things are described and how you learn about the characters and their history.

Empress says

3,5 Stars.

Brian's Book Blog says

A Horror Novel Inside of a Sci-Fi Story

Faith Cadena wanted to get away. She wanted to leave her old life behind her. One full of regrets and sadness. She decides to sign up for a mining operation that will put her into cryo-sleep until it reaches its destination. Suddenly, Faith is awoken to find out that things aren't at all what they seemed.

Joe Hempel narrates Crossing the Darkness and, as always, does a great job. When the action picked up, Joe's narration followed the mood. When things got deep you could feel the emotion from him. It's awesome to listen to an audiobook that has so much emotion built into the narration.

William Massa is a great writer. The way that this story weaves back and forth and the amount of emotion that Mass is able to interject into it is amazing. I love a book that makes me feel. And Crossing the Darkness made me feel a lot of things. Dread, sadness, and fear were just some of the emotions I felt while reading this. Teamed up with Hempel's narration make this perfect.

Honestly, I really enjoyed the length of this. It didn't need to be 400 pages. The amount of action and emotion that Massa crammed into the size of this book is impressive. Usually, with shorter books, you feel like you're missing something. That was not the case here. There were times where I felt completely helpless, which is exactly as I assumed that Faith felt like.

Overall, I thought that Crossing The Darkness was extremely enjoyable. It's definitely more horror than science fiction, but fans of either should rejoice and go buy this book.

Steve says

Another great book from Massa. It's an action packed sci-fi thriller. I really enjoy Massa's writing style. He

has a way of describing things that brings the story to life and allows you to get to know the characters without getting lost in the details.

The protagonist (Faith) awakens in the ship only to discover that the ship's crew is dead and she could be next. Faith and a fellow passenger enter into a life or death struggle for survival against a horrifying enemy. The story takes many twists and turns that keeps you guessing.

If you like sci-fi thrillers you will like this book.

David Dalton says

Crossing the Darkness is a pretty darn good suspenseful sci-fi horror story, in line with the likes of Alien and Event Horizon. One of those stories where the heroine is constantly on the run from some run amok horror creature. In this case Faith (ex-con) and Hacker (ex-cop) are on a spaceship on a 5 yr journey deep into space. They are awakened from a deep sleep and soon find themselves on the run from an inhuman killer "construct" (not exactly human, but not exactly a terminator).

Either way, this construct is almost impossible to stop. Plus, he can access all the security and life support functions. My only complaint, bump the length to add even more suspense. William should have no problems selling this story to Hollywood. If you like sci-fi and you like horror, then I have no doubt you will like this. This is the 2nd story from Massa that I have read and enjoyed (both 4 stars), with the other being:

Scott Baker says

Another good Story from William Massa.

I was afraid at first that this book was going to be a re-hash of Fear the Light since they both have the same basic premise: Our characters are trapped inside a ship in this case (a castle in the other case) and someone or something is trying to kill them. Thankfully, this story took enough turns of its own to be different.

If you've read Massa novels before, you know that they are short compared to today's standard length novel, which I tend to find refreshing in that you don't get all the over explanations, drawn out dialog, and meticulous descriptions of irrelevant objects. That brevity can work against the book in some ways, however, where the emotional build up is not quite enough when the story climaxes which tends to be a slight let down. The good news is that this is probably because the characters are so well written and the story so good that I want it to go on.

Definitely worth the read.

Gabriel Kent says

Started well, ended a bit flat and clichéd.

Colin Barnes says

This is the story of Faith, an ex-criminal who wakes to find herself trapped on a spaceship with a small group of people woken from their stasis sleep too early. Faith has to figure out why and ensure her survival. Massa does a great job with the atmosphere and pacing of this book. I read it quickly and with a great deal of enjoyment. If you like intense science fiction with a darker edge, I think you'd get a kick out of this.

Ralph says

If only it was a longer story

Jude says

A thrill ride through space -not to to be read at night

Crossing the Darkness is William Massa's fourth book. Though a separate story from his last book, "Silicon Man," he takes the theme of the technologically enhanced human to the next terrifying level. But this book isn't mired down in techno-speak. It's fast-paced, electrifying, and will keep you looking over your shoulder at any little sound.

Imagine waking up after being cryogenically frozen to face an inhuman adversary who is always one step ahead with its own agenda for the human race, and you are an integral part of its plan.

The heroine, Fath Cadena, has been through a lot in her life, struggling to maintain her humanity, not letting life beat her down. She's managed to endure it all using her wits and developing the inner strength to survive. Without the past, she won't be able to survive the horrors awaiting her.

William Massa has done a wonderful job of developing his characters so that every thought, emotion and action is believable. Yet the pace never slows down. Like the characters, you don't seem to get a moment to breathe..... and then....

There is something in Mr. Massa's writing which lingers in the mind. Once you catch your breath, you find yourself thinking about the characters, then thinking about characters in his other novels. If you enjoy a good read and a well constructed plot, this is an author for you.

I received an advance copy of the book to read and review. I've read all of Mr. Massa's books and they never disappoint.

Suleika Santana -All About Books says

5 stars

Gifted ecopy in exchange for an honest review

Awesome! This book surprised me. It was very interesting and kept me wondering what was going to happen next. It is very well written and I really liked the author's writing style. It is the first book I have read from this author and I will be reading more for sure. The story is different from what I normally read, this is sci fi with some suspense. There are deaths, gore and lots of blood but not to the point of you don't want to keep reading because it's gross. Like I said, this story is very well written. There were a few parts where you are on edge thinking something bad is going to happen. There is also a sad part in the story but I won't tell you what it was. I liked how the author finished the story but I have to admit that I wanted more, I kind of have questions about what it's going to happen to Faith and the surviving people aboard the ship. I also want to know what will come out of her. Book 2? I will definitely read if there is going to be one.

Gadget Girl says

After the last three books by William Massa's I jumped at the chance to read his forth. They have just got better and better and I was slightly worried this wouldn't live up to his last....I needn't have worried at all!!!

Its 6.32 am and Ive just finished another fantastic rollercoaster of a read by William Massa. Most authors stick to similar genres but with Mr Massa you never quite know what subject your going to be reading from Dracula to Gargoyles coming to life to rogue robots and now this...!

Crossing the Darkness is his best novel yet!

I have to start by saying whatever Mr Massa writes he brings to life, every character and monster; right down to the surroundings which you can even smell in your head, feel the dust or water on your skin; his descriptive writing is just brilliant.

Set in the future Faith Cadina is a tough young woman who has suffered a hard life in a penal colony and now grabs her opportunity to start a new life. She is on a 5 year journey frozen in cryogenic stasis on the way to a mining colony where no one will know her. When she is awoken suddenly to find most of the crew dead and dying and is thrown into a life and death struggle for survival. Little does she know this working space colony isn't all what it seems.

This story reminds me of an Alien, Terminator style story with an onboard ship chase with twist...of course its a twist...its a William Massa book...der!

Ex con Faith joins ex cop Harker as the only 2 survivors as they fight to save the thousands of workers still frozen in chryostasis. I related to both main characters which are so likable and believable. Faith is a born survivor who refuses to give up and die and you find yourself rooting for her from page 1. The 2 of them fight to stay alive from an unstoppable killer stalker in the shadows who is being controlled by something

else far more deadly. Horrific in places will please those of you that love your gore and its a truly terrifying nightmare.

The only downside for me was it was slightly too short as I didn't want the novel to end and I was so involved with the storyline. This is yet another brilliant read from the fascinating world of William Massa; what on earth or space will he produce for us next.

Krissys says

Crossing the Darkness for me was like a cross between Ascension and Pandorum with the added complex twists and action packed suspense. I really don't know how Massa does it because he really knows how to depict the scene as if you were really standing there and experiencing it for yourself. Crossing the Darkness is a book I had to read twice in a row because I enjoyed it so much. A fun twisted story for those craving some scifi excitement.

Nicholas Smith says

This is my fourth William Massa book, and the second book I've had the pleasure of beta reading for the author. Crossing Darkness is an action packed thrill ride that doesn't sacrifice intelligence for entertainment. In this book, the reader gets both. This is probably the best part about William Massa's work. You get the action and entertainment from his screen writing experience, combined with his intelligent and descriptive novel writing. As a fellow author I really admire this about his work.

This story is, in my opinion, his best yet. Reminiscent of some of the great sci-fi movies and books of the 21st century the reader is pulled into the dark world of Faith and Harker as they awaken early from cryo induced sleep. After finding the crew brutally murdered they must pull together with other survivors to fight a horror that may seem both familiar and unfamiliar to the reader, which adds to the horror of the story.

As the book progresses a new type of monster emerges, and without giving anything away I will say I was surprised to learn what or who is really in control of this ship. But that's not the only monster the two are fighting. Both characters deal with demons from their past. Harker, a washed up ex-cop must find a way to save the other passengers, while Faith, an ex-con must find a way to escape her troubled past.

This is what makes Crossing Darkness an intelligent techno-thriller. Sure, there are awesome twists and turns, but what makes this superb reading rests within the journey Faith and Harker must face in order to survive. They, like the monster, must evolve as they cross the darkness...

Check this one out on Amazon... you won't be disappointed. <http://www.amazon.com/Crossing-Darkne...>

Michael says

While the underlying marketing of this novel is science fiction, and the story does take place in the future in space, I would characterize this one as a horror novel. The author does a great job of setting the stage for a series of events in the future and making you feel as if you are right there in the middle of the action. This one was a fairly quick read and took me about two hours – but I didn't put it down after I started it.

The author leaves the ending in a rather neat place – you can either say the story is done, or did he set the stage for a continuation of the story? I'd be fine either way, but if there is a continuation of the story I would grab it and start reading it. If you like early Stephen King or modern day Scott Nicholson horror-type novels I believe you would like this one.
