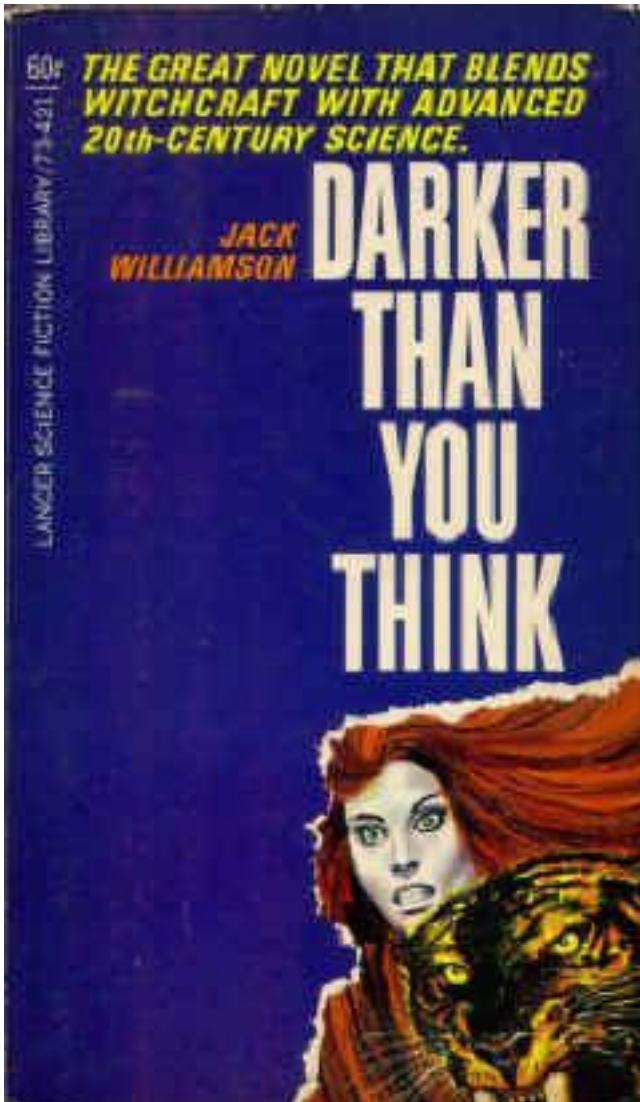

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Darker Than You Think (Darker Than You Think)



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Description

Not all human... Dr. Mondrick's expedition returned from the Gobi Desert with an iron-bound chest and a haunting burden of dread. Will Barbee, a reporter covering the return for his newspaper, meets gorgeous April Bell, who claims to be a reporter for a rival sheet. But there are times when she seems more than human.

Will gets a story far stranger than he expects...and becomes involved in a desperate drama of dark human conflict and darker victory.

In this strange story of our own troubled times and our own secret lives, Williamson has skillfully blended witchcraft with recent findings of nuclear physics. What emerges is a skillful adventure story which contains some astounding possible solutions for the dark phenomena of the past.

Insightful reviews

Stephen: 5.0 to 5.5 stars. I just finished re-reading this FANTASY CLASSIC after originally reading it over 10 years ago. As good as I thought it was back then, I must have read it too quickly and not absorbed all of the nuances because this time around I ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT!! Originally published in 1948, this novel is one of the definitive stories about werewolves. I certainly think it is the most interesting explanation for Homo lycanthropus that I have ever come across.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PLOT

Will Barbee is a correspondent for a local paper. As the story opens, Will is at the airport covering the return from Mongolia of an scientific expedition that has been exploring ancient ruins. The expedition has informed the press that they have made a discovery that will "change everything" and effect all of mankind and they plan to make their discovery known immediately as they fear they may be in danger from what they describe as "the ancient enemy."

The expedition was led by Will's old professor and the other members of the expedition are all close friends of Wills. In fact, Will had originally studied with the professor at the university and had believed he would accompany the group on the expedition. However, the professor, after doing a standard medical examination on Will refused to allow Will to join the group and effectively dismissed him from the team without any explanation. This led to Will having very bitter feelings for the professor who is once admired.

At the airport, Will meets April Bell, a reporter from another paper there to cover the same story. Will is immediately drawn to April and yet he feels that there is something "very dark" about her. April also appears hostile towards the members of the expedition.

Prior to making their discovery public, the professor dies of seemingly natural causes. However, Will (for a variety of reasons I won't give away) suspects April Bell. Afterwards, Will becomes determined to discover the truth about both (i) the expeditions discovery and (ii) what happened to the professor.

That is the basic premise of the story and sets the stage for the rest of the novel but all of that takes place in the first chapter of the book. As for the rest of the story, it is hard to discuss without giving away spoilers, so I will try and be very general. Despite Will's suspicions of April, he becomes increasingly attracted/obsessed with her. He also begins to have vivid dreams of changing into an animal and stalking members of the expedition with April. As more and more members of the expedition begin to die in mysterious circumstances, Will's grip on reality begins to slip and he becomes increasingly unsure of what is real and what is not to the point where he believes he is going insane.

This is what the story is really about. Will's personal journey from the beginning of the novel to the amazing ending. However, along the way there are so many fascinating ideas and plot points that I never wanted to put the book down including (1) an amazing "scientific" explanation for the basis of supernatural abilities that involves the manipulation of probabilities and (2) the "history" of an ancient war from hundreds of thousands of years ago that explains the basis for all of mankind's nightmare creatures (vampires, werewolves, demons, ogres, dragons, etc.).

Bottom-line, I thought this was an incredible read from start to finish and clearly is among the top two books that Jack Williamson ever wrote ([The Humanoids: A Novel](#) being the only other possible choice). In the introduction to this novel, Jack Williamson said that this story was his most "personal" story and I thought that came through in the writing. HIGHEST POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION!!

Julie Davis: An interesting story where "were" creatures are not confined to wolves. Though they are definitely dark and in conflict with humans. We see a weak man torn between the beautiful new woman of his acquaintance and the life-long friendships of those on the side of good.

At stake? Oh - only the fate of all humanity!

It was a bit of seasonal reading for me since Halloween is in a week and enjoyable enough.

Freyja: Darker Than You Think is about a reporter from a rinky-dink town whose curiosity led him to discover more than just why his former friends and colleagues shut him out, and why he had such strong affinity for the head-turner, April Bell.

I think what egged me on to finish reading this wasn't the 'whats' or 'whys' but the 'hows'. I'm pretty sure the description at the back of the book could be compared to a promiscuous person - leaving little to the imagination at first sight. Regardless, I enjoyed their nightly trysts... of blood lust, butchery, and utter secrecy. And how confounded Will Barbee is every morning afterward.

Michael Pierce: Seeing this, I knew right now that April Bell was once a massive Rock 'n' Roll fan, making it relatively visible that she's been ceremoniously making a song alongside to a few of her favourite songs! journey the tiger You can see his stripes yet you recognize he is clean Oh do not you spot what I suggest? ~ Dio "Holy Diver" Umm, yyyah so anywayz. I held out on deciding to buy Darker Than you think that for years till i may locate the single with the canopy pictured above; a unadorned red-haired witch driving an incredible golden sabre-

toothed tiger opposed to a backdrop of brilliantly hued blues and greens. And this can be thought of a werewolf novel. Though, it'd be larger outlined as a publication of lycanthropy and witchcraft. I first turned conscious of this ebook after examining the precursor novella, *Wolves of Darkness*, in a delusion anthology titled, *Echoes Of Valor III*, edited through Karl Edward Wagner. It contained very unique brief tales through a few of the most sensible authors who contributed to the pulp period magazines of the '30's. *Wolves of Darkness* through Jack Williamson first seemed within the 1932 January version of *odd stories magazine*. *unusual stories* was once a competitor to the higher identified *bizarre stories journal* of sci-fi and myth stories. The luck and recognition from *Wolves of Darkness* encouraged Jack Williamson to revisit his topic with a unique solid of characters and new tale with, *Darker Than You Think*, first showing within the December 1940 version of *Unknown magazine*, later elevated and released in novel shape in 1948. ? i need to experience the tigerl are looking to journey the tigerIt might be black and white within the useless of nightEyes flashing within the transparent moonlightl are looking to experience the tiger ?~ Jefferson Starship "Ride the Tiger"Wile anticipating the touchdown of his former Archaeology Professor, newspaper journalist, Will Barbee meets the gorgeous and inviting April Bell, an affiliate journalist, there additionally to put in writing a narrative at the go back expedition. But, because the Professor departs from the plane, able to bring a in all probability groundbreaking speach laying off mild at the mysteries that attach the average with the supernatural, all with a mysterious historic field in tow, he collapses useless at the spot. This brings Will Barbee and April Bell jointly to discover and make sure what the field includes and what it truly is ties are with an individual or whatever called, the kid Of Night. and thanks to his budding dating with April Bell, Barbee has to make judgements that placed him up opposed to his former clinical colleagues and most sensible friends, a detriment to all events involved. The threads to the secret of who or what the kid of the evening might be climaxes in a single of the main compelling reads of witchcraft and lycanthropic fiction i have ever read. *Darker Than You Think*, reads extra like a noir detective novel from the 30's than anything notwithstanding it is, and will be, thought of a delusion book. With that said, you'll be stunned to understand that there's actual horror in those pages that go away impressions demanding to shake. Interwoven all through is a smart occult conception that actually caught with me, including a size to it I wasn't expecting. *Darker Than you're thinking* that has persisted to gather nice severe acclaim and fanfare through the years and has received many accolades from renown writers in several fields of writing. it's been praised as one of many maximum werewolf novels in print by means of Brian W. Aldiss (Sci-fi), Peter Straub (Horror), and Poul Anderson (Fantasy / Sci-fi), who went as far as to jot down his personal brief tale sequel, within *Passage*, carrying on with the powerful issues which are the backdrop to both, *Wolves of Darkness* and *Darker Than You Think*, released within the Williamson influence edited through Roger Zelazny with an advent by way of David Brin. For these no longer accustomed to pulp or serial writing, pay attention to a number of repeat words or overused words, as verbiage used to be habitually extra universal then from one journal factor to another, and decidedly, that can assist you refamiliarize your self from the place you left off. so much of that may be captivating yet a number of like, "shiver" "shivered" "shivering" and "the white bitch" could be a little aggravating. The a number of award-winning hide artist, David G. Klein, additionally did a few high-quality memorable black & white inside illustrations that improve the studying excitement greatly. However, it may well aid to know, a pair are out of tale sequence. And also, fail to remember that 1 big name review. this can be a type of the place 70+ years of excellent to nice studies for this publication wins. Sorry.*WARNING!: while you are a kitty kat lover or very delicate to small

cats being harmed, bear in mind that anything beautiful bad occurs initially pages. After that, we are all good! But, I discovered it to be by way of some distance the main frightening series within the complete book! :(Highly recommended!!!!

mark monday: they do not consistently howl on the moon yet they do basically pop out at night, in every type of shapes, there and not-there, able to kill and feature been prepared because the starting of mankind. The Enemy! to people and dogs alike! masters of atomic probability: turning steel into mist and jogging via walls; making a choice on simply the ideal position for an unlucky accident, be it bloody motor vehicle crash or an exceptional fall from a excessive place. simply silver holds them back! tremendous Plotexpert pacing: the plot strikes love it has somewhere to head and will were there yesterday. the prose crackles and pops. the descriptions of transformation, of what it appears like to be wolf or sabretooth or huge snake or historic flying saurian... brilliantly done. Williamson will get correct in there. extraordinary Writing well, at times.the "hero" is as attention-grabbing and dynamic as a sappy mop. this fool mewls like a kitten to a beyond-eye-rolling degree. heavily man, what number desires should you have that seem to have truly occurred, all the way down to the final detail, until eventually those should not dreams? good it seems that nine-tenths of a novel's worth. get a grip and forestall moaning approximately it, Princess Crybaby! Tedious Protagonist! particularly did not get pleasure from how the unconventional rationalizes the burning of witches, the burning of Joan of Arc, and the Inquisition. studying that gave me a visceral and verbal reaction: I yelled BOOOO! LAME! to not anyone in particular, startling my cat awake. Sorry, Digsy

Simon: A gripping tale from begin to end that gives a special tackle the belief of lycanthropy drawing jointly strands from quantum mechanics, freudian psychology and evolutionary theory.

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