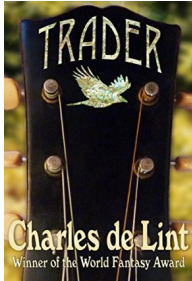




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Trader
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Note

Note: We experimented with discussing a short story from the anthology "Bending the Landscape: Science Fiction" with each of our book discussions for a few months. This month's short story was Silent Passion.

Discussion Questions

1. What common theme do see running through the works?
2. Both works show a juxtaposition, a type of comparison of characters. How is Trader like Josh (the protagonist) from "Silent Passion"?
3. Both stories have religion as an element, although it clearly stronger in one than the other. Discuss how it at least seems to strengthen the character in one, and bind in the other.
4. Comment on the common subtheme of commitment. How is it handled in both works?