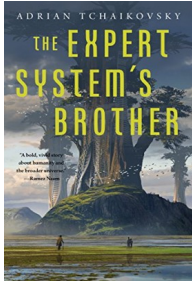




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The Expert System's Brother
By Adrian Tchaikovsky
Discussed November/December 2023

Discussion Questions

1. Did you finish the book? Why or why not?
2. The book contains elements from many traditional sci-fi plots.
 - a) What are a few that you noticed?
 - b) Were these successfully woven together?
3. Were you surprised or delighted by anything original you encountered?
4. What were some aspects of the society or technology that you wanted to know more about?
5. In some ways this could be seen as a coming-of-age story, or at least the beginning of one (continued in future volumes). But whose story was it? Handry's or Melory's?
6. Did you find the characters well-developed or convincingly portrayed?
7. Did you find yourself feeling more sympathetic to the villagers or the outcasts? Did your feelings change as you continued to read?
8. With the final plot developments the author seems to imply that there's something wrong with a society that doesn't change. Do you agree or disagree?
9. Did you feel that there were any plot developments that were a bit too convenient?
10. Would you read another book in this series? Why or why not? How about other books by the author?