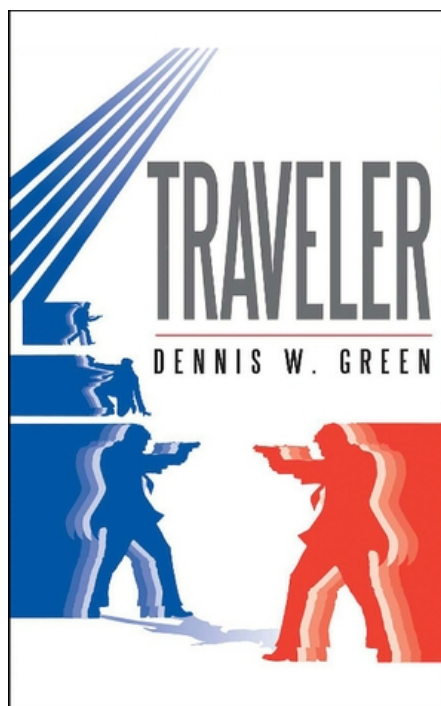




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Trav must now fight to keep the very fabric of time from unwinding as he hunts the most dangerous quarry of all... himself

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Heather says

This was an awesome book with an intriguing sci fi theory, a complex yet approachable plot line, an interesting sub plot, and a cast of characters whose depth was revealed bit by bit throughout the story arc.

Travis Becker is a police detective who discovers he can cross into parallel realities, at first through no choice of his own. Throughout his travels and police work, he learns how to navigate the parallel realities both from a scientific perspective (through his friend Sam) and from a metaphysical perspective (through his new acquaintance Morgan, a psychic). This is all wrapped in a layered mystery involving other versions of himself with their own intentions, along with Trav's detective work.

I would love to see this as a movie and think it would transition well to the screen. In the meantime, though, I look forward to the next installment to find out what else is in store for Trav and company.

Terri M. says

Traveler is a science fiction mystery novel. Travis (Trav) Becker has the ability to travel between parallel universes and it turns out another version of himself is hunting down the other versions of himself. Of course, the big question is, Why? Sounds complicated, right?

Well, it is, but it isn't. Green has great skill in laying out a complicated plot in a fashion that intrigues you and keeps you wanting to know what's going to happen next. Even though he introduces several different versions of each of the characters, you can easily follow which version (or versions) you are encountering. Also, the science behind the travel between universes is neatly explained and for someone who isn't a hardcore science fiction geek (and who loves time travel plots, but is just as easily confused by them), I understood it and was able to easily explain it to my husband.*

The only thing I wasn't keen on were the interludes. The Interludes just seemed to pop up out of no where and did not seem to have a connection with the portion of the book I just finished reading. The Burton Tupper Interlude (page 87) was the most jarring to me. I was reading along, really getting into the story, something huge was revealed and BAM! this interlude popped up. It was the season ending cliffhanger of your favorite show and you have to wait all summer for the plot to be resolved. Fortunately, this is a book so I just paged ahead to the next chapter, resolved the cliffhanger and went back to the Tupper Interlude. I think Green was trying to make clear the point that Morgan Foster makes on page 148.

"History is full of evidence of people sensing, and sometimes reaching, other planes of reality. ... There are dozens of cases of people disappearing without a trace, and others who suddenly one day started insisting they remembered things differently that everyone else did."

I'm not sure the interludes were entirely necessary to get the point across, but maybe for a reader who isn't drawn to science fiction and/or time travel-type books, they need that extra boost to understand Trav isn't the only one that this happens to. Despite not being a huge fan of the interludes, I will say that Officer Brian Lowe's interlude (page 231) was my favorite. But I love historical fiction and adored Stephen King's 11/23/63.

Overall, Traveler is a strong first novel. The traveling between parallel universes is neatly explained and the

plot draws you in. Mystery lovers and science fiction fans should get a kick out of the novel. Traveler by Dennis W. Green gets a solid thumbs up.

*My husband now uses it as an excuse for not getting things done around the house. "Well, maybe in another parallel universe, the dishes are in the dishwasher being washed right now. Maybe you are just in the wrong universe." Sometimes living with a science fiction geek has a downside.

Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says

I found the idea of a man that can travel between parallel realities interesting. Especially interesting that a version of the man; Trav Becker, is out to kill the other Trav Beckers. Of course nothing as simple as that as I found out along the way while reading the book. Nothing is really as it seems.

I admit that I had some problems getting into the story, it felt a bit messy with all the different realities and personally I just couldn't understand why "killer" Trav Becker would want to kill all other Trav Beckers. Especially since it should be countless Trav Beckers out there. But then again, it seemed that he was a bit crazy, and crazy people think different than the rest of us.

But as I stated before, nothing is that simple and in the end the story takes a different turn that I had expected and suddenly it became very interesting when the truth revealed itself. I think my favorite part of the book was when several Trav Beckers worked together. Loved that. It was a good book and I'm looking forward to reading the next one.

Iza says

Exciting ! The story kept me on my toes and I really enjoyed it very much.

The problem with that kind of time travels is that when a same character acts in different dimensions at different times, it's getting hard to remember who is who and did what exactly. However, I was able to follow and had a fun time. Very recommended !

BookLoversLife says

Review to come.

Maureen says

In 'Traveler' we meet Trav Becker, a police detective who made a mess out of his life. Trav doesn't know what to do with his life anymore but then his life slowly begins to change. Soon Trav finds out he is able to travel between different realities. Realities where his life went very different. This sounds like a fun thing but when Trav finds his own dead body he wished he never discovered his gift. Now Trav needs to find the killer and stop him before the whole world changes forever.

This book is definitely different than the last couple of books I've read. This is a book that really needs all your attention. You can't read 'Traveler' when you're going to be distracted or only have a short time to read, because this book is a little complicated at times, and definitely needs your full attention. Especially in the beginning, it took me sometime to fully understand everything what was going on. But when I did, I didn't want to stop reading and was fascinated by the world Dennis W. Green created.

I really enjoyed this book. It was so different and interesting and although it gets a little complicated I could still keep up. The main character Trav was a guy I could relate to. Especially since the most things that happened in his life were things he couldn't control.

There were sci-fi elements in this book, but it was very mild. And I loved that about this book. You know you're reading a sci-fi book but it still kind of felt like it could really happen and it made this book an even more interesting book to me.

The end of this book was a big surprise for me. I didn't expect it at all and I loved that. The author was able to completely steer my mind to only one possibility and I forget about the other possibilities. At the end of this book I was so surprised how Dennis W. Green was able to control my thinking with his writing. Not to mention the way he described a very complicated process as something I could understand without too much difficulty. For example the way he described the traveling to different realities part, I can only say bravo to that!!

This was definitely a very interesting read for me. I enjoyed it and would really recommend it.

A.R. Miller says

Those of you who read my reviews know I don't give five stars, that said, Traveler is pretty darn close. Let's say four and a half.

The talented, Mr. Green, does a fantastic job of combining the science fiction and mystery genres into a branch that could easily be called urban sci-fi. The book has that lovely neo-noir feel of the Dresden Files. Yeah, I did it, I compared Trav Becker to Harry Dresden. Move over Harry, I've added another Book Boyfriend.

Traveler has been on my list since last spring and now that I've read it, I don't know why I waited so long. It's been a while since I've 'fallen' into a book and just went along for the ride. And what a ride!

The multiple timelines--or streams--were easy to follow, but kept me interested. There were no long drawn out explanations of how the world worked to bore me to tears. The reader is given what they need to know in sizable chunks that are easily understood, with enough questions to keep you reading. Trav, Sam and the rest of the cast are relatable, well fleshed out and very human in their actions and reactions.

Even though this is speculative fiction there is something for everyone. Mystery, touches of romance, action and adventure. Anyone wishing to dip their toe in the genre will not be disappointed with the work of Dennis Green as a starting point.

Traveler is a fun, exciting read that left me wanting more...I hear a sequel, Prisoner, is coming soon.

Kim says

This was a step outside my usual genres, which trend toward YA novels. I don't read much crime fiction let alone crime fiction with a sci-fi element. I was pleasantly surprised. Mr. Green weaves these together quite well. I've read my share of time travel novels and thought that that element (though not strictly time travel)

was handled well without being too confusing. I was confused by the interludes. I understand what they were trying to illustrate, but they just got in the way of the actual story. All in all though it wasn't a perfect fit for me, I would recommend this book for anyone who enjoys a good crime novel with a sci-fi flair. If I happen to see Mr. Green's next novel at the library or if it gets passed along to me, I will definitely crack it open to follow Trav's next adventure.

Aaron Bunce says

Traveler, by: Dennis W. Green.

I met Dennis Green at a recent science fiction & fantasy convention. I asked him to pitch Traveler to me, while chatting at the author meet and greet. I have to admit, I was hooked before he paused to take his first breath. We decided to swap books, read, and review the other's work. Here are my unbiased thoughts on Traveler:

Sometimes, authors can get carried away with the ideas and concepts that constitute the science of their fiction, yet on others, they focus so intently on the spatial backdrops, or otherworldly settings, that the story inherently suffers. But in some cases, the author is able to balance the scales and achieve a harmonious blend with what is known to us and that which is abstract, or foreign. On occasion, it is that perfect amalgamation of genres that captivate our inner science fiction geek, while at the same time fulfilling our need for suspense and good old fashioned mystery. Enter Traveler.

At its heart, Traveler seeks to examine the complex relationships between probability, reality, and choice, while also keeping its feet relatively close to the ground (literally, not figuratively). This is some heavy science to confront, and done differently, could have tipped the scales and completely changed the dynamic of the story. With that said, Green hits the sweet spot (in my opinion) and has crafted a story that is equal parts human interest and mind bending science.

It is a credit to Green, as both an author, and a storyteller, that the confluence of moving plot pieces comes together to form such a clean, well-paced, and captivating plot. The science is dissected and presented in such a way that it is easy to understand, while also believable. Part of this success lies with its characters. Trav Becker is a great main character, but so are Trav Becker, Trav Becker, and also, Trav Becker. Never before have I been presented with the same character in such different ways, and thanks to concise writing, kept them all straight. Trav Becker is flawed, contrite, and as far as leading men go, top notch. We learn some valuable lessons about life from him, such as the weight of the decisions we make, the lasting effect of consequences, as well as the idea of forgiveness. All of this is thanks to his various iterations.

Sam is another strong character, and counteracts Trav's Captain Kirk as a more logical and emotionally controlled Spock might. He is a necessary function for the plot, as he provides both back-story, and the implications of the science itself. I found Sam to be likable, well-formed, and generally easy to care about. Mary presented a very unique opportunity within the plot, as in one instance, she represents a love lost, while in another, a love fulfilled. I really like the dynamic she represented, and how she was utilized within the story. Morgan is another personality that makes the most of her limited page time. She provides a classic, non-scientific link to Trav's predicament, while also squashing many of the stereotypes associated with female characters in fiction. I am confident that Morgan will win a place in many reader's hearts, just as Trav, Sam, and Mary (and Morgan) have in mine.

I found Traveler to be an intriguing, addictive, and heart wrenching read, and can honestly say that its story, and its characters, will stick with me. I have read some reviews that criticized the book because of its various

interludes. After the first such break in action, I was prone to agree. Yet, as I progressed through the story, and learned more of the science woven into the plot, the more I started to appreciate them. Through these interludes, Green is able to expand the scope of Traveler, and also provide some tangible links to the science of a multi-dimensional world, both to significant events in world history, but also to pertinent achievements or events within the plot itself. I found these interludes wildly creative, and very successful at building the lore behind the science.

I give Traveler 5 stars. It is an engaging, genre-bending story with just the right amount of twists and turns. It offers wonderfully flawed and relatable characters, a vivid setting, and some clever music tie-ins (for us music lovers). I strongly recommend this book!

Jennifer says

Traveler is not great literature, but it's an enjoyable read. It's well-edited and an interesting concept.

I won this book in a Goodreads Giveaway.

Heather Duff says

The sign of a good book for me is one when I read a page, stop for minute, go back over that page and then go did that just happen? A book that makes me really sit back and think, Traveler is one of these books! I mean this as a good thing by the way!, Police and parallel realities, what could be better than that? Detective Trav Becker discovers that he is not where he should be in time, he could swear that he's broken up with his girlfriend and he is also sure he saw his partner bleed to death, something is not right, something is very wrong.

You do need to pay attention to this story as there are quite a few parallel realities but Dennis does a great job making this story move forward at a lightning pace as Trav discovers that other Trav's are out there and are getting killed off.

He needs to stop the killer but is he the killer?

This is one of these books that I would try and describe to you and do a terrible job, so what I will say is, if you like your sci-fi with a dash of thrilling crime then this book is for you.

Deborah says

The appropriately named 'Trav', is a traveler – that's a traveler from one stream of reality to another. This isn't time travel, it's a book of alternate realities, where a single small decision makes a difference to that person's reality. And this means we have a lot of Trav's, and a lot of Sams, and, in fact, multiple versions of everyone who features in this story.

Confused? Well, try not to be. Green does a good job of keeping a handle on the numerous incarnations of each of his characters, and a book that could have been mightily confusing is no more than a bit perplexing in odd moments, and nothing that upsets the flow and urgency of the tale.

Trav is a cop, and I have to admit, the opening did not grab me; it's pretty 'bloke-ish' in tone, and the opening scene is one I've read in many books: character wakes up with an awful hangover to survey the

wreckage of his life. There was a small difference, with the addition of a little ‘Russian Roulette’, but it was still too clichéd to draw me in.

Then Trav gets sick, and finds the world around him is not quite how he recalls it (spoiler alert)—his deceased partner is very much alive, amongst other things. I was then somewhat thrown by the way Trav rapidly accepts this miracle and gets on with his daily life without questioning what’s going on. This is explained later, but at the time it bounced me out of the narrative.

Once the plot really kicks off, and a bit of explanation clears up the apparent aberrations, it turns into a great romp. Imagine chasing yourself, after you have apparently murdered yourself? Wacky or what?

Green’s writing creates scenes quickly and effectively, and the dialogue rings true. Between some chapters are little ‘Interludes’ that confuse at first, but then add interest to the concept once we understand what is going on. Overall, once I got past the opening scenes, I really enjoyed this book, and the outcome was more of a surprise than I expected, which was very satisfying.

I received a copy of this book to review for a blog tour; all thoughts are my own

Lynn Poppe says

Trav Becker is a cop, and a messed-up one at that. But in Traveler, he discovers he has a special talent. Trav can travel between different dimensions.

I feel like I just lost most of our readers with those few sentences. Yes, Traveler is science fiction. Yes, there is science, some of which is way above my head. But don’t let that stop you from reading it. I feel like Traveler is more about the characters and the inter-connectivity between those characters. With some science and dimensional travel on the side.

I’m going to attempt to explain the plot, hopefully without being too spoiler-y or confusing. The science part first: Trav’s best friend and college roommate Sam is a physicist. Sam has discovered a way to track particles across different dimensions. These dimensions are explained like streams with multiple branches. And in each dimension is another Trav and Sam. It turns out that Trav can easily travel between the dimensions. Now the plot: Trav from different dimensions are running into each other in (multiple) attempts to solve crimes and stop the bad guys. Each dimension is slightly different, and our Trav has to do his cop thing and prevent the bad guys from killing the good guys.

As for the characters, along with multiple Trav and Sams, there are multiple versions of Mary, Trav’s girlfriend, Adam, Trav’s partner, Holli, the little girl who hangs out at the police station where her mother works, and Morgan, the psychic, among others. It is the interactions between the characters that intrigued me the most. How the decisions and actions of one person could result in multiple outcomes. And all of the characters from the different dimensions have slight variations. I commend Mr. Green for his ability to keep all of the differences straight!

The subtle geek humor in Traveler was strong. This quote is a great example of that:

If you say all this is because the Force is strong in my family, I might have to hit something.

I thoroughly enjoyed Traveler. There are elements of hard-boiled cop thriller, and alternate realities, all wrapped up into one story. The plot and action kept moving at a good pace. I stayed interested while reading the entire book. And the romance was very limited. (Yes, I’m still off the straight romance novels). I’m looking forward to the next in this series.

Don Thompson says

I don't write many reviews. I was hesitant to start reading this book for two reasons. First, the author is a friend. I'm sure he expects friends who know he's published his first novel to read it. I'd never read anything Dennis has written and worried that I would be disappointed and talking to him about his novel would be awkward. Second, Dennis likes science fiction, a genre I haven't delved into. Finally, I realized that not reading Traveler wasn't a realistic option, so I bought the book and started reading. What a pleasant surprise! This is a well-written, polished book that you won't want to close until you've read it through. The writing is tight and engaging. Travis Becker, the main character is well-developed and draws you in. It's not what I expected as a science fiction novel--it's really a mystery with sci-fi influences. I really enjoyed this book!

Candace says

I kind of hate when books are compared to other books but sometimes it's just something you can't help. When I was reading Traveler I kept having this feeling that the book felt similar to a Dresden Files book or the Alex Verus books. But without magic. This is an urban fantasy feeling book but the 'fantasy' is more sci-fi since it's more about parallel realities. Although... there is a bit of an almost magic. It's just presented in a more scientific way. Anyway Trav Becker has that fabulous personality that really fits with the urban fantasy genre and maybe that's because I read more urban fantasy than I do sci-fi. I just wanted to point that out.

I really liked Trav a lot! But it was kind of a 'grow on me' kind of thing. In the very beginning he's really at his lowest point and from that point on his character really grows. Though I really feel it's his true self coming out because of the situations he's in. It's how he reacts that I was so impressed with. I loved how he treated others and dealt with the situations that came his way.

Sci fi can be a little over my head at times, especially with the parallel universes. But this book was explained so well that it never got terribly confusing. I did notice that it was easier to follow if I didn't take many breaks. I read the first half in a few sittings but the entire second half was read in an evening and I really HAD to finish it once I got to that halfway point. The last quarter has a lot of things that come together and it's best to read it at once so you can put it together with less confusion. I read that last bit in bed and I think I had a huge smile on my face as things came together. It was just so well done with with twists and turns I never saw coming! I absolutely loved it!

I recommend this to fans of sci-fi and urban fantasy. It's a quick read and not a big time commitment but you'll really find yourself thinking about it even when you're done. Highly recommend!
