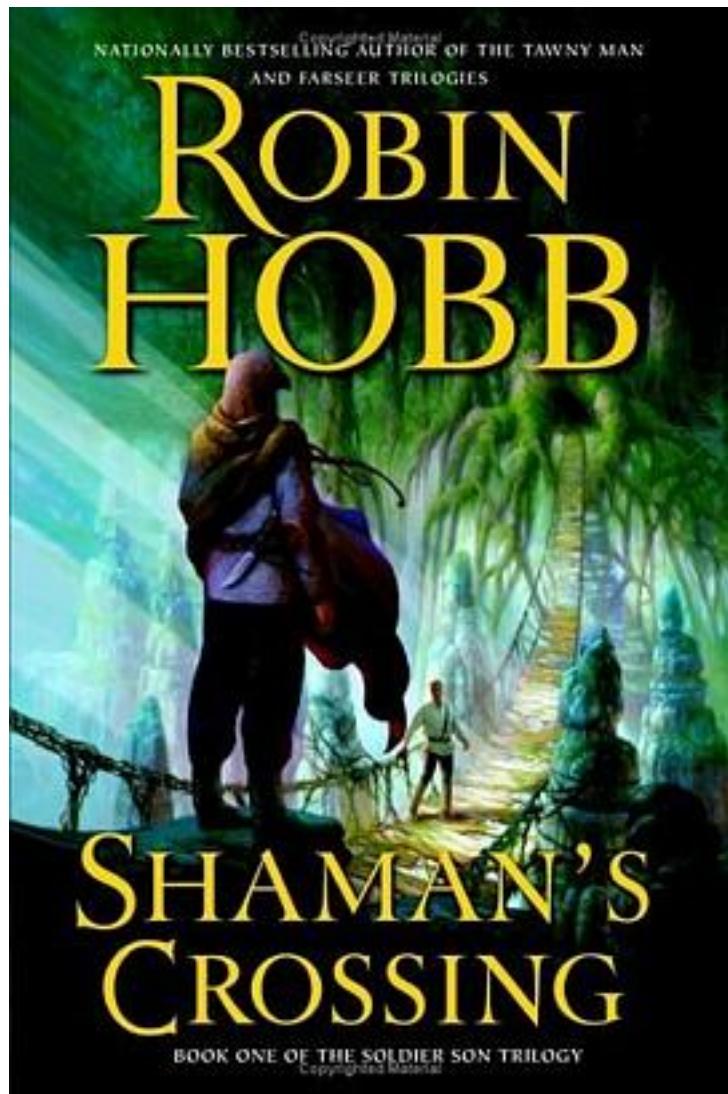


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The first book in a brand new trilogy from the author of the "Farseer", "Liveship Traders", and "Tawny Man" trilogies. Young Nevare Burvelle is the second son of a second son. Traditionally in Gernia, the firstborn son is heir to the family fortunes, the second son bears a sword and the third son is consecrated to the priesthood. Nevare will follow his father - newly made a lord by the King - into the cavalry; to the frontier and thence to an advantageous marriage, to carry on the Burvelle name. It is a golden future, and Nevare looks forward to it with relish. For twenty years, King Troven's cavalry have pushed the frontiers of Gernia out across the grasslands, subduing the fierce tribes of the plain on its way. Now they have driven the frontier as far as the Barrier Mountains, home to the enigmatic Speck people. The Specks - a dapple-skinned, forest-dwelling folk - retain the last vestiges of magic in a world which is becoming progressive and technologised. The 'civilised' peoples base their beliefs on a rational philosophy founded on scientific principle and a belief in the good god, who displaced the older deities of their world. To them, the Specks are primeval savages, little better than beasts. Superstitions abound; it is said that they harbour strange diseases and worship trees. Sexual congress with them is regarded as both filthy and foolhardy: the Speck plague which has ravaged the frontier has decimated entire regiments. All these beliefs will touch Nevare's training at the Academy; but his progress there is not as simple as he would wish. He will experience prejudice from the old aristocracy: as the son of a 'new noble' he is segregated into a patrol comprising other new nobles' sons, all of whom will encounter injustice, discrimination and foul play in that hostile and deeply competitive environment. In addition, his world view will be challenged by his unconventional girl-cousin Epiny; and by the bizarre dreams which visit him at night. And then, on dark evening, the circus comes to Old Thares, bringing with it the first Specks Nevare has ever seen...

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书评

确认了一下，上下册的译者是同一人。那么为什么上册的“斥候”到下册就变成了“侦察员”？这只是我的一个猜测，可能原文就是两个不同的词吧。
回到小说本身：节奏一如既往地缓慢，罗苹荷布风格如此，因为文笔不错所以还是可以接受的。另外大量的细节描写使得整个背景显得很真...

苹果阿姨的这本书断断续续读完，前后大概花了半个来月。当然，470k的字数，总的阅读时间大概有十小时以上。读书慢这毛病看来近两年是改善不了了。阅读频率方面，大概一周抽两个上午或者晚上来进行。书本身很吸引人，但是由于杂志之类的在手边，属于快速浏览的范畴不知不觉就优先...

简单的描述一下，这书就是一个小孩即将在上流社会打酱油的展望以及在军队正在打酱油的打怪升级。
看这书在美国被列为儿童文学，啧啧，美国儿童好幸福啊，童年就可以各种各种乱伦强暴阴谋狡诈鸡奸施虐布拉布拉。书里一个孙子不遗余力在教导某孩子开化文明以及理性，这可真是阿基...

《刺客正传》看了都忘得差不多，《士兵之子》也是放了许久才开始翻，隐隐觉得这两部奇幻小说有些雷同，都是讲一个小男孩历经磨难拯救世界的故事。
每个人都有学龄前童年和学龄时的少年，随着时间，青少年的记忆会慢慢模糊，仅仅记得的一些都是用好与不好做最后的结论，经过不...

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