

# The Other End of Time



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It is late in the 21st century, and an Earth that has largely abandoned space exploration has just been contacted by intelligent extraterrestrials, who warn of other, hostile aliens on the way. At the same time, Joe-Dan Dannerman, a young undercover police operative, infiltrates the research establishment of his cousin to learn what she plans for an abandoned orbital observatory. The aliens have plans for the observatory, too, as Joe-Dan, his cousin and their oddly assorted company of astronauts discover when the aliens arrive. Captured by the ETs, these humans must survive their own personality clashes, alien technology and encounters with alien-made duplicates of themselves. When they are finally liberated, it is on a distant planet, short of food, weapons, medicine and knowledge, amid strife between both factions of aliens that poses a menace to humanity. The opening contains too many conventional dystopian elements; but, once the cast makes contact with the aliens, the story is conceived and executed with Pohl's usual acumen as this veteran author, who published his first novel in 1952, displays his skill at juggling ideas in the classic SF mode. The ending is oddly unresolved, unless this is the first volume of a series?which would not be bad news.

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读完了，有点枯燥。但是涉及到个有意思的话题：当你和自己多于一个的克隆体（共有克隆前数十年的记忆）同居一室时你会如何想？如何行为？当你看到自己的克隆体爱上自己喜欢的人时又会作何感受？克隆体在自己眼前死去的时候，又是怎样心情？尤其是，最后知道自己也不过是同样的克隆体时，那又是怎样的感受？故事未完，有机会读完三部曲。

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