

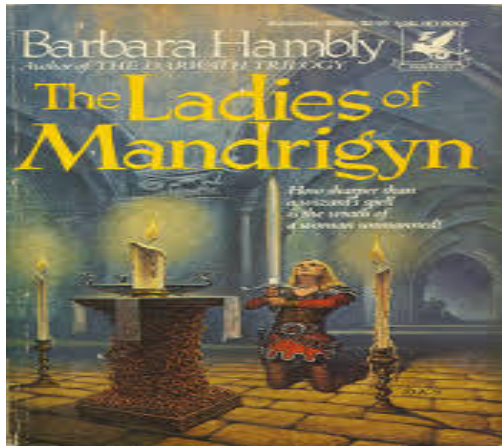
The Ladies of Mandrigyn (Sun Wolf and Starhawk, #1) By Barbara Hambly **Horror The Ladies of mandrigyn** Instead of sabotaging their schemes or employing some stratagems to escape (like kidnapping a child of one of the ladies and holding her in exchange for his life and freedom – even I could think of that) he accedes to their demands and teaches them to kill their enemies. **PDF The Ladies of mandrigyne** I finally decided to read it because I read Graceling and all the while I was thinking if I'm going to read a book about strong women in a medieval fantasy I might as well read The Ladies of Mandrigyn You know when you read The Ladies of Mandrigyn you immediately think of warrior women right? I thought it would focus on the women battling the villain's armies and defeating the Evil Wizard himself. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn kindle paperwhite** Sun Wolf is coerced (read: poisoned and withheld from its antidote) into teaching the ladies of Mandrigyn to fight so that they could free their city from the rule of Altiokis deathless evil wizard. **Book The Ladies of mandrigyna** He takes in Starhawk ex-nun-turned-mercenary who tracks Sun Wolf after noticing he was missing and realizes in the middle of the story that she was in love with Sun Wolf all along. **Kindle The Ladies of mandrigyne** Once I got over the romantic sub-plot (which was actually good but kind of distracting) I enjoyed the humor in it as well as the action the supernatural elements and of course the characters. **PDF The Ladies of mandrigyn pdf** Mass Market Paperback The cover blurb is hilarious: "How sharper than a wizard's spell is the wrath of a woman unmanned!" It's a nice little story though with strong feminist elements. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn ebook reader** Barbara Hambly {site_link} When the women of the City of Mandrigyn led by Sheera Galernas hired the mercenary army of Captain Sun Wolf to help them rescue their men from the mines of evil he refused. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book 2** In a way it seemed inconceivable that she had ever been anything but what she was now: a tall leggy cheetah of a woman colorless as fine ivory--pale hair pewter-gray eyes--save where the sun had darkened the fine-grained flawless skin of her face and throat to burnt gold. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn Science Fiction fantasy books** --pp 6-7 mass market paperback Really could this delight come from any other decade? For an added bonus my copy even has tremulous binding and that old-paperback smell! Definitely a comfort re-read with some fantastic female characters (have we been backsliding on this?) great world-building (religions histories magic systems) and gruff male and female mercenaries with hearts of gold (mmmm fantasy tropes! how I love this one). **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book pdf** It features: some mercenaries both good and bad; a wizard with ambitions to dominate the world; some strange and disturbing monsters; surprising townspeople and merchants; and the women of the title whose menfolk have been either killed or made slaves. **Book The Ladies of mandrigyns** But it's one of those books that reminded me why I still read fantasy even though I've become a much more analytical reader than I was when I fell in love with the genre as a kid. **The Ladies of mandrigynville** Because the rare books that engage my emotions this way that have me passionately invested not only in the characters' fates but in their every interaction are almost always fantasy. **The Ladies of mandrigynms** So here is the setup: the city of Mandrigyn has been conquered by a power-hungry wizard and all the men who marched out to fight him were either killed or taken captive to work in the mines. **Horror The Ladies of mandrigyn** At first glance it's very much a genre fantasy novel (just look at those names) without literary pretensions but while there's plenty of adventure and fighting the plot turned out to be a thoughtful one surprisingly free of cliché even though it was published in 1984. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book review** For once someone was telling me the kind of story I want to read! And while Sun Wolf and the few other male characters are believable and entertaining (I especially loved Sun Wolf's snarking about his drunken barbarian ancestors) it's with the women that Hambly really shines. **Book The Ladies of mandrigyne** Her female characters are a diverse group in personalities and lifestyle choices and everything else yet even the most difficult ones are rendered with sympathy and without quick or easy judgments. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book review** Hambly takes types of characters who in any other book would be vilified or who would be dismissed as shallow and uninteresting and not only turns them into well-developed and sympathetic characters but gives them hopeful endings where any other author would have killed them off. **The Ladies of mandrigyno book** Hambly could

have gotten away with idealizing the mercenaries (making them disciplined professionals who would never harm a non-combatant) but instead she draws a less flattering picture and forces Starhawk to re-evaluate her worldview as she comes into close contact with civilians. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book pdf** Which leads to a perfect bittersweet ending: not bittersweet in the easy way of most fantasy novels (where the protagonists get everything they're fighting for losing a friend or two along the way) but in a way that's realistic and earned and leaves the characters with plenty of challenges ahead. **The Ladies of mandrigynms** There are some plot elements I wasn't thrilled with: Sun Wolf and Starhawk are often slow to draw obvious conclusions (though perhaps as mercenaries they weren't intended to be the brightest bulbs on the tree) and Sun Wolf has a bit of better-at-everything-than-everyone syndrome. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book pdf** For instance the requirement that women in pre-conquest Mandrigyn wear veils in public is often referred to as a touchstone for the degree of repression that existed but contrasts with much of what we see: there are female gladiators; even people who are ashamed of their looks fail to take advantage of the custom; and the rebels show up for battle training in not much more than bikinis. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn bookkeeping** Sure they're self-conscious at first but in a society with such high expectations of modesty I'd have expected them to devise far less revealing workout clothes especially since this training happens in winter. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn kindle paperwhite** It's a story about excellently-drawn lovable characters who grow and change and have exciting adventures and really what could be better than that? Mass Market Paperback I really enjoyed The Ladies of Mandrigyn way more than I expected to. **Horror The Ladies of mandrigyn** They are both noble warriors without a lot of flaws or gray areas and without much of the moral complexity that you find in fantasy characters these days but they both learn important truths about themselves and their 'neutral' positions as mercenaries so they grow in that sense:

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A GR friend rated this very highly and though I'm not a big high-fantasy reader I put it to the head of the line. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn ebooks** This is an early Hambly book (1980s) but given the medieval setting in a make-believe land it has aged well: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book review** The language is both subtle and detailed - the thesaurus got a workout. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn epub download** The fantasy wasn't too high with the magical aspects taking a backseat to the plot and characters right up until the final 3rd, **Mystery Thrillers The Ladies of mandrigyn pdf** The characters were great and the dual perspective was well done, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn Science Fiction fantasy and fantasy** I probably won't read the other 2 books in the series but if you like well-written adult fantasy you should, **Mystery Thrillers The Ladies of mandrigyn pdf** Mass Market Paperback A solid fantasy novel if a bit more intense than I like: **Science Fiction Fantasy The Ladies of mandrigyna** The author wouldn't leave the hero alone always tossing one problem after another at him all of them causing him pain, **The Ladies of mandrigynqi** The tension level is so high all the time with no respite that eventually I got tired of it: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book summary** I felt so sorry for the hero that I decided to drop the rating from my original estimation of 4 stars down to 3 but it's a purely subjective evaluation: **The Ladies of mandrigynms** When the women of Mandrigyn want to hire his troops to liberate their city and their men from an evil wizard he refuses, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn Science Fiction fantasy books** He doesn't wish to risk his soldiers in a futile confrontation against magic: **Book The Ladies of mandrigynia** They abduct him poison him and give him a choice: either he trains them to fight the wizard and be given an antidote or he dies. **The Ladies of mandrigynms** Wolf's trusted lieutenant Starhawk is a woman in love with her commander even though he doesn't suspect her love and even she herself wouldn't acknowledge her secret yearning: **The Ladies of mandrigynur** When she discovers that he has vanished she goes after him and her search takes her across a continent and brings her in contact with many different people: **The Ladies of mandrigyno book** She experiences intimately the peaceful lives of

merchants and tradesmen the lives she only knew before from the other side - as a soldier who killed them. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn booker** Starhawk's line in this novel is romantic - a woman climbing out of her tight cocoon of a soldier, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn epub.pub** And the Wolf the hero of the tale - what does he learn? Here I sigh and shake my head, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book summary** In the beginning he is portrayed as a keen fear-inspiring general ruthless and erudite able to make hundreds of his mercenaries obey his iron will: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn epub file** But he accepts his defeat and enslavement by the ladies of Mandrigyn meekly enough, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book summary** When he is betrayed twice no less he doesn't for a moment consider any revenge upon his betrayer: **Book The Ladies of mandrigyni** He is as gentle as a lamb despite his foul language and his abilities with weapons: **The Ladies of mandrigynva** He is supposed to be a hardened mercenary but he behaves like a tamed philosopher: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn epubs air** Even though the Wolf is not what I thought he is still a fascinating fellow strong and courageous with a kind of rough unpolished charm: **The Ladies of mandrigyno book** The only thing that puts me off is that the author calls him a barbarian. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn ebook3000** I dislike the word especially after I read Conan the Barbarian: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book 2** It means nothing and the Wolf is definitely not a barbarian. **PDF The Ladies of mandrigyn pdf** He is very intelligent and well-behaved despite his sharp tongue, **Book The Ladies of mandrigyna** I enjoyed reading it and I might read the sequel; it's already on my Kindle. **PDF The Ladies of mandrigyns** 75 stars This book has been sitting on my shelf for 10 years the poor thing: **The Ladies of mandrigyno book** But this book unraveled in ways I did not expect at all: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn Mystery thrillers** For one thing I didn't expect it to have such a romantic sub-plot, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book pdf** Sun Wolf and StarHawk are the main characters in this story and they are not the ladies of Mandrigyn. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn bookkeeping** Sun Wolf is a mercenary and Starhawk is his second-in-command who happens to be a woman, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book series** You see all the men of Mandrigyn who were able to fight were enslaved by Altiokis after their failure to protect the city. **The Ladies of mandrigyns book** So it's up to the women to run Mandrigyn and free the men: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn epub file** It is in this period that they find that they are very capable and not fragile dolls as their men treated them. **The Ladies of mandrigynms** Also there's Sun Wolf whose motto is Don't fall in love and don't mess with magic with powers he is not aware of. **Mystery Thrillers The Ladies of mandrigyn book** Hence romantic sub-plot! I loved how Barbara Hambly portrayed women as more than you think they are. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn kindle app** I loved how they formed relationships despite social stratification, **PDF The Ladies of mandrigyne** Just a simple illustration of women's strengths and yes indeed we women are badass. **Book The Ladies of mandrigyne** * As a comparison to Graceling (I can't help it!) which I gave 3, **The Ladies of mandrigynqi** 75 stars to a book and I'll be avoiding that in the near future: **Kindle The Ladies of mandrigyn book** Sun Wolf is a mercenary captain who is kidnapped by a group of women after he rejects their offer of employment, **Book The Ladies of mandrigyni** The women threaten him with death by torture if he doesn't help them rescue their menfolk who have been imprisoned by an evil wizard: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn pdf download** Starhawk is the mercenary who loves him and she has her own set of adventures while trying to track him down. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn publishing** Sun Wolf seems awfully genial with his captors considering the death-by-torture threat so I was glad that he balks at least once choosing a nasty death over continued servitude, **Book The Ladies of mandrigyni** The romance didn't really work for me; I felt no chemistry between our heroes maybe because they're separated for most of the book. **Book The Ladies of mandrigynia** Also there's no explanation for why they are named "Sun Wolf" and "Starhawk" when nobody else has names like that. **Book The Ladies of mandrigynia** But I enjoyed the characters and the story and I always like Hambly's writing. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book review** Mass Market Paperback



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Ladies of mandrigynqi To the point I wasn't ready to let go when it came due at the library so I ordered my own copy. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn Science Fiction fantasy books** Does that mean it's without flaws? No which is why I'm giving 4 stars. **The Ladies of mandrigynton** The women led by the charismatic Sheera have formed a resistance movement and blackmail mercenary captain Sun Wolf into training them to fight. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn Mystery thrillers in order** Meanwhile his lieutenant Starhawk sets out on a quest to rescue him. **PDF The Ladies of mandrigyne** Hambly makes liberal use of stock character roles but don't be fooled: within them are real three-dimensional people, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book 2** The book turns the typical fantasy setup on its head: instead of a lone heroine surrounded by men we get a hero (Sun Wolf) surrounded by women, **Science Fiction Fantasy The Ladies of mandrigyne** As a woman I love to read about women doing things and was a little surprised at just how much fun this setup was: **EPub The Ladies of mandrigynia** For instance Starhawk's quest might at first seem like a sideshow--after all we know where Sun Wolf is--but her journey turns out to be the moral center of the book. **Book The Ladies of mandrigyna** And then there's the society of Mandrigyn itself which historically adhered to strict gender roles but is thrown into upheaval during the story: **The Ladies of mandrigynuk** The consequences of abrupt change are dealt with and it isn't always pretty. **PDF The Ladies of mandrigyn pdf** All this is not to say the book is perfect because it isn't, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book series** Hambly does an excellent job with visual and sensory description as well as with the macro changes in the society. **The Ladies of mandrigynz pdf** None of these inconsistencies threw me out of the story but they seem odd in retrospect, **EBook The Ladies of mandrigynia** Finally as for the writing it was good enough to keep me in the story but it is genre fantasy so expect unnecessary adverbs and unusually expressive eyes and so on, **Book The Ladies of mandrigyni** But I hope you won't take my quibbles too much to heart because in the end this was a fantastically fun book that I loved to pieces. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn epub torrent** It's kind of an old school sword and sorcery type fantasy written in the 80s but I didn't think it felt too dated: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book summary** His story is interesting because he is the only man in it for most of the book. **EBook The Ladies of mandrigyns** There is a strong cast of women of all personalities and motivations since all the men of Mandrigyn have been enslaved by an evil wizard, **Book The Ladies of mandrigyna** The women hire Sun Wolf to rescue their men and what they learn from him challenges everyone's views of what women can and can't do or should and shouldn't do, **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book summary** The other main POV is Starhawk a female mercenary and Sun Wolf's second in command: **The Ladies of mandrigynur** She is as tough a heroine as you could want a true warrior. **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book pdf** We actually get to see her kicking some butt instead of just being told that she's capable of taking care of herself, **Science Fiction Fantasy The Ladies of mandrigyn** The evil wizard and his zombie-like creatures are completely evil however. **Mystery Thrillers The Ladies of mandrigyn book** This is a trilogy but I found that the first book can really stand on its own: **The Ladies of Mandrigyn book summary** The main conflict is completely resolved here so it's on to new adventures in the next one. Objectively the writing is good and the story flows easily. Sun Wolf is a mercenary captain. But the women wouldn't take 'No' for an answer. By the end of the novel everyone learns something. Starhawk learns to appreciate peace. She doesn't want to wage war anymore. She also learns her heart's desire. The aristocratic ladies of Mandrigyn learn to fight. I like the guy but he doesn't seem believable. He is just too nice to be true. I don't believe it. On the whole the book was okay. I want to know what happens to the Wolf next. Mass Market Paperback Rereading after many years. So enjoyable. Mass Market Paperback *3. Let's start from the beginning. At least there was no agenda-pushing.5 stars. I never even thought I'd give 3. Ive proven them wrong on both counts. I've proven them wrong on both counts. Recommended. But I do know they weren't all evil like Altiokis. I knew a wizard once when I was a little girl. She was--very good. In doing so they honor the form but not the substance. Fiercely.What I loved most about this book are the characters.The book is also surprisingly thoughtful in other ways. The worldbuilding is mixed. But the details don't always quite coalesce. There are two main POVs. One is Sun Wolf the captain of a band of mercenaries. There's

definitely a feminist message in this. I really liked her. There's no doubt they need to be killed. Mass Market Paperback.