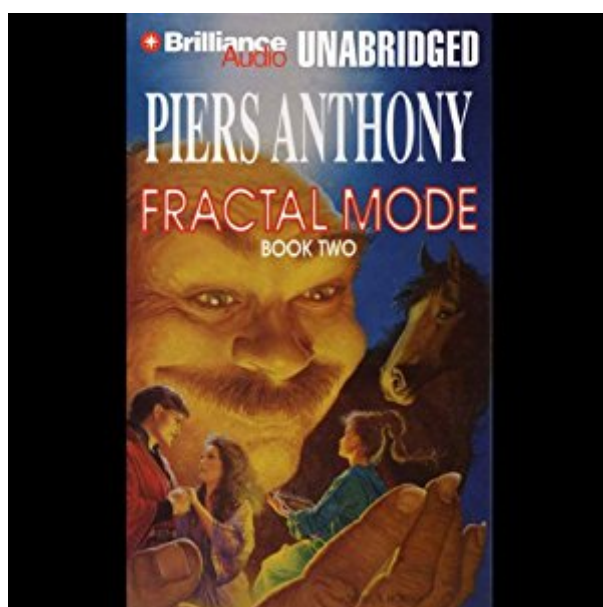


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Synopsis

Saved from death at the hands of the Emperor Ddwng, would-be lovers Colene and Darius and their companions - Provos, a woman who remembers only the future, and Sequiro, a telepathic horse - stumble into yet another dangerous reality where despots rule with a cruel and heavy hand. Held captive, the friends must combine their unusual talents in a daring escape that leads them on adventure after adventure with the most intriguing characters - some threatening, some friendly - ever to grace the page. Among them, Angus, the adorable flying giant; Nona, the lovely and magical "ninth of the ninth;" Slick, the gangster with a death sentence; and the megaplayers, mysterious musicians of old whose giant instruments still dot the landscape. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Customer Reviews

Fractal Mode is a really great sequel to Virtual Mode. A new anchor in a new reality that is amazing. A fractal reality, where a mathematical equation become every single part of the earth, with rad and filaments, wondrous shapes of ferns, sea horses, bugs, etc... comprise this new reality. This is Piers's imagination at its best! Colene and Darius continue their adventure with Sequiro, Provos and new anchor Nona. If you like Virtual Mode, you will love Fractal Mode. And don't forget to read Chaos and DoOon ;-)

I read this series when I was in my teens, at least 15 years ago. Over time I forgot the title and the author's name, but the story always stuck with me. The plot itself, and the personalities of the characters were somewhat childish, but the adventure through new worlds (universes, or "modes")

was captivating, and still feeds my active imagination after all these years. I recently got serious about finding the books, and used "google: books" to recall the title and author. I was thrilled when it popped up and the decade-old mystery was finally solved. I ordered all four books separately, and this is the first to arrive. It's new, in good condition, as described. I can't wait to relive the adventure, again and again!

I was quite impressed with the book Fractal Mode. I found this book to leave me with a little something to desire about the first book's main characters. But, it made me want to know more about Nona. (The main Character of this novel.) It had concepts that can be somewhat hard to fathom if you are not paying close attention to detail. (As in many Anthony novels.) An example of these concepts would be Mandelbrot Set and Julia Sets. It also made me want to rush right on into the third book and see what happens to everyone. (Which was better than the second but, not as good as the first. As I see it that is the case quite often.) But, it held my interest and intellect all the way through to the end. (Also as in many Anthony novels.) Mostly though, it truly breaks my heart that I have not seen anymore books to this "Mode Series," even though they were promised. But, I keep my eyes peeled all the time. Hopefully soon I will be ecstatic and find one. So if you can I would recommend reading the "Mode Series" in its entirety. Bravo Anthony! P.S. Anthony, please send more sequel novels to the "Mode Series!!!!!!!!!!" Thank You. I LOVE ALL Your Works!

This is a very good book as all the books in this series are. However, if the only thing you've seen of Piers Anthony is his Xanth series that is so popular, then you may want to screen this for the kids. All of these books deal with adult issues. You can judge whether someone is mature enough to read it, but all the books in this series follow a girl who is suicidal, the older man she loves and who loves her and their various companions. They deal with issues like suicide, rape, sex, etc... They do it in a good way that is relevant and fits into the story. The story is about a girl Coleen, who was raped at a party once. Her father is an adulterer and her mother is a drunk. She puts on a good act and is a very popular girl on the outside, but cuts her self and frequently contemplates suicide, though she's very smart. One day on the way home from school, she comes across a man passed out in a ditch. Her suicidal nature leads her to take him home. After learning a little of each other's language, he says that he's from another world/mode and that he wants to take her to be his wife there. She doesn't believe him and he disappears. She believes him and realizes she's made a mistake and he realizes he shouldn't have left. The method he takes is random though and the only way to reliably get back to Coleen is by invoking a virtual mode. The rest of the story is about how Coleen and

Darren are trying to find each other and get back to his mode. They continuously encounter problems and solve them with the help of their friends from the other anchor modes. The whole time Coleen is trying to deal with her issues so that she can be with Darren in a health relationship. So there are many different things going on in this series and I have just gone over the general gist so that I don't give anything away. Everything is done in a tasteful manner, but as I said it contains very adult subject matter. Enjoy.

This book is very interesting, covering a variety of topics from child abuse to in-depth discussion of fractals, love to culture, society to magic. Piers shows an acute knowledge of the scientific aspects of what he writes about. The book seemed to focus a little too much on helping Nona, and not enough about the MAIN characters, but this didn't detract from the book too much. The settings are varied, as always with Anthony, as are the characters. Anthony provides much insight to what Colene is thinking, which I think is the most interesting part of the book-- to see how she reacts mentally to things like stress, Darius, her parents, etc. There are heartwarming moments, and some interesting happenings back at good old normal Earth. Many different things happen, settings change quickly, minor characters come and go, but the plot runs smoothly enough and what the gang learns along the way is interesting and their adventures are still fun, sometimes amusing--they get stuck in one really odd situation in Nona's reality! If you read Virtual Mode and are interested in how Colene and Darius' relationship will grow and change, and how Nona plays into their scheme, and if Colene and Darius will EVER settle down back in Darius' home reality...this is a good book for you.

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