THE MARTIAN

by Andy Weir

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During the mid 21st century, NASA has finally achieved interplanetary space travel with human navigation and exploration. During the second "Ares" mission to Mars, a devastating storm causes a immediate evacuation by the 6 crewmates. Botanist Mark Watney, however, is swept away by the storm and is left behind. Watney miraculously survives and mend his injuries. Now Watney must beat the odds and survive until another human reaches him.

A brilliant display of theoretical science. Andy Weir navigates astronomical missions and situations that human kind is decades from encountering, and he handles them with the poise of a real world simulation. Weir's description of interplanetary space travel and survival in an foreign atmosphere has been praised for its accuracy by experts in the space field.

Anyone interested in science, not only in astronomy, but in human behavior, should read this book. It expands the realms of known science to spaces where the common mind never thought possible, yet it is presented in a survival situation seamlessly. The book does contain profanities and is not for the sleeping mind, but it is a must read for anyone interested in science fiction!

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