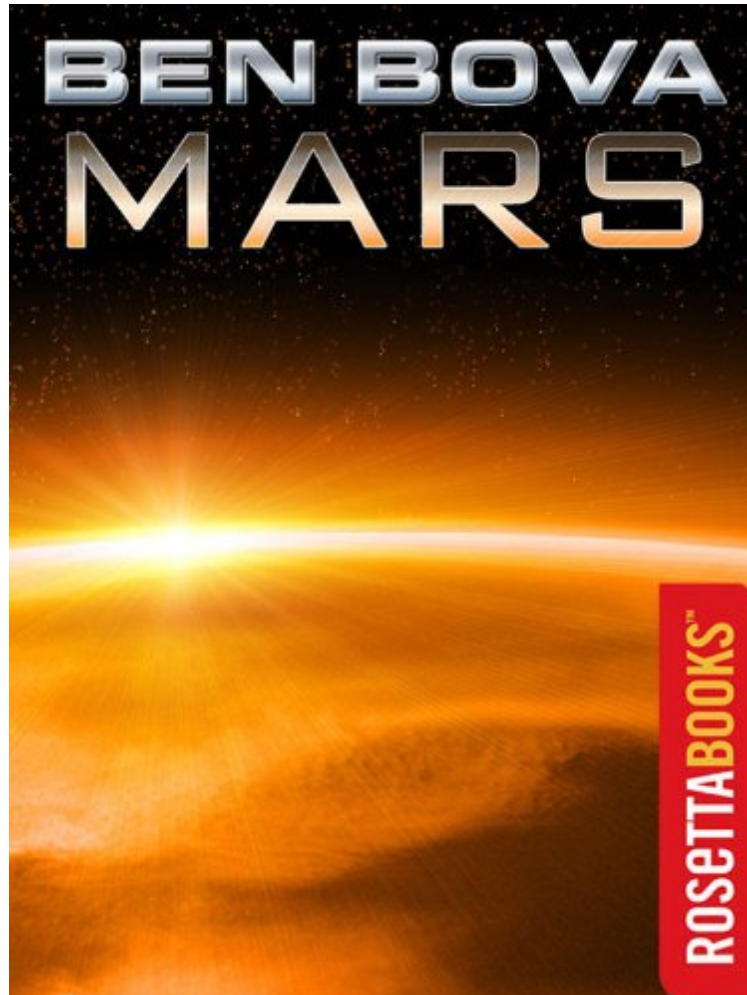


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Von Ben Bova : Mars (The Grand Tour Book 4) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mars (The Grand Tour Book 4) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Eindrucksvolle SchilderungVon Ein KundeGibt es Leben auf dem Mars ? 10 Jahre in der Zukunft unternimmt die Menschheit die erste bemannte Expedition. Ben Bova zeigt in diesem Buch, da die technischen Schwierigkeiten das geringste Hindernis bei diesem monumentalen Unterfangen sind. Denn die grten Schwierigkeiten einer solchen Expedition liegen in den politischen Querelen, die sich zwangslufig bei einem internationalen Unternehmen und insbesondere bei einer internationalen Finanzierung ergeben. Amerikaner, Russen, Japaner, Europoer arbeiten zusammen und versuchen gemeinsame Lsungen fr Probleme zu finden, die sich schon auf der Erde als seit Jahrzehnten unlsbar herausgestellt haben.Zu diesem ausgezeichneten politischen Hintergrund gesellt sich ein klassischer Science

Fiction Roman. Denn die 25 Astronauten müssen bei der Erkundung des Mars zahlreiche Gefahren meistern. Meteoroschauer, Temperaturen unter 40 Grad Celsius und das Auftauchen eines mysteriösen Mars-Virus halten die Crew wie den Leser gleichermaßen in ihrem Bann. Ein spannendes Buch, das das optimale Entkommen von den langweiligen SF Serien im Fernsehen sein könnte. Und ein sehr realistische Roman, der schon in wenigen Jahren Wirklichkeit werden könnte. (Dies ist eine .de an der Uni-Studentenrezension.) 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Doesn't take long to realize this is trash. Von Ein Kunde In the character descriptions on the first pages, it says, "RAVAVISHNU PATEL: The brilliant, introverted Hindu geologist had studied the Tharsis volcanic shields of Mars for fifteen long, lonely years. Now his once-in-a-lifetime chance to use his knowledge has been squelched, and those responsible would feel the anger that devoured his heart." NO THEY WON'T!!!! His dreams are crushed, but he never does anything!!! They LIED to us!!! And anyway, there aren't any real characters in this book, just ethnic, racial, and national stereotypes. Example: a subtly sarcastic lecher of a British doctor, a Native American with some strange spiritual connection to nature, etc. There's never any real emotion involved, no grandeur is conveyed once they reach Mars, and nothing seems important to the characters or the author. Even though he does his best to SHOUT IN YOUR FACE how important this whole thing is to the characters, you just get the feeling nobody takes it seriously, least of all Ben Bova. If this were somebody's first novel, I could excuse it, but to be outright LIED to, insulted with noncharacters and a Mars mission that's treated like a joke, is too much especially from someone as recognized as Ben Bova. Don't even trifle with this garbage. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Stereotypical characters, bad plotting, horrible chronology Von Ein Kunde It appears that Ben Bova didn't look any farther than Primetime television to research his characters, as they all exhibit the glossy stereotypes one would normally find on TV at 8:00. From the die-hard blond reporter whose first rule of survival is "Don't go to bed with a man until you get what you want;" the Japanese science leader who decorates his cubicle with watercolors of birds and mountains for "comfort;" the British doctor who hides his sexual obsessions beneath a veneer of refinement.... and even the main character, a half Navaho American geologist (they'd make the Indian a rock doctor, don't you know) who apparently lapses into his ancestral language during bouts of intense emotion, the racial stereotypes abound. As if this wasn't bad enough, the plotting is an uncannily watered down shadow of Kim Stanley Robinson's "Red Mars" and it jumps between locations at breakneck speed, never allowing the reader to understand any specific chronology of events. I finished this book for the SOLE reason that I could not believe that it would continue to be so bad! Unfortunately, it did, and it does. I don't recommend this book at all, if you are looking for cardboard characters, predictable plotlines, and no depth, watch a sitcom. Skip the book

Kurzbeschreibung Jamie Waterman is a young Navaho geologist who is picked for the ground team of the first manned expedition to Mars. He will be joining an international team of astronauts and scientists. But once the crew land on Mars, they soon discover they must battle not only the alien land on which they have invaded but earthbound bureaucrats as well. When they come face to face with a chasm ten times as deep and large as the Grand Canyon, all twenty-five astronauts must face the most shocking discovery of all... ABOUT THE AUTHOR Ben Bova is the author of more than 120 futuristic novels and nonfiction books about science and high technology. In his various writings, Dr. Bova has predicted the Space Race of the 1960s, solar power satellites, the discovery of organic chemicals in interstellar space, virtual reality, human cloning, the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars), the advent of international peacekeeping forces, the discovery of ice on the Moon, electronic book publishing and zero-gravity sex. Dr. Bova received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Arthur C. Clarke Foundation in 2005, "for fueling mankind's imagination regarding the wonders of outer space." His 2006 novel Titan received the John W. Campbell Memorial Award for best novel of the year. Dr. Bova has been involved in science and high technology since the very beginnings of the space age. President Emeritus of the National Space Society and a past president of Science Fiction Writers of America, Dr. Bova was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has been a member of the Arizona Astronomy Board. He is a columnist for the Naples Daily News and a widely-popular lecturer. Earlier in his career, he was an award-winning editor and an executive in the aerospace industry. He has worked with film makers and television producers such as Woody Allen, George Lucas, and Gene Roddenberry. His Grand Tour novels--including his award-winning Titan--show how the human race will expand through the solar system, opening a new era of wealth, opportunity and conflict. His nonfiction books, such as Immortality and Faint Echoes, Distant Stars have been honored by organizations such as the American Librarians' Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has won six Science Fiction Achievement Awards (Hugos) and many other awards for writing. ABOUT THE SERIES A fantastic collection of the works of science fiction author Ben Bova who has worked with television and film producers like Woody Allen, George Lucas, and Gene Roddenberry to see his work into film. He is the author of over 120 futuristic novels and nonfiction books that are science fiction and high technology. We offer some of the best in this collection. From Kirkus A bulging, impressive, all-you-ever-wanted-to-know, you-are- there Martian odyssey, from the veteran writer-editor

(Cyberbooks, Voyagers, etc.). In about the year 2020, a huge multinational project gets under way, the bulk of it seen through the eyes of young Navaho geologist and Mars-voyage hopeful Jamie Waterman. Unconcerned with traditional science-fictional plotting and melodrama, Bova focuses tightly on the day-to-day, nuts-and-bolts details: the inordinate amount of politicking necessary to get the project off the ground; the vital cooperation and occasional wrangling between the many participating nations (Russian pilots, American software, Japanese technology and money, plus a sprinkling of Europeans); the months of arduous training; more politicking as science and flight-crew teams are selected from the dozens of expectant trainees--Jamie gets the nod because geologist #1 falls ill, and the much-loathed #2 is forced out by his colleagues; the tensions that build up through long months in space. Neither does the exploration of Mars run smoothly. Stepping down onto the red sand, Jamie offends the powers-that-be by lapsing into Navaho instead of parroting a politically correct prepared speech; a British doctor, hot to seduce one of the female crew members, neglects his job; a meteorite shower nearly destroys the explorers' living quarters; Jamie persuades mission control to let him approach a cliff village he's convinced he finds; the explorers fall mysteriously ill; Jamie's Mars buggy falls into a dust bowl while his crew are too weak to haul themselves out. And, well, of course there's life on Mars! Technically accurate and absorbing if somewhat ponderous at times, with questions and answers reliably in balance: a dependable, satisfying foray into science realism. -- Copyright 1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

From School Library Journal YA-- Jamie Waterman, a Native American geologist, is chosen at the last minute for the first manned exploration of the planet Mars. On touchdown, he is so overwhelmed with the emotion of the moment that he utters a Navajo phrase instead of the political statement he is supposed to read. This sets off a chain reaction among the leaders and politicians on Earth. Thus starts Bova's sprawling space opera. The expedition, seen from Jamie's point of view, is really the protagonist here. The story is filled with lots of characters of different nationalities and there's plenty of political intrigue. Of course, there are obstacles to overcome: a meteor almost destroys the lab, the doctor neglects his duty and nearly kills them all, crew members come down with mysterious "Martian flu," and through it all is the never-ending search for evidence of life on this planet. Bova has done extensive research and his descriptions of Mars and the conditions under which the study is conducted are very plausible. All in all, a satisfying story.- Susan McFaden, Fairfax County Public Library, VA Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.