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Von Stephen Baxter : Voyage before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Voyage:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Baxter Beat Me To It!Von MATTHEW BLACKYYou have to ask yourself if the alternate history scenarios portrayed within this amazing book would have meant a more glorious space program. Would sacrificing half of the Apollo lunar missions, the Viking landers, the Voyager probes and the Space Shuttle have been worth it for one, single flight to

Mars? That is a question Baxter makes you ask yourself through implication. This novel is one of the finest creations of 1990s science fiction. But I was a bit annoyed when I read it, as I was researching to write a very similar book to this! (aw, shucks) All the flashbacks within the story should have been annoying but Steve Baxter makes it all work brilliantly. In an ideal world with lots of funding, ALL the Apollo lunar missions would have been retained, there would have been a series of Skylab space stations (unlike the International Space Station, which is practically a boondoggle) and mankind would have worked and lived on Mars. All this before the 21st Century. SIGH...1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Fascinating Hypothesis Von John A. Hart Many people who consider the phrase science fiction to be populated by Star Trek-ish characters and zap guns will be pleasantly surprised by this novel. Writers have always done a "what-if" regarding the Kennedy assassination, but Mr. Baxter has done a remarkable what-if in regards to NASA and the possibility of a Mars mission. In fact, NASA is the only entity to have actually been affected by Kennedy's survival; everything else -- Vietnam, Watergate, and every other political moment -- has remained surprisingly intact. The characters are true to life and the situations mirror what NASA might have done to prepare for a Mars landing, the blunders it might have made that are chillingly similar to the ones they made that lead to the Challenger disaster, and the ultimate soaring of the American and human spirit once success had been achieved. The only drawback is the technical writing; Mr. Baxter goes into perhaps too much detail on the technical aspects of the NASA missions, but not enough to detract from the human drama.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Voyage Defines What Science Fiction Should Be Von Ein Kunde Voyage provides a benchmark for what true science fiction should be...Taking what is known about science and playing 'what if'...And in this case, Stephen Baxter adds a twist by changing the course of history...Anyone who knows the stories of Project Apollo and the post-lunar Apollo Applications Program, which included Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz, will feel right at home with Voyage...This book makes me proud because of its technical accuracy and attention to detail...Even more stunning and exciting is that someone had the gumption to take one of our greatest 'what ifs' and making it come to life...And although the inter-center rivalry that plays out in the story (Langley vs. Marshall) seems like a dramatic touch, it really isn't...That rivalry has been documented in a number of non-fiction works in the past...The book isn't perfect, though...I really could've done without the broken-romance angle that poor Natalie York is plagued with, and the seemingly one-note performance by Ralph Gershon...But the other elements are there, straight from America's proud spacefaring legacy...At one point, we may yet reach Mars...Much like our missions to the moon, it will be a journey requiring all the resources and talent the United States can muster...

Kurzbeschreibung What if John F. Kennedy survived? President Nixon, with the help of former president JFK, has just green-lit NASA's first manned expedition to Mars. Aboard, Natalie York, a geologist who risks everything she loves for the chance to go to space; Phil Stone, former X-15 test pilot; and Ralph Gershon, a Vietnam War hero intent on being the first African American to reach another planet. Exploring mankind's presence in the extra-terrestrial expanse, VOYAGE chronicles the incredible story of what could have been..deDieser Titel ist in englischer Sprache. Kennedy hat überlebt! Wie bei so vielen Romanen über spekulative Geschichtsschreibung ist dies der Ausgangspunkt in Mission Ares von Stephen Baxter. Aber in Baxters Version der Vergangenheit fingiert er einen neuartigen Treibstoff, der die Menschheit in den Weltraum vordringen lässt, und zwar viel weiter als bei den primitiven Mondlandungen der sechziger Jahre. Angetrieben von einem John F. Kennedy, der sich stark für die Raumfahrt engagiert, und einer Nixon-Administration, die die NASA unterstützt, landen 1986 Menschen auf dem Mars. Diese Geschichte hat sowohl tragische als auch triumphale Elemente, denn Baxters schonungsloser Realismus zeichnet die Gefahren ausgedehnter Raumflüge genauso auf, wie deren glanzvolle Leistungen. Das Resultat ist eine rauhe, lebensnahe Geschichte..com Kennedy survived. Like many alternate history stories, that's the premise of Stephen Baxter's Voyage. But in Baxter's version of the past, that one altered fact is the propellant that drives humanity into space, beyond the primitive lunar landings of the 1960s. Spurred by a JFK who champions space flight and a Nixon administration that backs NASA, humans reach Mars in 1986. But this is a tragic tale as well as a triumphant one, for Baxter's relentless realism chronicles the perils of extended space flight as well as its glamorous achievements, making for a gritty, true-to-life story.