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THE MARTIAN

A Novel
by Andy Weir

***Apollo 13* meets *Castaway* in this grippingly detailed, brilliantly ingenious man-vs-nature survival thriller—set on the surface of Mars.**



Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on the surface of Mars. Now, he may be the first person to die there.

Andy Weir's brilliant debut novel **THE MARTIAN** (Crown Publishers, February 11, 2014) is a gripping story of survival against all odds...set in space. Wise-cracking astronaut Watney is a member of Ares 3, the third manned mission to Mars, scheduled for a two-month assignment. After an epic dust storm threatens the crew's ascent, they are forced to abort the mission. Watney, separated from the rest of the team, is unintentionally abandoned, with the rest of the crew believing him to be dead. Now he's stranded millions of miles from the nearest human being, with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive—and even if he could get word out, his food would be gone years before a rescue mission could arrive. Chances are, though, he won't have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment, or plain-old "human error" are much more likely to get him first. But Mark isn't ready to give up yet. Drawing on his MacGyver-esque ingenuity, mechanical engineering skills, and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit, he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. But will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?

In **THE MARTIAN**, all of the obstacles Weir's hero confronts, and the solutions he engineers, are entirely believable and science-based thanks in large part to Weir's relentless research and fascination with NASA, orbital mechanics, relativistic physics, astronomy, and the history of manned spaceflight. If we started planning a manned mission to Mars tomorrow, it would look a lot like what's depicted in these pages. Weir even calculated the various orbital paths involved in the story to make the physics of space travel as accurate as possible, which required him to write his own software.

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THE MARTIAN was already a word-of-mouth phenomenon as a self-published ebook, shooting up the charts to Amazon's top 200 overall while garnering over 1,100 5-star reviews on Amazon and another 650 5-star reviews on Goodreads. As those early readers have already shown, **THE MARTIAN** just might be the most immersive, believable suspense novel you've ever read—a book not just for thriller readers, but for fans of man-versus-nature tales like *A Perfect Storm*, *Shadow Divers*, *127 Hours*, *Apollo 13*, *Robinson Crusoe*, and *Castaway*.

Now in a revised and edited new edition, with more than nineteen foreign deals already in place and film rights sold at auction to writer-producer Simon Kinberg (*Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *X-Men: First Class*), **THE MARTIAN** is a remarkable debut that's ready and waiting for its real liftoff.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andy Weir was first hired as a programmer for a national laboratory at age fifteen and has been working as a software engineer ever since. He is also a lifelong space nerd and a devoted hobbyist of subjects like relativistic physics, orbital mechanics, and the history of manned spaceflight. *The Martian* is his first novel.

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