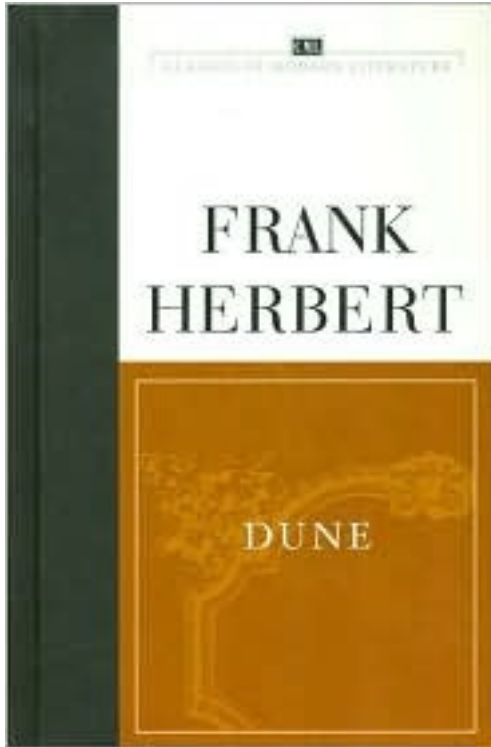


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## Frank Herbert

### Dune (Dune Chronicles #1)



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## Description

Here is the novel that will be forever considered a triumph of the imagination. Set on the desert planet Arrakis, Dune is the story of the boy Paul Atreides, who would become the mysterious man known as Maud'dib. He would avenge the traitorous plot against his noble family—and would bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream.

## Insightful reviews

Apatt: Does the world need another Dune review? I very much doubt it needs mine but that never stopped me before, saturation be damned!

Dune in and of itself, in isolation from the rest of the numerous other Dune books, is by general consensus the greatest sci-fi novel of all time. You may not agree, and one book can not please everybody but statistically Dune comes closest to achieving just this. Witness how often you see it at or near the top of all-time best sf books lists.

I never read Dune with the intent to reviewing it before, it makes for a more attentive and actually more enjoyable reading experience. When I first read it in my early teens I did not really appreciate it, I thought it was good but overrated. There are just too much depth for my young mind to handle. I got the gist of the story just fine but the *richness* of the novel completely escaped me.

What makes Dune superior to most sf books is the quality of the world building. Frank Herbert went into painstaking details of Arrakis without ever bogging down the story. During the main body of the novel (excluding the appendices) he did not once resort to making info dumps. How many modern day sf authors can do that? Still, world building alone can not possibly account for the legendary status of the book. Herbert places equal emphasis on the characterization, plot and prose. The book is full of memorable characters from the badass Lady Jessica, to Paul Atreides who starts off as a fairly generic Luke Skywalkerish "chosen one" kid to a messianic figure always ready with a sage comment for every occasion. The villains are even more colorful, especially the super-sized Baron Vladimir Harkonnen, so fat he needs anti gravity devices to help support his girth (cue worthless yo papa so fat he needs suspensors jokes). And his psychotic nephew Feyd-Rautha who is a ruthless natural born killer and seems kind of gay for some reason.

When I read it as a young lad the book seemed very long, but by today's gigantic epic sf/f books standard Dune's 896 pages length does not seem like much of a challenge if you take into account almost 100 pages of appendices and glossary. It is a highly readable and accessible book that transports the reader to a very vividly realized place. If you are looking for a bit of escapism you can not beat reading Dune for the first time.

*That's enough review I think, I just want to make a few random observations for people who are familiar with this book (more than half the people who read this review imagine):*

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- Most memorable scene for me is the "Gom Jabbar" test where Paul Atreides has his humanity tested by the Reverend Mother. What is yours?

- I love the little quotes from all those Muad'Dib books by the Princess Irulan. How many are there? Is there a "Muad'Dib's Cookery Without Water" or perhaps a Muad'Dib popup book for the kids?

- The stillsuits are great, I want one!

- What is with all the "ah-h-h" business most (lesser) writers make do with an "ah!" or an "aha!". Are the characters having orgasms?

- Don't skip the appendices, they are well worth reading.

- Last but not least, do check out [Dune - Book Summary & Analysis by Thug Notes](#) on Youtube, preferably after you have finished Dune; it's funny, insightful and informative. Come to think of it, if you are having any difficulty getting through Dune you may want to watch this.

Nandakishore Varma: This novel is a terrific exercise in world-building, and a fantastic space opera to boot. The desert planet Arrakis (where even body fluids have to be recycled through "stillsuits", so great is the water scarcity) is one of the most enchanting fictional worlds I have ever visited. And the story! - truly mythical in its dimension with empire, intrigue and desert warfare. I loved it all the way through.

Stephen: 6.0 stars. On my list of All Time Favorite Novels. Arguably the greatest Science Fiction novel ever written and certainly a standard by which other works are judged. The best way I can think of to describe the world and characters created by Frank Herbert in his Dune series is "staggering." HIGHEST POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION!!!

Winner: Hugo Award for Best Novel

Winner: Nebula Award Best Novel

Listed #1 of Locus Poll of All Time Greatest SF Novels

John Wiswell: not anyone should still argue the significance Dune. It laid the principles for loads of the subjects and constructs in smooth technological know-how fiction. Frank Herbert used to be as very important to the style as Isaac Asimov and Arthur Clarke. Unfortunately, similar to them, he is particularly dated, and his books could be a hard work to read. something he maintained from outdated technology fiction was once prim and clinical discussion that nobody may ever truly speak. i have identified many scientists, and so they do not speak like this. you are not going to persuade me a toddler does. The stuffy discussion is inserted into even stuffier narrative, till it sounds like not anything is natural approximately Herbert's prose. this can be a negative tragedy when you have an international that he positioned quite a bit attempt into development - and it's an grand feat of world-building, technically interplanetary building. yet in contrast to J.R.R. Tolkien, who he's so usually in comparison to, Herbert did not be sure you comprise a superb tale in his world. as a substitute he integrated a narrative that regularly

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illustrated how clunky a synthetic global can be, whether it truly is lovingly crafted. I struggled to connect or locate curiosity in anyone, but they are extra archetypes than human beings, whose good judgment races earlier smooth skepticism and whose discussion is cloyingly artificial, the best way humans cared for the Hobbits, Dwarves and Rangers. In his world-building, Tolkien at the least kept himself from being dated via antedating himself, or even along with his illuminated prose, wrought extra features in precisely one protagonist than all of Dune's cast. Even the political intrigue Herbert attempts to fall again on was once overdone within the secret agent style many years sooner than he all started this book. All fanatics of the "Genre" genres should still take pleasure in Herbert's titanic contributions, yet they won't faux to benefit from the books in the event that they don't, and so they may be cautious of sure pitfalls common of technological know-how fiction that survived into his landmark work.

J.: I maintain desiring to learn this.

Penny: best 10 favorite ebook of all time! i am having a great run of books from that time of view on the moment. Told within the voice of an omniscient narrator the plot unfolds with practised ease round the cast. i am not used to this kind of narration and located it to be very powerful. realizing the non-public recommendations and reactions of correct characters in yes scenes used to be usually enormously extra revealing than anything may have been. the area construction used to be easily brilliant. The universe with it is politics and intrigues grew certainly and assuredly because the booklet progressed. there have been a few attention-grabbing information akin to the outlawing of desktops and coaching people to be computer-like referred to as Menats. i'm wondering how not easy it might be to coach us to be laptop like in our thinking? There are different 'abilities' people boost via education that i'm wondering about. Paul is one in all my favorite characters ever written and that i knew that was once going to be real really early on. (view spoiler)[ His "gift" of seeing the long run is interesting and we get a formal flavor of his skill close to the tip of this book. i used to be relatively happy that the "future" turns out open to alter instead of every little thing being deeply set in destiny or whatever. i am fascinated with a few humans having unique roles, yet i am not an immense fan of now not with the ability to have an effect on swap even if you'll discover the implications of your actions. (hide spoiler)]I can see why this is often hailed as a vintage and could suggest it to an individual and everyone. cannot wait to get on with the remainder of the series. one in all my favorite fees from the book: "There is in all issues a development that's a part of our universe. It has symmetry, elegance, and charm -- these features you discover regularly in that which the genuine artist captures. you will discover it within the turning of the seasons, within the manner sand trails alongside a ridge, within the department clusters of the creosote bush or the development of its leaves. we strive to repeat those styles in our lives and our society, looking the rhythms, the dances, the types that comfort. Yet, it truly is attainable to determine peril within the discovering of ultimate perfection. it truly is transparent that the last word trend includes its personal fixity. In such perfection, all issues circulation towards death."

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