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Description

Awakening from a drunken spree in a London pub to find himself on one of Saturn's moons, Lister joins the Space Corps and boards the Red Dwarf, determined to return to Earth. Reprint.

Insightful reviews

Ivan Idris: "Red Dwarf" is a funny science fiction novel about a drunk called Lister. An epic drunk who contrary to real-life drunks is actually a nice guy. One day Lister and friends start drinking in London and eventually wakes up on a moon near Saturn. Shouldn't be a problem, right? Except he has no money and doesn't know anybody on the moon.

Lister joins the Space Corps in the hope of one day returning to Earth. He survives an accident in stasis, that kills the rest of the crew of the ship he is on and forces the ship computer to travel 3 million years away from Earth, before waking him up from stasis.

The Good

The book mixes humor and science fiction in a great way. The authors (Rob Grant and Doug Naylor who call themselves Grant Naylor) seem to have a good grasp of the special relativity theory.

The Bad

The story is not very exciting. Okay, I have seen the TV series, but still the book is mostly about Lister and there is not a lot going on. Only at the end do we get a bit of suspense.

The Ugly

The science fiction elements seem pretty tame (by today's standards).

Conclusion

I like this book, because it's funny. It is still disappointing when compared to the TV series.

David: Back in the late 80s/early 90s, there was a TV show on British terrestrial channels, that gained a bit of a cult following: 'Red Dwarf'.

Set on a 6-mile long mining ship in deep space, the early years of Red Dwarf were centred around the odd-couple pairing of Dave Lister (the last known Human alive, who was in a stasis booth - released thousands of years later - when a radiation leak wiped out the crew of the eponymous ship) and Arnold J Rimmer: a hologram of his dead bunk-mate, and perhaps the most annoying man in existence. Added to this are the ship's now-senile computer Holly and the Cat: a creature evolved from a cat that Lister had smuggle aboard (and why he was in the stasis booth in the first place).

To this, and round about season 3 (although he first made an appearance in season 2), was added Kryten: a mechanoid with an overactive guilt chip.

Some novels based on a TV show seem to pretty much just repeat the episode scene for scene; others seem to share nothing in common with their source material except the name. This, I felt, falls somewhere in the middle: while certain segments of the novel do indeed follow (very) closely to their source, others only use that as their starting-off point. It also does a better job of tying the episodes together than the TV show ever could!

Chris Meigh: Born from a British comedy show, *Red Dwarf: Infinity Welcomes Careful Drivers*, is a hilarious sci-fi-cum-soap opera that will keep you gripped right until the end.

The novel takes the series and expands on it to create its own universe and gives all of the characters far more back story. You will find out how Lister got on board *Red Dwarf* in the first place, find out how the cat people became 'the Cat' and how Kryten managed to single handedly crash the *Nova-5* into a moon. If you are a fan of the TV series then you will love this book as it takes the fantastic ideas from the episodes in series 1 and 2 and expands on them into a complex and riveting sci-fi story.

The book takes episodes such as Kryten, Me2 and Future Echo's and links them all together and forms a continuous narrative as opposed to the individual episodes in the series. There are also some character changes as well; Lister is far more intelligent in the book and you see that a lot of the things that he does are actually done intentionally. Also, Kryten is in the book more than he is in the original episode in which he appeared. Luckily, it is the slightly insane, Norman Bates style Kryten that I loved from series 2.

Overall, I think this book is great. I couldn't put it down and read all 298 pages in just over 24 hours. If you love *Red Dwarf*, read it just so you can relive the great storylines and add more depth to it. If you've never seen *Red Dwarf* then read it just because it's a great story.

Brad Keegan: A completely relaxing and intensely humorous book. In the event you like vintage sci-fi comedy resembling *The Hitchhiker's Consultant to the Galaxy*, Stark or newer choices resembling a number of *Quiet Beers with God*, then you will certainly take pleasure in *Red Dwarf*. This is often comedy duo Rob Furnish and Doug Naylor's first publication within the genre, and that I imagine it truly is their best.

Jason: even supposing I would have heard of *Red Dwarf* whilst I used to be in college, it wasn't until eventually 2009 or in order that my family members loved lots of the episodes on DVD. All of us enjoyed it! Thankfully, the humor includes over to a printed-page model of the tale and characters. For my money, Naylor is funnier than Douglas Adams, to whom comparisons are typically made; he is wittier, and not more apt to overcome the reader over the pinnacle with each joke. Should you have not ever noticed the show, yet like episodic humor in a technological know-how fiction idiom, supply this a read.

Bibliotropic: As a long-time fan of the show, I could not go up the opportunity to learn the radical that begun it all. The matter with being keen on the express first is discovering the way to touch upon the e-book as a standalone thing, no longer compared to the television sequence that got here after it. It truly is demanding to attract the road at realizing how a lot I loved the booklet for its personal sake and what kind of I loved it since it took me again to the times of staring at British comedy on YTV at night. On one hand, the humour within the e-book was once great, sophisticated in a few locations and beautifully over-the-top in others. I used to be reminded of Douglas Adams at a few points, which most likely speaks good for Naylor's skill to make the absurd look general and the traditional appear lovely darn laughable in the event you get all the way down to it. At the different hand, as a complete the writing variety did not look relatively distinguishable. I doubt I would manage to examine a bit of Naylor's writing and go, "Aha, that was once written by means of provide Naylor, without doubt approximately it." That being said, though, it's not as if I did not benefit from the book. In comparison to the show, its additional history info to characters, made them see rather less like characters and extra like individuals with very unusual yet fully plausible character quirks. And that I definitely are looking to be capable of learn the remainder of the purple Dwarf books at any time when I am capable to, and never only for nostalgia purposes, either. This isn't really a publication I'd suggest to a person correct off the bat; I believe it is best for enthusiasts of the express to read, really, or somebody who enjoys house comedy (and there will not be too a lot of that sort of booklet around, really). Enjoyable, yet no longer marvelous except you understand you are going to like it.

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