

To Sleep In A Sea of Stars

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To Sleep In A Sea of Stars is a science fiction novel set in space. The protagonist, Kira, is a space explorer, visiting foreign planets and systems. One day, she stumbles upon a relic on an unknown planet. As she investigates, it activates and war erupts among the stars. How can she resolve this conflict, and deal with the issues that rapidly arise?

Faced with such a predicament, she must find a way to save herself and the rest of the human race from extinction. The book explores her struggles and how she addresses these problems, both from outside and within. The book explores the dangers and different traits of potential extraterrestrial life, and Kira's personal journey throughout the novel. It also explores the fundamental traits of humanity, and what defines us in comparison to others. Is it our strength? Our compassion? The novel thoroughly explores these aspects and much more.

I found this book to be excellent. My only complaint was about the book's length, which totaled over 900 pages, quite an ordeal to read. At a few points, it felt like a drag to keep going, but it was mostly engaged and quite good. Given Paolini's dedication to this book, with work around a decade, it was understandable. Yet, most of the book is packed with extremely well-written action and drama. His work shows thoroughly in the novel. The research and depth that he put into the novel, I could tell his passion and drive to create a masterpiece. Overall, a great read, but not for the faint of heart. Would be more recommended to those who love to invest into characters and novels, due to the sheer length. Due to these reasons, would highly recommend this novel to those 16 or above.

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The Martian by Andy Weir

Honor Among Thieves by Ann Aguirre and Rachel Caine

Dune by Frank Herbert