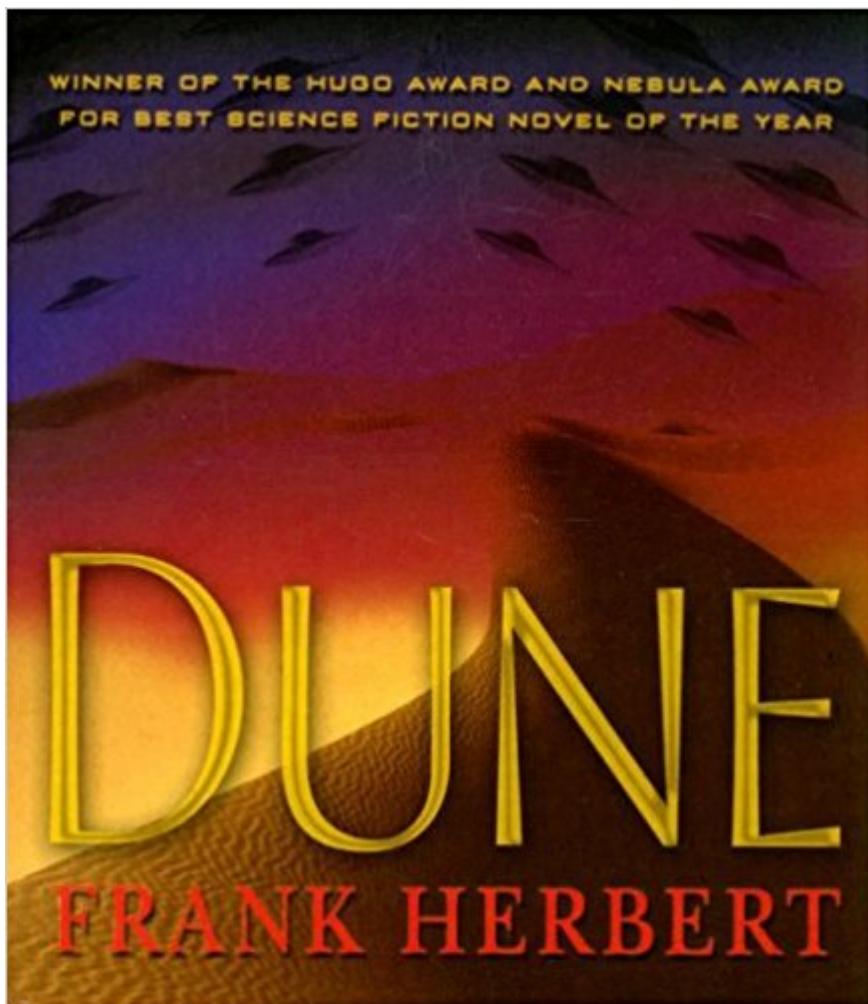


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Here is the novel that will be forever considered a triumph of the imagination. Set on the desert planet Arrakis, Dune is the story of the boy Paul Atreides, who would become the mysterious man known as Maud'dib. He would avenge the traitorous plot against his noble family and would bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream. A stunning blend of adventure and mysticism, environmentalism and politics, Dune won the first Nebula Award, shared the Hugo Award, and formed the basis of what is undoubtedly the grandest epic in science fiction. Frank Herbert's death in 1986 was a tragic loss, yet the astounding legacy of his visionary fiction will live forever.

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This Hugo and Nebula Award winner tells the sweeping tale of a desert planet called Arrakis, the focus of an intricate power struggle in a byzantine interstellar empire. Arrakis is the sole source of Melange, the "spice of spices." Melange is necessary for interstellar travel and grants psychic powers and longevity, so whoever controls it wields great influence. The troubles begin when stewardship of Arrakis is transferred by the Emperor from the Harkonnen Noble House to House Atreides. The Harkonnens don't want to give up their privilege, though, and through sabotage and treachery they cast young Duke Paul Atreides out into the planet's harsh environment to die. There he falls in with the Fremen, a tribe of desert dwellers who become the basis of the army with which

he will reclaim what's rightfully his. Paul Atreides, though, is far more than just a usurped duke. He might be the end product of a very long-term genetic experiment designed to breed a super human; he might be a messiah. His struggle is at the center of a nexus of powerful people and events, and the repercussions will be felt throughout the Imperium. *Dune* is one of the most famous science fiction novels ever written, and deservedly so. The setting is elaborate and ornate, the plot labyrinthine, the adventures exciting. Five sequels follow. --Brooks Peck --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Dune is to science fiction what *The Lord of the Rings* is to fantasy. Though fans believed they had bid a sad farewell to the sand planet of Arrakis upon Herbert's death in 1986, his son Brian has assumed writing the Nebula and Hugo award-winning series with the help of Kevin J. Anderson. But the original is always the most popular, and Ace here offers a good-quality hardcover complete with maps, a glossary, and appendixes. The book's huge fan base should expand even more thanks to a six-hour miniseries premiering on the Sci-Fi Channel later this year that is said to be more faithful to the book than David Lynch's truly awful 1984 feature film. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I'm not actually sure how many times I've read *Dune*; every decade maybe. It is extraordinary how each time I do it speaks of something different to me as I age. My first read as a young teen in the '70s was overwhelming with words and scenes I'd never experienced before. It was magical and one of the mind expanding elements of the New Age. Now, in 2017, it comes full circle to the fears of environmental impact and government off the beam. I've aged, and the story still offers an amazingly lucid reflection of reality. I highly recommend it across anyone's life span.

I've been a sci-fi reader since childhood and I'm glad I saved this one for later in life. What a captivating story of politics, ecology, religion, and action not ruined by too much of any one of those things. This was the first book I've read in a long time that I had a hard time putting down, and I am not a little disappointed to be done with it.

Essential reading, for those interested in science fiction, ecology, ethnology, the nature of power and politics, the effect of technology on humanity, speculation on the role of religion in society, or those who want to see what all the fuss is about over the novel that has remained popular for decades after its first publication.

I'd never read Dune before, it's just never come across my path. I can see how it earned it's status as arguably, the best selling sci-fi of all time. Frank Herbert's insights on politics, government and religion; all fictionalised in a future in another galaxy where Earth is but a myth of the past are impressive. I found myself constantly highlighting phrases of profound wisdom to review and ponder at a later time. I can't help but think this was in part inspired by the environment of the Cold War during which it was written, powerplays are largely made by strategy and there are some parallel concepts of nuclear diplomacy. Frank's world of Dune which I'm still continuing to explore is very well defined, he made much effort at providing credible backstory to transport the reader to this future. Early on the book delves into some of the events separating our Earth from now with this future. He's also included appendices in the vein of Tolkein to round out the details of the world, with glossaries of unique terminology and an incredible (for fiction) history of the religious politics that shaped this future.

I have never read a book that has conveyed such a complete world, the characters were engaging and the politics was exciting the combat was well choreographed. More so I felt the mood and feeling of each encounter, and understood the conflict of motives in both the protagonist and antagonist. And the eventual decision that the protagonist makes, that explores the philosophical ideas put forward in this book.

My favorite multi book saga. The power of the corrupted emperor, space guild and their ships, major families fighting for spice, lust, love, hate, loss, so full and rich characters. My number one story.

I tried to get through this book as a young person...to no avail. However, with the advent of recorded books, a whole new world has been opened up to me. Dune; probably one of the greatest science fiction novels ever written, really comes to life in this audio cd. Herbert's characters are amazingly developed and while the pace may not be to everyone's liking (slow), it is deliberate and those who listen to the end will be well-rewarded. It prompted me to purchase all of the other Frank Herbert Dune novels. (Not any of his offspring's). Glad I did. Highly recommended.

As a piece of science fiction, Dune deserves its place among the best. Even beyond the sci-fi world this piece of literature ranks among the best books ever written, in my opinion. Frank Herbert has created a time and place that, while so alien also seems very familiar. He certainly immerses his

readers in the world of Dune and in the politics that surround it. It's too bad that Dune has been categorized as a science fiction novel. While it most certainly is that it will also appeal to those interested in many other forms of fiction, especially those interested in political intrigue. That said the kindle version is rather disappointing from the standpoint of all the editorial errors in it. Misspelled words, missing spaces between words, etc. At \$15 for this e-book, which is way too expensive in my opinion, I expect a book that is professionally edited just like any other edition. I think it owes everyone who has purchased this edition a newly edited version that fixes all the problems in the original download.

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