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Buzz Aldrin is a brilliant, talented, revered figure I was excited to get his last book as a birthday gift from my brother With the recent successful launch of the next generation spacecraft, Orion, on 12 5 14, the timing seemed perfect for tackling this book.I did enjoy it, but honestly, not as much as I anticipated And probably that is my fault This book delivers a compelling argument and thesis on the steps necessary to get mankind to Mars, exactly as it advertises it will But for me the romance of space travel was somehow lost and I found this a very dry read I also found it somewhat repetitive on particular points For example, Aldrin must bring up at least 3 times that a manned mission to Mars in 2035 would occur 66 years after he stepped on the Moon in the Apollo 11 mission This 66 year time span correlates exactly to the 66 years between Apollo 11 and man s first controlled, powered and sustained heavier than air human flight the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk I know he means this as a mechanism to keep us focused on getting to Mars, but it seems somewhat a stretchI did learn an awful lot Specifically I loved the idea of Cycler Vehicles From their description, Aldrin proposes multiple space ships that continuously shuttle between Earth and Mars forever without requiring a significant amount of propellant to keep them in motion and on track They d make use of gravitational forces and require 2 years to complete the journey Wow, now that is cool.To summarize, this is a good book that goes to great lengths

to discuss the many pros and cons about near future manned space exploration, and what resources, research, and willpower it will take to get us there.3 Stars Horrid waste of time  
May be enjoyable to some, but not me I am glad I read it Very enjoyable and something I d  
recommend A rare find, simply incredible Let me preface my comments by telling you that  
the Apollo astronauts were my childhood heroes Especially Neil and Buzz That being said, I  
was not all that impressed by this book Aldrin s outline for the future of the space program  
and mission to Mars is sensible but not exciting Buzz has accomplished incredible things in  
his lifetime and I don t wish to diminish any of that Perhaps it s not the content or ideas that  
bothered me but the style in which it is written The book is highly repetitive Annoyingly so  
There is also a bit of a condescending tone as if an elder is instructing a novice Which, of  
course is true but not a comfortable position to be in as a reader.Two stars for Mission to  
Mars,All of the rest for Buzz. This is not a book, but rather just another stop on the Buzz  
Aldrin self promotion train although a bit less embarrassing than his appearance on WWE It  
s admitted explicitly that this is really just Buzz Aldrin s notes stitched together only semi  
coherently by science writer Leonard David The major result is an extremely short 210  
pages of main text, triple spaced, with at least 40% of the space taken up by pictures ,  
shallow tour of stuff that Buzz Aldrin has been thinking about or been involved in over the  
last twenty years The major ideas, such as cyclers spaceships that are on fixed paths  
between Mars and Earth , need much expansion, but instead we get tons of tiny, pointless  
ideas that add nothing to the overall picture this foundation was created for this purpose,  
this thinktank was created that purpose, and on and on Of course, we even get a some  
recollection of Buzz Aldrin s time on the moon, I guess to be inspiring see also the various  
picture of Buzz looking off into the distance quasi visionary like , but it just comes off as self  
aggrandizing It can probably be read cover to cover in two hours, but even that would be a  
waste of time. I was fortunate this summer to meet Buzz Aldrin in Rapid City and get my  
copy of Mission to Mars signed by the legendary Apollo 11 astronaut I also was able to hear  
him speak at the South Dakota School of Mines regarding his experiences and his  
advocacy for Mars exploration Mission to Mars is definitely an engineer based book, with  
lots of technical details and ideas, which can be hard to understand in certain chapters But  
Aldrin and his co author Leonard David, have done a good job in writing a book for the  
general, non engineer, public Aldrin makes a strong case for NOT going back to the moon,  
but to join other countries in making humans on Mars possible He is aware that private  
sector funding is key, teaming up with NASA and federal funding His case is strong and well  
thought out and I hope, as he hopes, that the 45th president of the United States will make  
the statement I believe this nation should commit itself, within two decades, to commencing  
American permanence on the planet Mars Would be the biggest news story of my  
generation Let s start by my stating that Edwin Aldrin is an incredibly bright guy He single  
handedly solved glaring problems with space walking during Project Gemini and may have  
helped sign the deal for so called Lunar Orbit Rendezvous that made Apollo 11 possible

That said, Aldrin also has the annoying habit of writing like the smartypants kid in our school classrooms always characterizing his ideas as bold and brilliant while denigrating those of others. In this book or in a collection of speeches, multiple repetitions of ideas suggest the latter. Aldrin lays down a vision for achieving a mission to Mars. It's entrancing but probably not going to happen for a long time. Another peskiness is name dropping. Aldrin's new penchant for sucking up to the current president, Mr. O, shows up a LOT in this book, and one gets the distinct impression Aldrin is regularly calling the White House to sell his latest ideas. Some may see parallels between Aldrin's boosterisms with those of Werner Von Braun in the 1950s, but I think Von Braun was much better able to connect with the average American than the "I am so smart, don't you forget it, Buzz Aldrin." I've read two of these so far. It's high time to move on. Buzz Aldrin is best known for his career as a US astronaut and for being the second person to ever set foot on the moon. But that was 45 years ago. Today he remains deeply engaged in the space program and wants the US to set its sights on putting a man on Mars. Aldrin lays out his vision in *Mission to Mars: My Vision for Space Exploration*, a book that includes very specific suggestions for technology development, budgeting, oversight, communication, and public policy, as well as a time table with detailed intermediary goals for making this dream a reality. Aldrin makes the case that such a high visibility, national goal would have broad social benefits by promoting investment in STEM education, science, technology, engineering, and math, and in inspiring students to pursue these fields. It could also spur cooperation and beneficial relations among nations who would need to work together to develop the infrastructure necessary to make outer space exploration routine. I admire Aldrin's vision and completely agree that a broad national goal could focus the collective energy of the country in a positive direction that could be socially and technologically transformative. In fact, we know this possibility exists because Kennedy's goal to put a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s had exactly that effect. Unfortunately, it remains to be seen whether the US still has the capability to do big things. Local and federal elected officials seem intent on political gamesmanship and playing small ball with regards to public policy. Instead of a mission to Mars or a transformative energy, communication, education, or transportation program, we are instead treated to wars of choice, 50x attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, scandal mongering, and political gridlock. Aldrin is hopeful that the country can rise above its base inclinations to accomplish great things, but given the level of polarization and shortsighted foolishness of our elected officials, I have to confess to some skepticism on this point. The alternative would be for the private sector to step in and fill the gap, but I'm not holding my breath. In addition to the fact that the private sector's only motivation lies in short-term profit, entirely lacking in establishment of a human base on Mars, the SpaceX program is still working on attainment of low Earth orbit. Given that this modest goal was achieved by the US government in 1966, the private sector is currently lagging almost 50 years behind the public sector and has only made it that far thanks to NASA's assistance. As to the book, I found it interesting and

was impressed with several of Aldrin's ideas, in particular that of a Mars Cyclor. My only criticism is that the text is serviceable, but not exceptionally well written. The book read quite a bit like a policy paper that's been polished up a bit for presentation to a public audience.

"Colonizing space is essential for the long-term survival of the human race,  
and this book shows us how." —Stephen Hawking

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## MISSION TO MARS

MY VISION for SPACE EXPLORATION

There's a lot of good information if you don't know much about recent ideas and goals for Mars. Unfortunately, I have listened to way too much Neil Degraesse Tyson's StarTalk and most of this was old news. The audiobook narrator was also super boring. 3.5 (Free Pdf) ?

Mission to Mars ? Can Astronauts Reach Mars By Absolutely, Says Buzz Aldrin, One Of The First Men To Walk On The Moon Celebrated Astronaut, Brilliant Engineer, Bestselling Author, Aldrin Believes It Is Not Only Possibly But Vital To America S Future To Keep Pushing The Space Frontier Outward For The Sake Of Exploration, Science, Development, Commerce, And Security What We Need, He Argues, Is A Commitment By The US President As Rousing As JFK S Promise To Reach The Moon By The End Of The S An Audacious, Inspiring Goal And A Unified Vision For Space Exploration In Mission To Mars, Aldrin Plots That Trajectory, Stressing That American Led Space Exploration Is Essential To The Economic And Technological Vitality Of The Nation And The World Do You Dare To Dream Big Then Join Aldrin In His Thought Provoking And Inspiring Mission To Mars From The Trade Paperback Edition I have a fascination with Mars From Dante s mystical forays to Kim Stanley Robinson s terraforming epics, from Burroughs pulp to Bradbury s poetry, I can t get enough If the government s going to spend money on space exploration, it should be with an eye to create a self sustaining colony on Mars Anything short of that is a failure I believe solely focusing on unmanned space exploration will lead to waning public interest and minimal funding The trickle of data will slowly decrease Scientists may be able to use it to find out a bunch of cool stuff, but it will be increasingly esoteric to the average Joe We recently did a Pluto fly by, but popular culture has already moved on. Of course, manned space exploration doesn t guarantee public interest either Space has got to be relatively easy and accessible and then it can be profitable Getting to that point is not easy, and I wouldn t be surprised if it never happened But, oh, how I wish it would If a pep talk about going to Mars is what you need then Aldrin s Mission to Mars is the book for you

Unfortunately that s about all it provides It s haphazard, scattershot, poorly organized, and poorly argued It s three parts raw enthusiasm, two parts self aggrandizement, with a few interesting ideas sprinkled in for flavor Among the latter are the Aldrin Cyclor system of space ships These are perpetually orbiting ships that never stop You d take a shuttle out to the cyclor as it comes close to Earth and ride it to Mars Once there you d hop off onto a similar shuttle and the cyclor continues on it s way back to Earth. The other cool idea is his approach to going back to the Moon In short, he argues that other countries should do that Instead the US should focus on developing the cyclor technology within the Earth Moon system, and otherwise develop infrastructure communication satellites, Earth Moon Lagrange point space stations and fuel depots, etc and exchange usage of these resources with other countries that want to develop a presence on the moon Once the technology is developed we expand it to Earth asteroid and Earth Mars systems. In my opinion the notion that there will be any kind of return on investment on space exploration in the near future has to be abandoned If space ever becomes profitable it will be a long time from now and

will require mining mineral rich asteroids keep in mind that a space windfall on iron, gold and other valuable resources would decimate the mining economy on Earth and Helium 3 mining for fusion purposes But that is dependent on actually creating a viable Helium 3 fusion technology first. In that sense I think the book is misleading when it comes to economic opportunities. Mars won't be a financially profitable excursion We won't find extraterrestrial life there We should go to Mars purely for the thrill of the technical challenge involved And if we don't find that challenge worth pursuing, get used to terra firma, because we'll never leave. I've heard Zubrin's books about Mars are better I need to give them a try.

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