

Chapter 1 : LAST DAY ON MARS by Kevin Emerson | Kirkus Reviews

Last Day on Mars is a science fiction book about humans in , when the sun mysteriously begins the process of turning into a supernova billion years early, humans are forced to move to Mars until they can make a year trip to Aaru-5, their new permanent home.

Plot[edit] In the s, a Martian research base, Tantalus Base outpost, is created. The eight person crew, who have been stationed there for six months, are only nineteen hours from the completion of their research mission. The spacecraft Aurora is inbound from Earth and will collect the team by lander. Without revealing his discovery, he devises a ruse for a last sojourn on the surface. Dalby remains at the pit but disappears before the team can return with equipment. Brunel authorizes Vincent Campbell to explore the pit and he finds a fungus-like life that grows in the fissure. Harrington dies from a power drill attack by one of the zombies and later revives as one himself. The remaining crew hold off the zombies while Brunel and Campbell return. Brunel is also fatally injured and reanimates, which provides the crew with new insight into the symptoms: Eventually, after several fights and escapes from the zombies through the habitat modules, mission psychologist Robert Irwin deserts scientist Kim Aldrich, who had often infuriated her crewmates. Rebecca Lane is also stabbed in the leg during the frantic escape to a rover. Under the pretense of a scouting operation, Irwin steals the second rover and unsuccessfully attempts to persuade Campbell to abandon Lane, who he states is infected. Irwin meanwhile conceals evidence of his possible infection. While Campbell and Lane wait for the sun to rise and the solar powered batteries to recharge, they discuss the nature of the zombies and Lane questions whether any human consciousness remains trapped in them. Campbell attempts to comfort her and falls asleep. When he wakes up alone, Campbell realizes that Lane has fled into the desert and he chases her. Lane, who knows she is likely to turn, fails to deter Campbell from following her and in desperation, commits suicide by removing her helmet. After she dies, Lane reanimates and begs Campbell to destroy her. Campbell reluctantly complies by bashing her head in with a rock. The other zombies appear desiccated and inert. An obviously infected Irwin initiates a launch, which takes him and Campbell into orbit. Campbell stuns Irwin and ejects the body and virulent blood droplets into the vacuum of space. In a message to mission control, Campbell says he does not have enough fuel for a rendezvous but supplies aboard can last for months if they want to launch a rescue. He tells them that this may not be advisable as he may be infected; if so he has just enough fuel for re-entry and a fast death. Campbell concludes that it will take 15 minutes for the transmission to be received and will be awaiting their reply. He subsequently ends the communication, still floating alone in space.

Chapter 2 : Review! Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson – This Kid Reviews Books

"Last Day on Mars is thrillingly ambitious and imaginative. Like a lovechild of Gravity and The Martian, it's a rousing space opera for any age, meticulously researched and relentlessly paced, that balances action, science, humor, and most importantly, two compelling main characters in Liam and Phoebe.

They come in via Twitter, Goodreads, personal emails, my website, my blog, you name it. In one recent case a parent told me that her year-old son had recently devoured the rather adult *The Martian* by Andy Weir. She wondered if I had any recommendations for him not on the adult side of things – just in general. And you have Mars. Saboteurs, exploding stars, theft, explosions, near escapes, and the constant knowledge that you are just one insignificant tiny life in the great blueberry pie of the cosmos. So to that young man I say welcome to the wide and wonderful world of middle grade science fiction, kid. As every good schoolchild knows, in the far and distant future the sun is slated to burn itself out. Unfortunately by year , it becomes pretty clear that the sun has, for some mysterious reason, fast-forwarded the timeline. Earth is burning to a crisp and the only option is to find a new planet on a new star as fast as possible. Liam and his best friends have lived all their lives on Mars, knowing full well that the planet was just considered a pit stop before humanity hops on the big big ships and goes to places unknown. His best friend Phoebe, like him, is one of the last kids to leave since their parents are scientists responsible for terraforming the new planet. Once again the Earth is in danger from aliens, but in this particular case the damage has been done. Save some details for the future books, after all. Do the great big gigantic ideas in this book work as a whole? Emerson introduces the notion of saboteurs fairly late in the game, and it can be confusing to have two entirely different groups of villains with two entirely different agendas working in different capacities throughout the story. Other than that, though, he keeps everything coherent with a nicely ordered chaos in the periphery. Of course, science fiction books for kids are hampered by one very important point. You upended the industry hive mind and managed to convince them to publish you at all! Now let us, in turn, consider the young science fiction reader. This would be a child that gravitates towards possibilities. Part of what I like so much about *Last Day On Mars* is the playful way it toys with expectations right from the start. In the *Prelude* we are asked to think about a map and a creature studying the map, but the author keeps making it clear that the best our little human brains can do is make rough estimates as to what these would look like. If reality was a blueberry pie. As an author, Emerson is capable of introducing great, grand philosophical musings one moment and then tuck them into an old-fashioned tale of good alien vs. The brainy kids get their brains. The mystery lovers their mystery. The action kids some good old-fashioned laser shootings. And for the reader that has never read a work of true science fiction before, they get something else. An intriguing start to a scintillating story. Genre is only as strong as its writing, though. In this, Emerson does pretty well. At the start I was a little worried that the three friends breaking the rules were too similar to the *Harry Potter* trio. Our hero Liam is the most potentially problematic character, though. As a result, Emerson has to put Liam in situations where he is capable of seeing the consequences of inaction, forcing him to act. On the one hand this could potentially feel like a cheat. You would think with the prevalence of *Star Trek* and *Star Wars* and *Avatar* and other deep space epics that people would need to feed the demand kids have for adventures beyond the stars. That a book like *Last Day On Mars* comes out only once in a blue moon ha ha is cause for both speculation and celebration. Speculation because one wonders if the market for these books will increase beyond the usual dystopian fare in the future. Celebration because this book is awesome. Genre-defying, beautifully written, fictional fare. For ages 9 and up.

Chapter 3 : Last Day on Mars (Chronicle of the Dark Star): Kevin Emerson: blog.quintoapp.com: Books

The Scorpis leaves today with the last million passengers. Thirteen-year-old Liam's sad to go: he was born on Mars and identifies as a Martian, unconcerned that his Earth heritage is "Thai, Irish, Nigerian, Texan, and like ten more."

Goodreads It is Earth year "but, of course, there is no Earth anymore. Not since it was burned to a cinder by the sun, which has mysteriously begun the process of going supernova far sooner than anyone expected. The human race has fled to Mars, but this was only a temporary solution while we have prepared for a second trip: Liam Saunders-Chang is one of the last humans left on Mars. Or so he thinks. Because before this day is over, Liam and Phoebe will make a series of profound discoveries about the nature of time and space and find out that the human race is just one of many in our universe locked in a dangerous struggle for survival. A fantastic start to an epic new series. It is a middle grade, science fiction adventure that had me needing to know what was going to happen next. Our main character is Liam. Due to the changing sun, humans must leave Mars and set out for a far-away planet that they hope will sustain human life. I was completely intrigued with this story. The concept that Earth had been destroyed by the sun, and that humans lived on Mars, was too interesting to pass up. I do not always read science fiction. When I do, the story needs to feel plausible to me, and Mr. Emerson achieved that with Last Day on Mars. Liam is much braver than I would be in his shoes. The book is suggested for ages , though I think that I would be more likely to recommend this to children 11 and up. It was not difficult to understand, but just some of the concepts as well as the length of the book would have me recommending it to children and teen readers who are at least At the library, I would categorize this as upper middle grade " young adult. Be sure to add Last Day on Mars on Goodreads.

Chapter 4 : Free last day on mars PDF

Kevin Emerson is the author of the The Last Day on Mars and The Oceans between Stars, The Fellowship for Alien Detection, the Oliver Nocturne series, the Atlanteans trilogy, Breakout, and Carlos Is Gonna Get It.

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Chapter 6 : blog.quintoapp.com | Last Day on Mars

Last day on Mars. [Kevin Emerson] -- While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the.

Chapter 7 : Kevin Emerson: THE CHRONICLE OF THE DARK STAR

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Chapter 8 : Review of the Day: Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson " @fuseeight A Fuse #8 Production

The Last Days on Mars is a science fiction-horror film directed by Ruairi Robinson with a screenplay by Clive Dawson, based on the short story "The Animators.

Chapter 9 : The Last Days On Mars () - Rotten Tomatoes

The book is aptly named; the vast majority of it taking place on a future Mars colony during the last day of its existence--just before it is due to be abandoned by humanity.