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Synopsis

Ex-Confederate Army captain John Carter finds himself suddenly and unwittingly transported to Mars while fleeing Apache Indians. This new world is populated by a race of monstrous Martians whose culture is based on the ability to fight for their race. Captured by the savage green men of Thark, John discovers that the gravitational difference between Mars and Earth has endowed him with the strength that he will need for survival on this hostile planet. He battles ferocious Martian creatures and gains the respect and friendship of the Barsoomians. Along the way he encounters the beautiful Dejah Thoris, Princess of Helium, and earns her everlasting devotion. Tarzan may be Burroughs' most famous character, but his John Carter/ Mars series stories are still widely read and the upcoming Disney/ Pixar film John Carter of Mars, based on the first three novels in the series, is set to hit theaters in 2012.

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Customer Reviews

This novel was a complete surprise for me. First, I saw a movie on TV called John Carter. I thought it was great. Next, I noticed it was based on a novel by Edgar Rice Burroughs- of Tarzan fame? No way, I thought. So, when my family bought me a tablet for Christmas, I decided to look for it. At the ridiculous price of \$0.00, I bought it. I am now on the third of his series of books. What is so interesting for me is that this series talks to the future in the same manner of Jules Verne or H.G. Wells. He published this first book in 1917 I believe. Flight was a very young idea back then. He deals with it in a very delightful and adventurous manner, along with other ideas that I am sure

stretched the imagination. And that is the point. I was used to the idea of seeing Johnny Weissmuller swinging through the jungle belting out his Tarzan yell and summoning all his animal friends in the jungle to confront "man" and save the day. Here was a man transported to the planet Mars to interact with many types of beings and many forms of their beliefs. In a wonderful salute to parody, Burroughs alludes to human civilization and its beliefs and faith in those beliefs in a delicate manner. On Mars for instance, one creature's Heaven may be another creature's dinner! Read it and see. I want to add one entirely different remark. At an older age now, it is difficult for me to focus for long periods of time on print. These tablets are something to consider. You can adjust the print size or font and the background you read it on. The Kindle Store is remarkable. When you download a book of choice it is delivered to you by "Whispernet", which fantastically comes to you in less than a minute!!!! Most of these books are at reduced prices.

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