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27 years into his voyage to Earth II, an exoplanet and hopefully, new home for mankind, Jim Tale, the captain of the Evolution, awakes from hyper-sleep. His crew is still asleep, but his companion, CASS, the most advanced Ai computer ever developed, eagerly awaits him. As they near Earth II, Jim finds himself haunted by a nightmare, the passing of his wife and soul-mate back on Earth, and eases his troubled mind in dialogue with CASS where they explore existential issues. But all doesn't go as planned. NASA and the European Space Agency missed an important factor in their blueprint for the voyage; what if Earth II, their destination, is already the property of another species, and what if ET isn't interested in having a warlike species, like humans, as neighbors? Jim Tale suddenly finds himself cast into the role of ambassador for a world that is on the brink of nuclear war, and faced with impossible decisions about what to do to accomplish his mission, one that could make the difference between the future existence of mankind, or its extinction. Jim's refusal to give up, his recalcitrant and defiant attitude, and an obsession to discover the fundamental truths about who we really are, takes him, CASS and his crew, on a space odyssey to the very edge of the Universe in search of those answers. A book written in a brutally bold and flippant narrative, one that will keep you reading to its impossible ending.

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"...this is dystopian sci-f at its best. Highly recommended."

"A fast-paced science-fiction novel that intertwines elements of suspense, romance, while tackling some of life's biggest questions..."

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## From Reader Review Earth Escape for online ebook

### Elaine Milks says

The book Earth Escape is the latest book by my favorite author, I have enjoyed every one of his books. This one is a great story that blew my mind. I became so engrossed in the story that I almost came to believe it was really happening. At first I did not like the opinions of the man, Jim Tale but as I read more I came to understand what an incredible look into someone opinions that are so new and thought provoking. He was a thinker and searcher and what he found was very unusual, unlike anything I had ever read or thought. The story takes the reader on a search for a new earth but they find much more than they were looking for. the reader get to experience space travel full of surprises. The author did a wonderful job pulling it all together and left me hungry for his next book.

this by far one of his best. Everyone should enjoy reading this book and taking a very unique trip with a man who is not a go by the book or follow the crowd person, he is much more interesting.

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### Charles says

Réal Lapaine takes you on a fast-paced odyssey beyond the very edge of the universe and into the void in this gripping, surprising, and very thoughtful science fiction novel.

In the not-too-distant future, Earth is on the verge of environmental collapse and the brink of nuclear destruction. Jim Tale is given command of the interstellar starship Evolution, charged with the near impossible task of travelling 1400 light years into space and establishing Terra Nova, a colony where humanity can begin anew.

When he arises from his sleep pod, his colleagues still suspended in deep sleep, his only companion and reference source is CASS the computer. Even after his crew is awakened, CASS is Jim's main companion, confidant, source of stability, and camaraderie for him. Their intriguing dialogues are vast in scope, and range from sarcasm to questions of the meaning of existence. Along the way to Terra Nova, and beyond, CASS displays more and more human characteristics. And Jim and CASS discover they are both on the same path: to seek an answer to the very nature of existence.

The writing is imaginative and engaging. To say the book is hard to put down is to damn it with faint praise. Réal's descriptive prowess surrounds the reader in vivid tableaux and emotions. The aliens and worlds encountered are realistically drawn. Questions of quantum physics, creation, evolution, consciousness, and the purpose of existence are all inventively connected. High-stakes adventure is interwoven with thought-provoking questions.

At one point, Jim and CASS confront a being who asks, "What is existence and life if not to experience things? And to retain those experiences as memories? Isn't the totality of what you do, every breath you take, every dream you dream, every road you walk—all of it, just part of a grand plan on your part to experience life?"

It is a wonderful piece of speculative fiction, clearly inspired by the grand masters of the genre, Asimov, Clarke and Heinlein, where each new page simultaneously takes the reader further out toward the boundaries of the universe and deeper into resolving the mystery of existence.

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### **Daniel Di Cori says**

This is a wonderful piece of speculative fiction, inspired by the Masters of the genre - Asimov, Clarke and Heinlein. Real Laplaine brings us on an interstellar mission at faster than light speed... The urgency of the situation is palpable... Instantly likeable and relatable characters in transition to a new home for humanity transcend their mission parameters... Each new turn leads further out to the edge of the Universe and deeper into the unravelling mystery of existence. Exciting and intelligent, this is a really fun read and much more... I felt as though this book was written especially for me - It fits my personality. It's an imaginative, philosophical conversation touching on some of the most relevant issues of our times. There's so much more I could say about the parallels Laplaine has layered into Earth Escape but I will not spoil it for you - Discover them on your own... Enjoy !

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### **Albert Harvey says**

An intriguing novel set in the near future with a great deal of reverence to our current world. The story takes you on an interstellar journey searching for a new world for the human race to inhabit as ours is on the verge of destruction. The main character exudes the persona of a street smart guy with unyielding courage enabling him to persevere in mentally taxing, as well as perilous situations. Ingrained in him is also an introspective quality that keeps him searching for answers in regards to life, creation, and purpose that have existed since the beginning of time which seem to be a constant quarry throughout the universe.

His main companion is an artificial life form with exceedingly human characteristics. It is a source of stability, reference, as well as camaraderie for him. Their dialogues are vast in scope, and many times contain humorous amounts of sarcasm which adds to the continually intriguing story line. During his journey he encounters extraterrestrial life forms; some of which are intellectual in nature, while others put him in perilous situations. His afore mentioned courage has made him the right choice for the mission as failure could mean the human extinction. The descriptions of his travels inspire vivid, and seemingly tangible scenes in your mind lending to the feeling that you are on this journey as well.

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### **Jeanne Ruczhak-Eckman says**

Well written book in the sci fi genre dealing with existentialism.

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### **Claudia Casser says**

Earth Escape is a spiritual and philosophical journey like Robert M. Pirsig's Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, but set in boundless outer space. The protagonist is Jim Tale, captain of Earth's first colony ship. An astronaut and explorer in the mold of men from the 1960s, Captain Tale is an individualist in the autumn of his life, haunted by the long-ago death of his wife and the meaning of life. His only real "relationship" is with his starship's AI, who manifests to him as an echo of his wife. And then Captain Tale makes first contact with humanoid aliens.

Well-paced and plotted, *Earth Escape* carries the reader through Captain Tale's exploration of ultimate truths. However, the novel suffers from unnecessarily long introductory passages. In addition, for those sensitive to grammar and diction, recurring poor word choices and occasional poor proofreading jolt one out of the story. Finally, inconsistent science—like the unexplained presence of the colony ship's AI on an alien scout ship, the failure to explain how humans could instantly adapt to a planet two and a half times the size of Earth when that means roughly two and a half times the gravity, and the failure to appreciate the actual distance between galaxies—undermines the persuasive force of the novel's vision.

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### **Victoria Ichizli-Bartels says**

Gripping, surprising, and a very thoughtful story. A very memorable read.

It is obvious that the author had put all of him into this story. Although the story is fictional, it is extremely close to the current state of events and especially the nature of the conflicts around the world. We see every day how easy it is to be drawn into a narrow-minded thinking. We all want to define everything concretely and once and for all. The ever-surprising life events shake all those beliefs and definitions profoundly and this is very scary. Slipping under the duvet of judging others or other-minded people can be so comfortable. We've all been there and probably be drawn into such traps again and again. The clue is to remain open-minded and compassionate, both to ourselves and to others.

And exactly this was the main message I read again and again both between the lines and directly inside "Earth Escape".

But even the best message would be nothing without strong writing and I definitely can confirm this for this book. The thorough research about the theories of where we all come originally from are cleverly woven together and with author's imagination, and this makes the story sound very believable. What I also liked very much was the clearly visible intention behind and careful forming of every scene and every element in the book.

I highly recommend reading this book. You might find yourself chuckling at Jim Tale's language and spicy dialogues and scenes, but you might also discover yourself looking at the world differently during and after reading this story. You might discover that you want to make a positive change in the world.

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### **Dan Mibourn says**

#### **Believable, unbelievable that is the question**

If you like Science Fiction surrounded by fantasy, this book is for you, if you like fantasy shot through with science fiction then this is the book for you, you are going down a corridor you are confident that you know just where this author is taking you and the direction that you were expecting does not exist, you are backtracking or going the opposite direction, it is like this most of the way through it {the book} I loved it you will also {most 1

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