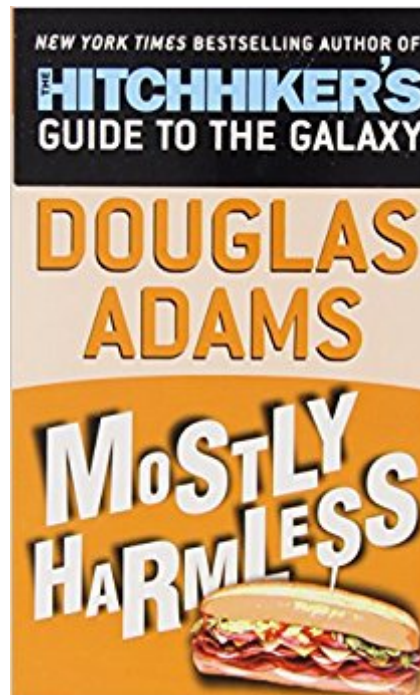




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Ford Prefect, of the planet Betelgeuse, and Earthman Arthur Dent began their whimsical odyssey in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. In Adams' latest book, Ford relies on serendipity and his own quick wits to protect a powerful new edition of the *Hitchhiker's Guide* from the loathsome, sluglike Vogons. Ford's pal, Arthur, misses his planet and his old flame, Tricia McMillan. The rootless traveler from Earth finds his metier, however, on Lamuella, a world whose people subsist on Perfectly Normal Beast. Adams sets a rapid pace that becomes even more hectic when Arthur is unexpectedly joined by Tricia; her peevish teenage daughter; Ford Prefect; and the travel guide to the stars. The book once looked like a hand-held computer; now it takes the shape of a mechanical talking bird. Using new techniques, this floating device can whisk users through space and time. Thus the scene shifts back to Earth, where the past, present and future braid together. Adams may depend too much on the cliffhanger form. But his ingenious wit still captivates, and his characters frolic through the galaxy with infectious joy. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

“Hitchhiker fans rejoice! . . . [Here] more of the same zany nonsensical mayhem. New York Times Book Review “It is Mr. Adams’s genius to hurl readers into a plot that seems to go everywhere and nowhere, then suddenly drop the pieces into place, click, click, click, like tumblers in a lock. . . . Delightful. Baltimore Sun From the Trade Paperback edition.

I read The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, the first book in the series, with great interest and joy. The Restaurant at the End of The Universe was very enjoyable too, but less so than the first book. I didn’t like Life, The Universe and Everything that much, and I had completely lost interest by So Long. With Mostly Harmless, Douglas Adams returns to his much loved Hitchhikers style of writing. One could say that the story comes full circle, because the series which starts with the Earth being blown to bits, ends with the earth being blown to bits, again. Arthur is finally relieved of his burden, and we feel happy for him. Although not all the Hitchhikers characters we love are not in this story, as was the case with So Long, but I could not not like this story. I did miss Marvin, though.

Yes I read this entire series, I mean if you call yourself sci-fi fan of fans you have to read hitchhiker’s. I’ve read the first book a few times and while it is an ok read is mostly just silly. And I can get on board with silly. But stretching silly for six books is rather much. So I don’t really “get” these books and the fanatical following it has produced. I don’t care for Arthur much, seems like a wild over the top English gent, but personally I don’t get the joke of a person this dim. The rest of it is just tripe to me. Well written tripe, but nevertheless. Anyway enjoy it or not.

I LOVE Hitchhikers guide. I have since High school in the 90’s and I am one of the few that even loved the movie.. This book, I liked, but no way did I love. I was almost angry at the story progression, and was left disappointed. I only purchased it so I can have the complete set of the series, even including the recent one that Adams did not write. I wish they would adapt the Hitchhikers guide universe into a TV series. Just get Stephen Moffett!

Don’t order the audible version, its overly annoying. Movie was much more together. Wish Arthur was killed off. Such a worthless character.

It’s an entertaining read but is by far the my least favorite of the series so far. But that may just be

because it had less laughs and more romance.

The books have much more detail and humor than the tv shows or the movie . Not only humor but comments on the universe we all live in

Every page is funny, every chapter a wonderful playful exploration of sci-fi concepts and cutting commentary on life, the universe and everything. Simply the best!

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