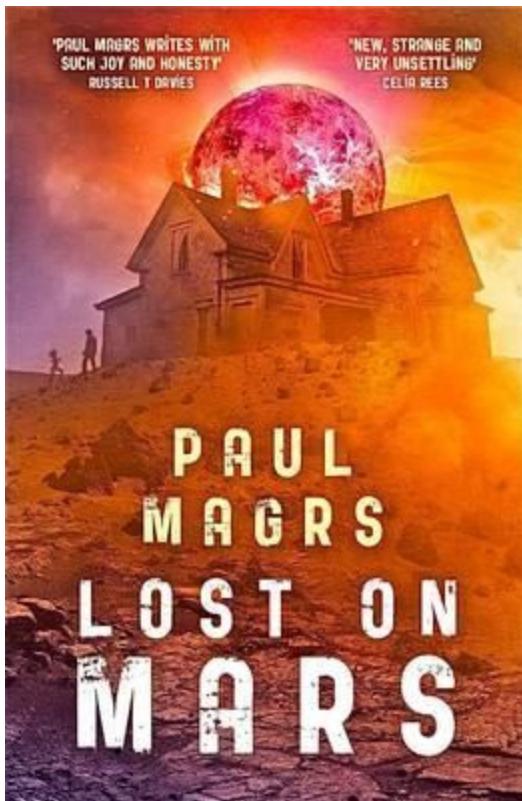


Lovereading4kids Reader reviews of **Lost on Mars** by Paul Magrs

Below are the complete reviews, written by the Lovereading4kids members.



Isaac, age 14

This book has made space exploration dreams become a reality.

Lora is not your average girl. Born as part of third generation of mars settlers, she has learned to withstand the harsh environment around her; which may or may not be trying to kill them off. Just when things began to get better for her and her family, the disappearances begin. One night, she sees the evil of the Martians used in action, and fears the worst. But then she makes an unexpected friend, who may help her save her family; but will it be enough?

I would rate this book an eight out of 10 as it was really intense and exciting, but

it became confusing sometimes and I might have liked it to be a bit slower at points.

I would put this book towards ages of 12+ and it's perfect for those who enjoy thriller, adventure and action books.

Rosa Boran

'Lost On Mars' by Paul Magrs is an interesting novel. It is a cross between 'Little House on the Prairie' and a modern science fiction story.



Lora and her family are settlers, the third generation to settle on Mars. They have a harsh life, as Mars is not the most habitable of planets. As well as the physical hardship there is also a deeper threat as people are disappearing. Lori is a great protagonist. A young, courageous girl who leads her people after her father disappears. The adults are portrayed as weak and needy, happy to let this young girl take all the decisions and bear all the responsibility. The book is very clearly structured as two parts. The first is set in the homestead where the family battle the elements to survive and the second in the amazing city that they discover.

*There was a lot to like in this novel. I especially liked the history of human kind as shown in the book and how people ended up on Mars. I loved the characters and I loved the mysterious city. However, I did feel that the story lagged somewhere in the middle. The journey from when they left the homestead to where they reached the city was too long. I almost stopped reading at that point. I am glad that I didn't. I would advise readers to stick with it until the end. It is worth it! **An exciting and unique adventure story.***

Emily Kirby, age 13

*Personally the style of writing was not for me and I have to say I would not recommend it. Nevertheless **I thought the book had a great story line that was inventive with a few twists and turns.***

'Lost on Mars' is a book about a family of three generations that have settled on Mars and been living there for sixty years. When the Martians start to come back, to what would seem claim their planet back, there are many mysterious disappearances in their town. They call this town 'Our town' as they have never been to another town or place and know nowhere else. So because of the danger Lora and her family set off on a perilous journey across the cruel landscape of Mars. But will they ever find salvation?

Mia Emery - Dormston Secondary School

'Lost on Mars' is set in the future where humans have decided to live on Mars.

Although not everyone believes that moving to Mars was the best thing to do, for example, our main character Lora blames her Nan for having to struggle every day, but if she had still lived on Earth her family would be rich and well-off. Instead, the family farm for a living as well as using old rusty robots, for example Toaster who "had lasted as long as Grandma". Toaster is a tanning robot which "had lasted as long as Grandma", Even though Toaster always



needs fixing, Grandma would not let him be recycled because he “reminded her of the good old days on Earth”.

Overall I find this book interesting and clever as it made me wonder what living on Mars would really be like and whether this could actually happen one day in our future.

Holly Wilkins, age 14

Out of this world!

Lora lives on Mars which is where the disappearances happen. Normally her family are OK but this year her father and grandmother disappear. She decides to take the rest of her family to find a new life. But, will they be safe? Will they discover the reason behind the disappearances? And, will they be reunited? This book, although taking a little while to get into, is an interesting read. You will soon not want to put the book down. It is definitely 'out of this world'.

Anastasia Abdian, 13

Lost On Mars is about a girl named Lora and her family that live on Mars in a small "town". There are mysterious disappearances occurring and her family must leave. I highly recommend this book.
Lost On Mars is a fantastic Sci-fi book. I highly recommend it to anyone who likes books about space travel or futuristic fiction. There are mysterious disappearances in her settlement where Lora and her family live on Mars.