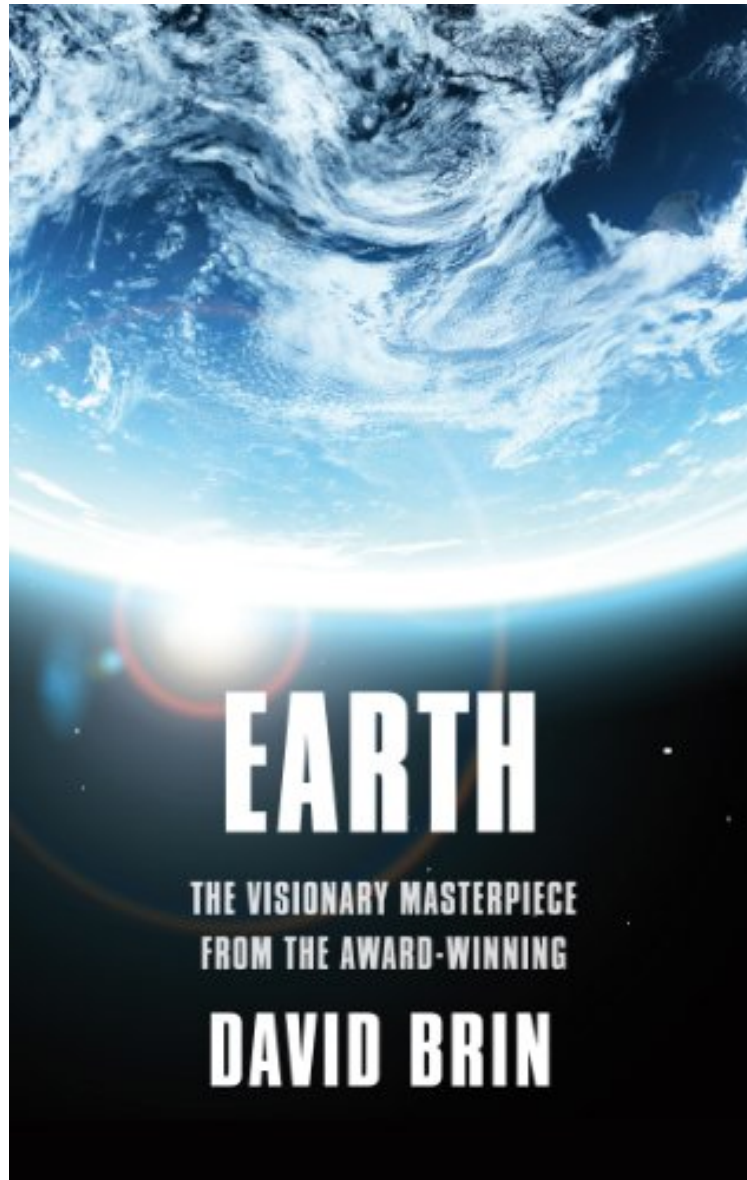


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Von David Brin

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Von David Brin : Earth (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Earth (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Highly Complex, packed with ideas and good plot!Von T. HerzogBrin developed a whole world of stories and describes more ideas of the near future than other authors would pack into a whole series of novels. He took a deep insight in current

events and social trends and tendencies a few decades farther down the timeline and created a broad base for his plot to stand on. And exactly this is what the book makes worth reading, IMHO. This book is not so much science fiction, rather it should be described as 'social fiction', adding a whole new layer to the term 'realistic SF'. Several of his predictions actually came true, others even seemed to tame, now years after he wrote them. He precisely foresaw the importance of the internet years before its widespread, for example. The plot, too, is stunning and exciting to the very climax and the ending is smooth and round. I highly recommend this book to any intelligent reader of SF. I personally wouldn't give it to teenager, not because it has any violence or sex in it but due to its somehow disturbing views into the next decades which may be quite upsetting for youngsters.

3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Superb and complex - an insight into near future
Von Armin Freiberg
David Brin - in my opinion - builds a very complex and plausible picture of the human world in the near future. The story has many threads that all work together: social and political trends, the downfall of the "waste society", change of climate, modern science versus ethnic traditions, technological progress (and some personal stories). It contains very many aspects and develops in a way that I nearly couldn't stop reading. The story takes some surprising turns while it continues to get more and more tense. The end is quite a surprise and - as far as my experience goes - there have not been many authors putting forth such an expansion of possible human future. The book shows a philosophy that is maybe not unique, but surely very pleasing to find existing.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Magisterial
Von Paul Frandano
As Brin himself writes in his unusual, and interesting, afterword, 50-year extrapolations are a difficult business; the future has to be identifiable, but also sufficiently different in understandable ways to be worthy of the genre. Earth is not only a spectacularly readable novel. It gets things "right," in the sense that the extrapolations are plausible (some might say "conservative"), the science (even the fictional "cavitronics") seems, to this layman, sound, the social milieu are eminently reasonable and closely observed. Importantly for this work, Brin more than a decade ago had a clear picture of the internet's potential power, and the web is here a central character. So too is Earth itself, in many guises--in fact, the novel can double as a delightful tutorial on various "green" topics. Moreover, Brin's theme of "competition and cooperation" as the engine of evolution and of complex emergent behaviors, human and otherwise, is brilliantly worked throughout the narrative. (And I've said nothing about the lucidly wrought, believable characters that thickly inhabit this long, ambitious, and carefully plotted work.) Some readers may complain the climax contains a touch of deus ex machina, but, in the story's context, it all works. Indeed, at the conclusion, you feel "everything fits, everything matters, everything affects everything else." Bravo, bravo, bravo.

Kurzbeschreibung
TIME IS RUNNING OUT
Decades from now, an artificial black hole has fallen into the Earth's core. As scientists frantically work to prevent the ultimate disaster, they discover that the entire planet could be destroyed within a year. But while they look for an answer, some claim that the only way to save Earth is to let its human inhabitants become extinct: to reset the evolutionary clock and start over.

Earth is the Hugo and Locus Award-nominated novel that, with countless accurate predictions, earned David Brin his reputation as a visionary futurologist. From Publishers Weekly
Weaving an epic of complex dimensions, Brin (*Startide Rising*) plaits initially divergent story lines, all set in the year 2038, into an outstandingly satisfying novel. At the center is a type of mystery: after a failed murder attempt, a group of people try to save the victim, recover the murder weapon, identify the guilty party and fend off other assassins, all the while being led through $n + 1$ plot twists--each with a sense of overhanging doom, because the intended victim is Gaea, Earth herself. The struggle to save the planet gives Brin the occasion to recap recent global events: a world war fought to wrest all caches of secret information from the grip of an elite few; a series of ecological disasters brought about by environmental abuse; and the effects of a universal interactive data network on beginning to turn the world into a true global village. Fully dimensional and engaging characters with plausible motivations bring drama to these scenarios. Brin's exciting prose style will probably make this a Hugo nominee, and will certainly keep readers turning pages. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From School Library Journal
YA-- Brin uses the escape of a manmade black hole that is eating away at the Earth's core and a plausible future of sophisticated, instant universal and global computer data linkage and retrieval to reexamine, explore, and expand upon the themes regarding genetic creation and advancement begun in *Star tide Rising* (1983) and *The Uplift War* (1987, both Bantam). There is an element of suspense and intrigue as the characters scramble to define, find, and solve the black hole damage before each other and before it's too late. Although less engaging than the previously mentioned books, this is timely in its investigation of current ecological issues and includes a welcome annotated bibliography and list of environmental organizations and addresses. --Joan Lewis Reynolds, West Potomac High School, VA
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