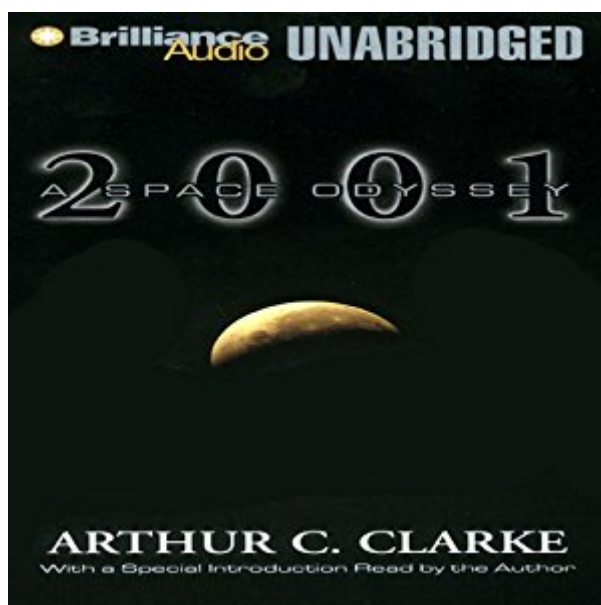


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# 2001: A Space Odyssey



## Synopsis

It has been more than forty years since the publication of this classic science fiction novel that changed the way we look at the stars and ourselves. From the savannas of Africa at the dawn of mankind to the rings of Saturn as man adventures to the outer rim of our solar system, *2001: A Space Odyssey* is a journey unlike any other. This allegory about humanity's exploration of the universe, and the universe's reaction to humanity, was the basis for director Stanley Kubrick's immortal film, and lives on as a hallmark achievement in storytelling. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Classic sci-fi! The key issue in the book, a rogue ship computer offing the crewmembers in an attempt to carry out its mission, is only at the surface level. The underlying issue Clarke explores in this book is man's journey into the cosmos and brushing up against alien intelligence much more advanced than our own. I will say, the end of this book is really where the 'odyssey' begins. It's trippy. And for those of you who have watched the movie and been confused by the ending, I think the book's will help give some context. Overall, it's a fantastic read if you are into sci-fi. For those who don't usually read sci-fi, this book can feel a little slow. That's because Clarke takes his time exploring one or two central ideas in his books, not rushing onto the next. However, the book isn't very long regardless. If you like this book, check out Clarke's *Rendezvous with Rama!*

I've seen the movie multiple times but I had never read the book, which is really strange considering my love of science fiction. The book was pretty good but fairly boring at times there's not a lot of action and there's a lot of reflection as there is really only one main human character. The author is a bit wordy describing the visuals: I think that is more reflective of the writing style at the time as today's editors would be cutting a lot of it out. Despite that, I enjoyed it for what it was and promptly ordered the sequel. If you're a science fiction fan, you need to check this one off of your bucket list.

This book was published when I was in High School and I purchased it and read it then. I just recently repurchased it for my Kindles to reread. The book is a classic of Science Fiction and it is a must read for anyone that loves Sci-Fi. I read the book before I saw the movie and I think that is the right way to understand this story. Both the book and the movie are entertaining in their own way. I will not ruin the plot or the storyline but it is an interesting one with the aliens influencing mankind on the path of intelligence and learning. This is a good book and it is a good story without wars or combat with aliens. It is about understanding how mankind developed and where we might be headed in the future. I like this book and I recommend it.

What a book. At some points I found it hard to put down and at others I struggled to flip the page. The book gives one possible explanation for how life became what it is today. Found the ending hard to visualize but hey, that's what movies are for. ;D

Having heard about this book & movie for years, I was always curious about them both. I recently caught the movie on cable and was absolutely BLOWN away by what I saw! It was a real "minder bender" if you will. My 12 year old son and I sat and watched it trying to figure out just what the heck was going on. I immediately ordered the book from . I couldn't put the book down. It's an easy read. You will enjoy it as much, if not more than the movie. The book explains in more details just what's transpiring in the movie! This book is a must read for any fan of Science Fiction! I am new to the genre. I started reading science fiction 6 months ago. The one thing I enjoy is finding parallels from these books to today's world. It's easy! Even in 2001: A Space Odyssey, while crewmen, Poole & Bowman are sitting and eating, it appears they are both watching a news reports on their ipads. Both book and movie are excellent! Read the book! You will enjoy it!! And will become a part of you.

I've seen Kubrick's movie many times and enjoyed it, although I never fully understood the ending. Hoping to gain some understanding of Kubrick's seemingly non sequitur ending, I decided to read Clarke's book. Now, after having read the book, I feel that the movie roundly cheated the audience out of a great story, a true epic odyssey. Since the screenplay and the book were written simultaneously, it's not surprising that the two were in lockstep, that is, right up until the ending. Clarke's book beautifully completes for the reader the Odyssey that the movie leaves abbreviated and unexplained ... almost as if at that point in the story Kubrick just says, "Screw it! We're way over time on this so just throw in an unexplained psychedelic acid trip and let's call it a wrap!". With the understanding gained from the book of how the Odyssey plays out, I can see remnants of it in Kubrick's ending, but one cannot get there from the movie alone. 2001 is a classic in the Science Fiction genre, and a highly recommended read for all ... and a must read for those who thought they enjoyed the movie.

Lost my original copy, happy to find a new one. Always a good read.Great price, prompt delivery!

I wish I had through the to read this earlier! I had my own interpretations of Kubriks film and while unique were fundamentally wrong having now read his book.The timing of this book is obviously incredible as well, the threat of nuclear annihilation still lingers but then was an oppressive force, and so much in space was unknown, how this text stays so optimisitic is fitting and visionary, I truly enjoyed it.I also loved that Hal wasn't the main theme, I always felt that the AI in the film was overplayed and the boom really does a better job of making it more of a secondary plot line, sociopathic AI simply doesn't register with me and never has, despite Musk and the other icons rants I just don't see it.Anyway I loved his book and gave me new perspective on the film.

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