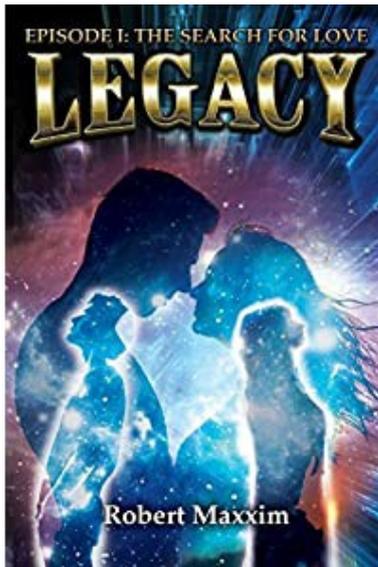




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Editorial Review



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Title: Legacy
Subtitle: Episode I: The Search for Love
Author: Robert Maxxim
Genre: Fiction - Science Fiction



Appearance: The appearance of a book can make a significant impact on the experience of a reader, whose enjoyment is often enhanced by an enticing cover, an intriguing table of contents, interesting chapter headings, and when possible, eye-catching illustrations.

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Review:

Reviewed by Stephanie Chapman for Readers' Favorite

Robert Maxxim's science fiction story Legacy Episode I: The Search For Love takes place in the future. Told in a first-person narrative, the main character sets the stage for the state of mind in which readers should approach the entire story in the first chapter. He quotes passages from the Bible but refers to God as "Majesty" throughout the book. The description of the environment, space suits, and physical appearances of the supporting characters are so detailed that little is left to the imagination. However, when it comes to the narrator's identity, he changes names and forms throughout the entire story from reincarnation. Having no faith in God, his story unfolds on the planets of Mars and Earth. The narrator valiantly fights, and in several instances perishes. Then he is reincarnated as another person while retaining some memories in his subconscious. As he changes identity throughout the story, he begins to become aware of someone watching him. He begins his quest in self-discovery.

I found this particular science fiction story to resemble the Book of Revelation in the Bible. Robert Maxxim eloquently described the emotion of love's purity in Legacy Episode 1: The Search For Love. As the depth of the book is explored, I watched the full evolution of mankind from selfish conquerors to accepting beings embracing one another as equals, despite race/species. This is not a story to take at face value; every chapter exposes people's fears and sins without God. I liked watching the narrator's personal growth as he drew closer to God. The pace of the story is slow, but this is effective in portraying the development of each character. Interestingly, the viewpoint of the narrator and his adversaries shift from male to female, warrior to scientist, peasant to leader of nations. There is a major lesson to learn from this book and the journey to understanding the full weight of it is imperative. I recommend this book to anyone that likes science fiction. There is some mild violence but nothing overly graphic, and the description of love is never explicit. This beautiful story isn't a quick read, but I did find myself looking at the world we are in today and seeing the social issues we need to overcome.