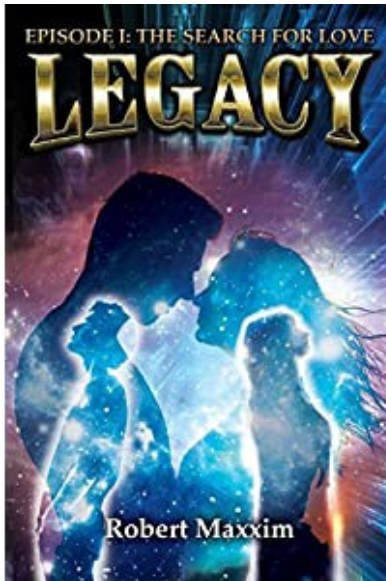




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Editorial Review



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These are the opinions of your reviewer, and although your reviewer is not an expert literary critic or professional editor, they are at the very least, an avid reader of books just like yours.

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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Plot: The characters of a book should be well defined with strengths and flaws, and while they do not have to be likable, the reader does have to be able to form a connection with them. The tone should be consistent, the theme should be clear, and the plot should be original or told from a unique perspective. For informative books -- those without plot and characters--this rating refers primarily to your concept and how well you presented it.

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- Formatting:** Formatting is the single most overlooked area by authors. The way in which you describe scenes, display dialogue, and shift point of view can make or break your story. In addition, excessive grammatical errors and typos can give your book an amateurish feel and even put off readers completely.
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- 4**
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Review:

Reviewed by Vincent Dublado for Readers' Favorite

Legacy Episode I: The Search for Love by Robert Maxxim begins with an intriguing opening that might strike you as New Age. But give him a chance because his revelations about witnessing real events in distant lands and foreign worlds that are far different from ours have a huge bearing on this novel's plot. After hearing him out on his belief systems, the author proceeds to the narrative of his novel taking place in the year 2058. It centers on a military geologist called Sarge working on Mars. The political climate on Earth continues to spawn civil unrest as everyone is preoccupied with the neurotic notion of a Martian apocalypse. Sarge stumbles upon a Martian civilization where he meets a female Martian who is fated to become his love. His friendship with the Martians behooves a change in him that will make him trace his deeds in the past.

Robert Maxxim's training in music reflects in the lyrical quality of his prose. Its good sense of composition makes it an astonishing novel that crosses science, philosophy, and spirituality. He manages to subtly inject his core beliefs within the appropriate time and situations in the storyline, thus making it flow with the narrative and it doesn't feel forced. Graphic illustrations and diagrams add credibility to Maxxim's visions so you are convinced that he is committed to the idea of the true science of life infused with mystical strains. The only caveat I will give is that you need to give yourself time to process these complex ideas because they can prove to be overwhelming. Legacy is written by a storyteller with the mash-up sensibility of a dreamer, scientist, philosopher, and romantic. This story makes for great reading. But be sure you have enough of a grasp on the concepts presented here or you might decide to discontinue reading.