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Rate: 3.5

The Martian Chronicles, by Ray Bradbury, is a series of science fiction vignettes taking place over multiple decades relating to space travel and colonization. There exists a great diversity of characters in this story- including both martians and humans as they struggle to thrive on Earth's sister planet. Ultimately, Bradbury doesn't follow any single character; rather, few are mentioned more than once in the entire novel.

Overall, this novel is well written, but not for me. I personally found the number of characters very difficult to follow, as well as the fact that *The Martian Chronicle's* timeline is very convoluted. However, I appreciate the many plot twists and details that Bradbury puts into this work. By the time I had finished reading it, it truly made me reflect on how technology would shape our future world, although some of his predicted futuristic inventions seem very drastic from our world today.

In general, I feel that fans of space exploration, astronomy, or AI would appreciate this book. Personally, I wouldn't recommend it as it was written primarily to serve as a commentary, rather than to entertain, which is why I didn't rate this higher. Novels such as *Animal Farm* or *1984*, both by George Orwell can be comparable to this story as they're all written as commentaries on the authors' present-day society.