

# MORSELS FOR THE MIND BOOK GROUP

**Date:** 01/18/2016

**Hostess:** Laura Lewakowski

**Book Title:** The Martian

**Author:** Andy Weir

**Book Synopsis:** Astronaut Mark Watney is stranded on Mars when an expedition goes dreadfully wrong, and his crew leaves him thinking he is dead. Once he communicates to NASA that he is very much alive, he has to figure out a way to survive until they can rescue him.

**Our Review:** This was our first Sci-fi title, and the "sci" parts of the book really frustrated certain Morsels, while others actually enjoyed the detail the book revealed that the movie left out. The Morsels selected the book The Martian by Andy Weir LONG before the movie came out. Most of the members went to see the movie and liked it well enough.

**Food Served:** Baked Potato Bar, Potato Chips, Cheddar Rockets, Milky Way bars, Moon Mist soda, Apple Juice ("pre" water), Bottled Water ( ), Tang (yes they still make Tang!), Sugar babies (aka – tiny potatoes), Dirt Dessert complete with potato plants

**Highlights of Discussion:** We found it interesting that the author has such a fear of flying that he had to be sedated in order to go to Houston to visit the Johnson Space Center. The Martian was originally self-published and available for FREE on the author's website. He then sold a Kindle version on Amazon for 99 cents.

**Attendance:** Laura, Nancy, Nancy and Nancy, Julie, Ginny

**Business/Suggestions:** Selected books for 2016 We decided to collect books for all ages to be donated to the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Library for a Mother's Day memorial to Anne Starke.