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Chancellor Lucca believes Jess and Pavel are dead, and now she's deadly determined to make certain Mars never interferes with her or her world again. Meanwhile on Mars, Mei Lo pleads with the Raiders to finish their second mission: disabling the Terran satellites. But the satellites aren't all that threaten the red planet. Cavanaugh Kipling makes plans to contact Lucca's government--without permission. Now Jessamyn must thwart villains on two worlds before it's too late to prevent the destruction of Mars.

Mars Burning Details

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May says

OMG, book 4! Jessamyn's adventure continues!!! When I saw the fourth book, I downloaded the Kindle book immediately. Jessamyn is still the smart and spunky heroine from book 1. And, she still rocks as a pilot! Also, Ethan, Mr. Zussman, and Pavel are back. In Mars Burning, Chancellor Lucca is determined to destroy Mars and greedy Cavanaugh Kipling, unaware of her true intentions, is trying to set up a treaty between the planets. Oh, oh! P.S. The romance between Jessamyn and Pavel is perfectly cute!

*PG-13 level

Darlene says

This is a hard review to write. Why? Because I have to take time out of the next book in the series to write it. I absolutely love this series! It is the most satisfying science fiction that I have read in my entire life! I don't want it to end! In my 64 years, I have read a lot of sci-fi. Much of it made me want to be an astronaut. But almost all of it was written by males with male main characters. That didn't stop me from reading it. Had this been my reading diet as a young person I might have pushed myself beyond my bad math skills to aim for that dream. Fly to Mars and be a Martian citizen.

What I like most about this series is what I liked of Asimov's books. The research is there. Cidney Swanson does one better, she gives the reader the opportunity to follow suggested links at the end of the book to learn about Mars, NASA, and other wonderful sciencey goodness.

But don't get hung-up on the science. Ms. Swanson creates strong characters and builds believable worlds. Jess, the spit-fire pilot and her brother Ethan, a savant hacker, are flying to Earth, back, and beyond to save their home-world of Mars. The depth of characters and their relationships astounds me.

I could go on and on but book five is calling me. Please, if you get the chance, read the Saving Mars series. I think the trilogy is still \$.99. Enjoy!

Bob says

The conflict between Jess and her friends and the Earth Government continues. The upcoming election on Mars has the incumbent fearing defeat as her opponent works his way of shaping the truth to fit his needs. Can't wait till I get #5.

Sherri McCartney says

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I like a book that keeps my interest. This series is fast paced I couldn't put them down because I needed to see what was happening with Jess and her adventures!

Sue Moro says

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What can I say about this series? Each book leaves me oxygen deprived and weightless! I'm literally holding my breath as Jess and her friends struggle to stay one step ahead of the evil Terran Chancellor Lucca who is hell bent on destroying Mars.

The world building is amazing! Ms. Swanson has created a very believable society on Mars and a disturbing dystopian society on Earth. This series is packed with plenty of action and suspense, but what I enjoy most is the characters. Jess is a fantastic leading character! She's grown from a young and rebellious, but very talented pilot, to a responsible member of a team on a dangerous mission to save Mars. Pavel, Lucca's nephew, has rebelled against his aunt and her regime and sided with Jess. The two are reunited in this volume and we finally get to see their relationship develop romantically. Yah! But their love for each other isn't the main focus as political upheaval on Mars threatens the planet on another front.

I can't get enough of this series and I highly recommend it!

* I received a free copy of this book from the author. My opinions are my own and this is an honest review.

Keith Bell says

Fun.

Steven Dorsey says

Jessamyn rules!

A fun, exciting, poignant romp around Mars, Earth, and the space between with the intrepid Marsian, Jessamyn Jaarda, and her band of renegades. Another wonderful episode with charming and chilling characters.

Jessica (Goldenfurpro) says

ACTUAL RATING: 3.5

Emily Rachelle says

Give me a minute to breath.

Okay... no, wait, another minute. Look at that gorgeous cover while you wait. Look at that beauty!

Just - just one more, please.

Whew. This masterpiece really knocks the breath out of you.

Jess is running for her life, breaking rules, kicking butt and being her general all-out Mars patriot hero self - all while falling completely, totally in love with a boy from a world she never wanted anything to do with.

Nothing new there. But man, this story never gets old. She is awesome. Pavel is amazing. The Wallaces are hilarious. Lucca is just cold-blooded, terrifying evil in bodily form. Vladim Wu and Gaspar Bonaparte are freaky psycho minions who drive me nuts and make me cry. But - dare I say this - Cavanaugh, at least in the level of hatred he drew from me, leaves them all way behind. The evil, evil, evil traitor... I just have no words for how horrifyingly low the bad guys in this book fell.

The good guys, though - well, they're mostly the same people we've come to adore. Jess is struggling with whether her rule-breaking streak is really ever a good idea; Kipper is coming to learn that not everything is black and white - while recovering from a whole awful lot; and Pavel is fighting to keep his love alive and well without compromising everything she lives for. Meanwhile, Brian is just as feisty and Harpreet just as wise and gentle as ever, if a little less present in this book. (Ironic, considering the group's all together on the run for most of it...)

The plot of this book is a little hard to explain. Most books have a main plot with a ton of other events that move things along but don't fit in a simple summary. As far as plot goes, honestly, the Amazon summary gives you almost everything - and that's not a bad thing. Actions, events, and reactions come along at breakneck speed as the characters race through their crazy lives. This is the most character-driven book I think I've ever read.

As usual, the writing from Cidney was just brilliant. Just like the other Mars books, there's no actual language. There's a little more romance than there's been in the previous Mars books - probably because, you know, the characters are actually with each other more this time - and the line definitely crosses into making out. If I remember correctly, it's very similar to the kind of thing found in the Ripple series: heavy kissing, a lot of notice at physical aspects, and some sweet-and-literal-not-risque sleeping together. There's nothing totally PG-13, per say, but be forewarned that it qualifies as sensual.

Four and a half stars and please Cidney hurry with book five! :D

I was provided a free copy of this book. The author requested a review, but none were guaranteed. All opinions expressed are entirely my own.

Margo says

Suffice it to say that when I spotted book 4 on a Kindle deal, I snapped it up, but then went back and reread books 1-3 before I started in. I was very pleased to return to this well-written saga. And I immediately downloaded books 5-6 so I wouldn't have to do without!

Steve says

Excellent chapter to this series. My only complaint is it went to fast. Not quite as much action as the last few but I enjoyed it. Cidney Swanson needs to write faster. :)

C.J. Darlington says

3.5 stars. I'm a fan of Swanson's writing and initiative. I enjoyed the first three books in this series (especially 1 & 2) so I hesitate to give this one lesser stars. It might've just been me, but Mars Burning just didn't grab me quite as much as the others. I think some of it is because through a large portion of the book Jess is completely focused on her brother solving a problem rather than HER solving a problem. So in a way Jess has a problem of a different kind, helping her brother, but I enjoyed reading about the brash, take no prisoners Jess of the prior books who was bent on saving her planet. She still is desperate to do that in Mars Burning, but she lost faith in herself slightly. That might be exactly the point of the plot, but it missed the mark a little for me. And I'm never one to love romance threads in YA books, so her boyfriend Pavel is one I could take or leave. But again, that's just me. I'll definitely read more from Swanson!

Sarah says

OMG. I didn't even realise there was a fourth book in this series! I have to read books 3 and 4 now! So excited!! ?

Truitti says

I thoroughly enjoyed books 1 through 5 of this series. Book 6, not so much. I loved the idea that humans had a settlement on Mars, and that there developed a "them and us" attitude with both the Marsians and Earthlings. And the whole rebody idea is brilliant. Highly enjoyable. Might have to reread in the near future.

sh(e)reader says

I started 2014 reading the first three books in this series, and finished the year reading the last three. I did a

combo review of the first three books and I'm having a hard time thinking of reviewing the final three separately (I have read them all as I write this) as the entire story has run together a bit in my mind. I should have written the reviews immediately upon finishing, but ...

I had put off reading the final three books in part because the 6th and final book hadn't been published yet, and I did want to read the three books back to back. I was also hoping that perhaps they would drop in price a bit (not that they are that expensive or anything). I ended up paying the \$3.99 for this one (and then it DID drop to \$1 for a short time after that but too late for me).

Anyway, I easily slipped back into the story. I do like how each one does "end" with a satisfactory conclusion while still being open for the next sequel.

Just checking my notes ... no quotes really, but I did highlight some less common words; obsequious, aphorisms, archipelago, ascetic, piscine, patois, ameliorating, ornithological, parturition, purgation
