

Saving Paludis



Set about 2000 years in the future, when mankind has spread its wings, this tale takes place on Paludis at the extreme edge of human colonization. Humans occupied this mineral-rich gem of a planet centuries ago by violent conquest. The subjugated remaining inhabitants – superstitious primitive aliens, the Muskans – are confined to a narrow little stretch of land named Musk.

Tak-EIno, a Muskan, flouts the laws of the sea-god, Garn, and swims in the ocean; a crime. Thus begins an incredible chain of events. Clayton Graham's *Saving Paludis* is definitely a great interstellar thriller and recommended to its targeted audience of young adults and older readers.

Review by Deepak Menon for Readers' Favorite

Immediately I was engrossed in this thoughtful and thought-provoking futuristic science fiction novel. My lifelong stance has always been to favor the underdog and cheer on the oppressed. Immediately, my attitude was total empathy with the "aliens," who rather than invading Earth, had instead been invaded by Earthlings – and not just invaded, but shuffled off to a single corner of the continent.

I found *SAVING PALUDIS* an exceptional novel with powerful and lasting impact. I happily noticed resonances of the late, lamented Arthur C. Clarke.

Review by The Haunted Reading Room

Saving Paludis is a book which fires up many debates. Who determines the superiority of humans over other beings? For that matter, what determines which human-ruled planet maintains control over them all? At what point are native's rights returned to them? If a person follows unethical orders, is he still in the wrong? How far should a people take their revenge when losses continue to be felt by both sides?

This story encompasses everything from space travel to alien invasion, from romance to revenge, and from empathy to greed. I loved this read. I enjoyed the thrill of the adventure and the mystery of the unknown. I look forward to reading more of Clayton Graham's work.

Review by Sandra Vattimo

Saving Paludis by author Clayton Graham is an awesome science fiction and futuristic story. One of the main characters, Stefan, is a police officer on the colonized planet who was bestowed with a task he never expected he would be doing. The story is fast-paced, with a lot of action from page one until the very end. However, this is not a short story so sit back and enjoy the journey. I also love the book cover.

I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading science fiction, futuristic, alien, adventure and fantasy stories.

Review by Laurence A St John

I enjoyed this novel immensely.

It is a sci-fi story, set on a distant planet where humanity is oppressing another sentient race. The world-building is magnificent, with many details to bring it to life, and parallels can be drawn with several periods in human history relating to the alien oppression.

The characters ring all too true with their selfishness and greed on the one hand, and human compassion the other.

The plot has a few twists and turns and plenty of suspense to keep the pages turning.

Frankly, I immediately looked for a sequel or other books by this author on finishing!

Review by M Slavidou