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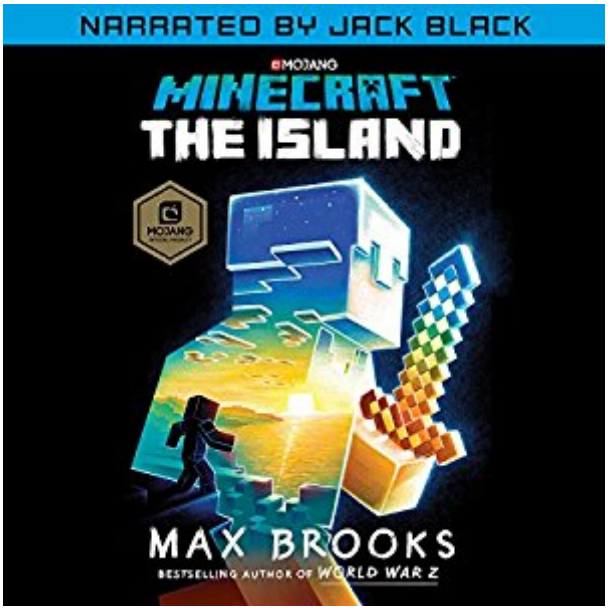

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Synopsis

The first official Minecraft novel! In the tradition of iconic adventures like Robinson Crusoe and Treasure Island, the number one New York Times best-selling author of World War Z tells the story of a hero - stranded in the world of Minecraft - who must unravel the secrets of a mysterious island in order to survive. Washed up on a beach, the lone castaway looks around the shore. Where am I? Who am I? And why is everything made of blocks? But there isn't much time to soak up the sun. It's getting dark, and there's a strange new world to explore! The top priority is finding food. The next is not becoming food. Because there are others out there on the island...like the horde of zombies that appear after night falls. Crafting a way out of this mess is a challenge like no other. Who could build a home while running from exploding creepers, armed skeletons, and an unstoppable tide of hot lava? Especially with no help except for a few makeshift tools and sage advice from an unlikely friend: a cow. In this world, the rules don't always make sense, but courage and creativity go a long way. There are forests to explore, hidden underground tunnels to loot, and undead mobs to defeat. Only then will the secrets of the island be revealed.

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Customer Reviews

A short book aimed mainly for teens. The story is cute and the game is anthropomorphized well. There is a fair amount of inside jokes that really tickle the player in me. It was a fairly quick read for me, only about 5 hours.From a literature point of view, it's not a great book. But from a kid's point of view, it's spectacular. Any parent who wants their kid to read more and play minecraft less should get their kid this book. It is written in a way where you actually feel like you're playing. And for that, I applaud the author. However, as a story, I was really found wanting. There was no plot, no

phenomenal characters, the character development was forced and mechanical and the end was abrupt and seriously lacking any closure. I understand that there is no plot to minecraft and there is no end to minecraft, but that's not an excuse for the book.While I was slightly disappointed with the story itself, I still maintain that it is a fantastic read for kids interested in minecraft, even though the vocabulary is a little on the advanced side for the age range of most of the targeted readers.

Excellent read. My grandson read it in 3 days.

My grandma pre-ordered this book on my birthday and I will love her forever for that but anyway, I think this is my favorite Minecraft novel ever and maybe even mky favorite book all-time

My son is a huge reader and a big fan of Minecraft. We have a hard time keeping up with his books with all his reading. So far this book is very age appropriate while having a fun adventure and using a wide vocabulary.The book itself is beautiful quality and has fun artwork. I am very pleased with this purchase.

First let me say, I have played Minecraft since it was in Alpha, when it cost 10$. I have 5 copies of this game: 2 PC, 1 xbox 360, 1 pocket edition, 1 window 10 edition. I Twitch Stream, showcasing Mods and modpacks. I have yet to purchase the Xboxone version. So to say the least, I am a huge fan. Therefore I was VERY skeptical of this book.Secondly, I have never read the Zombie book Max Brooks wrote. I had heard great things, but never read his stuff. I am more than halfway to the end, and let me say, it is cute.CUTE, CLEAN, and if you're a fan/have played the game, YOU'LL BE SO IMMERSED. I was going crazy trying to help this poor dude, because he is struggling to figure out the Minecraft book. I know all the crafting recipes, and if you know them, too, you'll be laughing at this guys creativity and exploration tactics.I LOVE IT. I haven't finished it yet. If I ever have kids, (first I will Minecraft with them) and I can't wait to read this to them!EASY READ LIKE HARRY POTTER without all the confusing hard to pronounce names. It's a little cheesy, but I love how much fan service it offers. This guy definitely has played the game multiple times.ABOUT THE BOOK:Basically, a man finds himself in the Minecraft world. He has no memory of how he got there, but he has to figure out how to survive. He sees/lives the world as you and I see how its played, 3D blocks, the physics, all of it.TL/DR: CUTE, CLEAN (NO EXPLICIT LANGUAGE/SCENES), EASY TO READ, FAN SERVICEPLEASE GET THIS BOOK IF YOU LIKE MINECRAFT!

Just finished this book. Possible Spoilers ahead...The first thing you need to know about this book is that it is a very literal adaptation of the game. The book starts off with a person trapped in the game, or is he? He can remember the real world and constantly questions and compares everything around him to the real world. This question however is never explained and glossed over with a "Oh well, moving along". It reads as though Max Brooks was given a copy of the game for a month and then wrote a book. The character talks in wonderment how the rules don't follow normal real world rules. For example, he needs wood and chops off the bottom block of a tree trunk, yells "Timber!" and then sits in amazement as the tree sits there hovering in the air without a base. Items fall as miniature versions of themselves and hover slightly off the ground. He has certain food items and puts them up to his mouth, but he can't open his mouth to eat it. This is because the real game of Minecraft wouldn't let you eat it either. Like I said, its a very direct and literal interpretation of the game in every sense. It reads like you're playing the game. But for people that never played, they would be absolutely confused. I was hoping for something more along the lines of Minecraft Story Mode, where it is not so literal and limited to the limitations of the game.Also, this doesn't go too deep into the game either, No Nether, No End Dragon, No Wither. Very basic and safe survival story.Good First Attempt by Mojang to get an official story out there. But I hope that they give the character a little more freedom instead of being restricted by the rules of the game.

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