

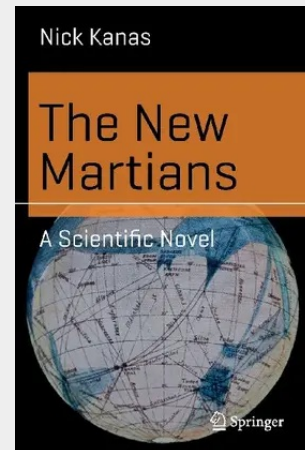
The New Martians

A Scientific Novel

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Dr. Kanas has presented talks on space psychology and on celestial mapping at several regional and Worldcon science fiction conventions. A Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (London), he has been an amateur astronomer for over 50 years and is an avid reader of science fiction. He is also the author of two non-fiction books (*Star Maps: History, Artistry, and Cartography* and *Solar System Maps: From Antiquity to the Space Age*) and two science fiction novels (*The New Martians* and *The Protos Mandate*), all published by Springer.

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