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**The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy**

First a legendary radio series, then a bestselling book, then a blockbuster movie, the immensely successful Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams needs no introduction.

The broad narrative of *Hitchhiker* follows the misadventures of the last surviving man, **Arthur Dent**, following the demolition of the Earth by a **Vogon** constructor fleet to make way for a hyperspace bypass. Dent is rescued from Earth's destruction by **Ford Prefect**—a human-like alien writer for the eccentric, electronic travel guide *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*—by hitchhiking onto a passing Vogon spacecraft. Following his rescue, Dent explores the galaxy with Prefect and encounters **Trillian**, another human who had been taken from Earth (before its destruction) by the two-headed President of the Galaxy, **Zaphod Beeblebrox** and the depressed **Marvin**, the Paranoid Android.