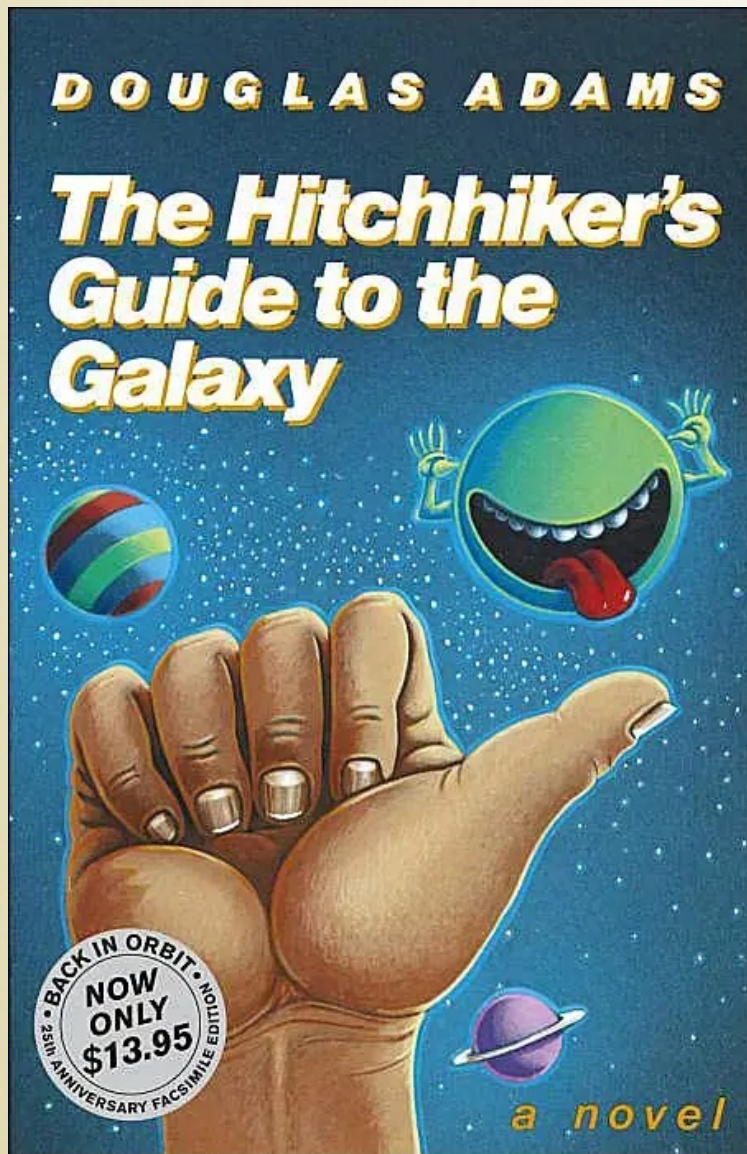


WHAT WE ARE READING



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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](#).