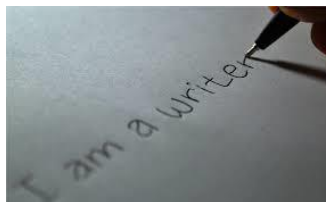




Graduate Student News February 2017

Spring Visit February 23-26, 2017

Remember what it's like to be new to campus? So will they. Our annual spring visit for incoming PhD students is right around the corner. If you should happen to see anyone who looks like they may be lost or in need of assistance, please reach out and offer to help. It could make all the difference.



UF Writing Studio



Health Benefits

Counseling and Wellness Center

Life as a grad student is often stressful. But never fear, help is here!

The [Counseling and Wellness Center](#) at UF offers a variety of services to students free of charge. Among their latest offerings are workshops and sessions with their therapy dogs, Siggie & Gabe. The workshops meet Friday at 10:40 AM and "Yappy Hour" is Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. For more information on these and other services please [click here](#) or on the link above.

The UF Writing Studio offers one-on-one consultations, workshops tailored to grad student needs and faculty retreats focusing on publishing original research. Students have the opportunity to work one-on-one with a consultant on issues specific to their own particular needs. Their aim is to help students become more effective writers, so they won't proofread or edit documents. However, they will assist students in becoming better proofreaders and editors of their own work. For more information, [click here](#).

Don't wait until it's too late!

The stress of being a graduate student can take its toll on you physically as well as emotionally. If you are a Graduate, Teaching, or Research Assistant [GatorGradCare](#) health insurance is available to you free of charge. Please don't wait until symptoms become severe before seeking medical attention. The UF Infirmary is available to most students free of charge for [certain services](#). If you have symptoms that need emergency medical attention, please seek help immediately. Don't wait until it's too late!

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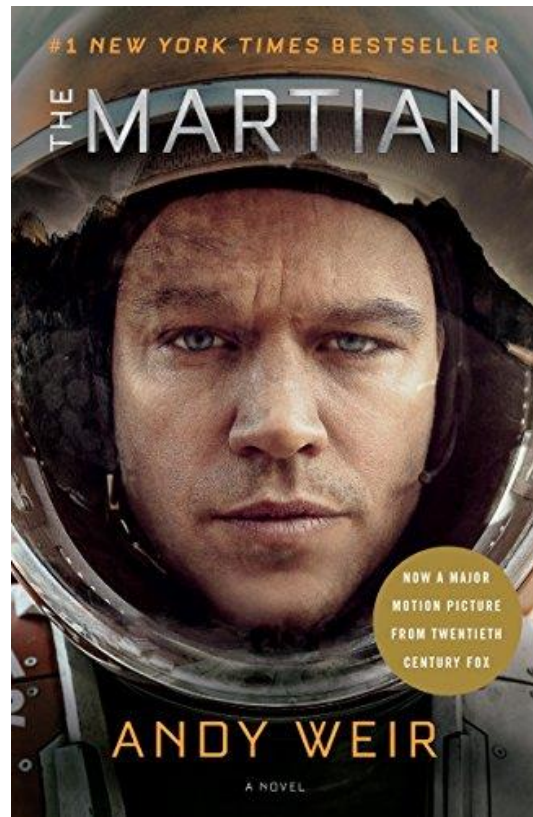
Book Review

By Madeline Sciullo

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At my advisor's recommendation, I picked up this book at an airport flying home from a conference. Even though I had the NSF GRF due within a week, I still stayed up late using every spare minute to read, finishing it within 4 days. I believe this book is the best motivator for a PhD student. It is captivating, nearly scientifically accurate, and easy to read. This book is for all ages and backgrounds. I gave this to my aunt, who is a literature and English professor, and my cousin who is a tennis pro, and they both enjoyed it.

What I love most about this book is the author's back story. Andy Weir, a JPL engineer, wrote this as fan fiction on his blog. Many of his readers asked him to put the book on Amazon so they could download it to their Kindle, and that is how this novel was discovered. I won't give away too many details, but



Software Licensing for Students

UF offers a variety of software incentives to students. For a list of

the gist is an astronaut stranded on Mars uses his mechanical engineering and botany expertise to survive. If you've seen the movie, forget it; it doesn't do the book justice. They should've renamed the movie because they are extremely different; and, as cliché as this sounds, the book is much better.

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software licensing services, information on what these licenses entail, and how long they are available to students, please see the Student Licensing page found [here](#).

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