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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The year is 2004 and, detente in place, the U.S. has sent a manned mission to Mars to find out what happened to and perhaps rescue the Russian cosmonauts who landed there two years earlier and have not been heard from since. Lauren Wagner, chief medical officer on the U.S. unit Nova, suspects alien infection killed the crew of the Lenin and worries that the same may happen to those on her ship. Little does she know that they face a fate far worse: there are vampires on Mars! Pike (Chain Letter), bestselling author of YA thrillers, offers a campy SF/horror scenario with all the credibility and finesse of a '50s B-movie; the "Red Menace" in this case is a thirsty crew of Russian zombies who get their blood from victims via IV hookup. An intriguing subplot concerning Lauren's earthbound sister and a story she is writing--which appears to be a telepathically received fable about Mars becoming a wasteland of ghouls--is not strong enough to redeem the outlandish main events. Long before the Nova heads home, most adult readers will have abandoned ship. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Kirkus Reviews

Pike (Sati, 1990) leaves behind the young YA horror/suspense field to show what he can do with horror for adults and scores strongly--in a novel that covers many genres: suspense/fantasy/sf/horror. In 1996, the first unmanned space probe to land on Mars sent back sensational analyses (including secret pictures of huge footprints) before going dead. Four years later, the Russian crew of the manned Lenin loses contact in midmission. When the first American crew, which includes Dr. Lauren Wagner as medical officer, lands there in 2002, the mysteries expand rather than resolve, and author Pike hits top suspense with the American team discovering a Russian cosmonaut still alive in his bed in the orbiting Lenin, despite a freezing temperature in the ship. To be sure, he seemingly has no pulse and answers all questions with a fixed zombie grin that never wavers. When he leads the Americans below to comb the Martian surface by jeep and by foot, and then into a dark cave where they discover something very much like water, the reluctant reader begins shouting warnings. Meanwhile, back on earth, Lauren's sister, 13-year-old Jennifer, begins writing a fantasy tale about her life as the Princess Chaneen, a goddess among the Asurians, which somehow ties in with the vampires of Mars and for a while takes up alternate chapters with the sf/horror tale, though sf folks may not willingly accept the fantasy novel interwoven with the main text. Only Lauren and fellow astronaut Gary "survive" the Martian ordeal and return to earth where Jennifer has killed herself--or has she? At least she's been buried. But is the Princess Chaneen still around, to fight the vampire infection sent back to earth in the two astronauts called Lauren and Gary? Not without its ups and downs but, at its best, both riveting and a back-prickler. -- Copyright ©1991, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

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"Riveting, a back-prickler." ?Kirkus Reviews

"I couldn't put this book down....Pike spins...a web of horror and intrigue that encompasses Biblical and folklore origins of humanity....It is difficult to decide whether *The Season of Passage* should be nominated for best science fiction novel, best horror or best fantasy novel of the year. So far, it gets my votes for all three." ?Rocky Mountain News

"Much...in this rich novel is not what it appears. The furious ending satisfies as few horror novels ever do. At times, the writing is lyrical and...Proustian. Ultimately, however, Pike...creates a work and style uniquely his own. This book is one of the best I've ever read." ?VOYA

“This is Pike's best book to date. It keeps you turning pages constantly until the last one and then wishing there were more.” ?*The Herald-Bloomingtondale*

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