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Can we accept AI?

AI is here to stay, but I didn't think I'd run into it at my book club. The group chose a science fiction novel. Within the first few pages, I knew the book had been self-published. Then, I suspected there was more going on.

The author's skills appeared stilted, and the characters were one-dimensional. The dialogue could have been smoother, and the writing had no passion. Characters showed little reaction to major defeats or significant achievements. The main character showed little response to horrific events. Was the writer on Prozac?

On the positive side, the theme was believable, and the plot and sequence of events were acceptable. There were no significant errors, such as confusing names, locations, or dates from chapter to chapter. I found no grammatical problems or spelling errors.

Didn't he have a beta reader? Where was the editor? The book had to be AI-generated. The 'author' has produced six books (each around fifty thousand words) and various other materials in a short time.

Would I follow the author? No. While the sequence of events and the theme were acceptable, the book was a yawn. I feel cheated. The artwork on the cover and the prologue promised an exciting odyssey into the future of humanity. It didn't deliver. Our club wasted eighteen dollars. I'll remember the author's name so I can avoid him in the future.

What are your feelings?