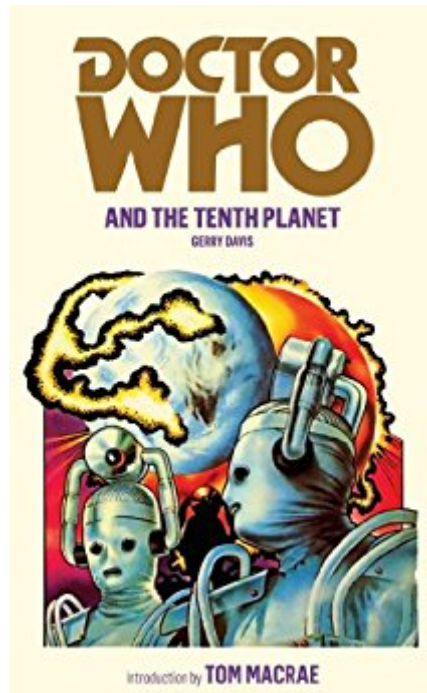




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# Doctor Who And The Tenth Planet



## Synopsis

The TARDIS brings the Doctor and his friends to a space tracking base in the Antarctic - and straight into trouble. A space mission is going badly wrong, and a new planet has appeared in the sky. Mondas, ancient fabled twin planet of Earth has returned. Soon its inhabitants arrive. But while they used to be just like the humans of Earth, now they are very different. Devoid of emotions, their bodies replaced with plastic and steel, the Cybermen are here. Humanity needs all the help it can get, but the one man who seems to know what's going on is terminally ill. As the Cybermen take over, the Doctor is dying... This novel is based on the final story to feature the First Doctor, which was originally broadcast from 8 to 29 October 1966. This was the first Doctor Who story to feature the Cybermen. Featuring the First Doctor in his very last adventure as played by William Hartnell, and his companions Ben and Polly

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## Customer Reviews

This is a must have for Dr. Who fans. This book is almost identical to the TV episode, the Tenth Planet, and if you read the book after watching the episode you can picture the entire thing going on

in your head. It features what I consider to be the scariest variant of the Cybermen and also gives the Cybermen names which only appear in this episode. The writer did an excellent job describing what the characters are like.

Good past Doctor Story. I bought it mainly for the fact that this was the First Doctor's regeneration moment and I wanted a little bit more details than scene on the surviving show, in terms of what it led up to.

It was great! I really enjoyed the bit when the 10th planet was found. I can't wait to read more in the series. (James aged 7 and a half).

Building my collection up! Thank you!

I love reading Doctor Who books.

In his final adventure before his very first regeneration, the Doctor and his companions, Polly and Ben, land at the South Pole. They are greeted by the discovery of a new planet, eerily similar to Earth, from which the famed "Cybermen" appear. The Cybermen are determined to take over the station and will kill anyone in their way. However, the stakes are raised even higher when their failing planet, Mondas, becomes the centre of a plan to blow it up. I've been a Doctor Who fan for so long that I'm not even sure when I became such a fan. The show has been around for fifty years now and I haven't been around for quite that long, so it's been around all my life. The great thing about being a fan of audiobooks is that I can listen to radio plays and novels on audio, especially while I'm eagerly awaiting the next episode of Doctor Who on tv. William Hartnell's appearance as the First Doctor is way before my time, but I've seen some tv episodes with him and I decided he'd be a good place to start reading some of the novels. In "Doctor Who and the Tenth Planet" this is his first regeneration and the first appearance of the Cybermen. It's a great adventure and it's fun to see the interaction between the Doctor, his companions, Ben and Polly, and how they get out of the mess. It's interesting that in all the adventure the sonic screwdriver is only vaguely mentioned once, as Ben tells a crew member that he has a "screwdriver" that may help deactivate the bomb!! For a lot of this episode the Doctor is in failing health and it's really up to Polly and Ben to save the day. The audio is fantastic. It's narrated by Anneke Wills, who plays Polly, and I really felt like I could be back in the 1960's and listening to this play on the radio. I loved the sound effects used and the

interview with Anneke Wills at the end was a fantastic bonus. She talks about William Hartnell's failing health during the filming of the actual episode and the regeneration. If you're a Doctor Who fan I strongly suggest listening to this one on audio. It was a super fun episode and great on audio.

The book was VERY similar to the original episode despite not being a fan of the first doctor and ben and polly (#pertwee rules) it still was very enjoyable to read, especially written by the guy who wrote the serial

'The Tenth Planet' is one of the most important Doctor Who stories. Not only does it introduce one of the Doctor's most popular foes, the Cybermen, but it also introduces the concept of regeneration, an important factor in the series' longevity. It is adapted by one of the co-authors of the original script, Gerry Davis. The TARDIS arrives on Earth in the year 2000 (a departure from the original script, where it was set in 1986!) at the Antarctic. They are captured by troops from the nearby space base, Snowcap, where a space flight which is being monitored is off course for no apparent reason. And then the reason is sighted: a new planet, a duplicate of Earth, is seen in space... Mondas is inhabited by the Cybermen, once human who have replaced their limbs by plastic and steel, and their brains by computers. (A handy guide to the creation of the Cybermen appears before the story starts.) They are seeking to invade Earth for reasons that become plain towards the end of the book. The book isn't bad. It is archetypal B-grade science fiction, much like many of the stories in the second Doctor's era, but as long as you aren't expecting highly original science fiction you'll be fine.

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