NOTES FROM: *Dune,* by Frank Herbert

SUMMARY: I first read this book years ago after my mother suggested that I read it, but after reading it *again*, I realize that I missed *so much!*

This is a classic science-fiction book about humanity in the far future, where the species is separated across stars and Houses, with a complicated arrangement of political factions all vying for control over one particular planet and one particular resource.

Dune is the planet, and the spice that is produced there is the resource. It's defended by these giant sand worms that are *everywhere* on the planet and who will attack anyone caught out on the sand, and there's also a local faction, called the Fremen, who consent to be ruled by whomever the Emperor says "owns" Dune. For now, it's House Atreides, led by the kind Duke Leto, *but not for long.*

There's so much that I'm leaving out, and I'm probably not doing it justice whatsoever, but these notes will give you a much better idea, and there have also been several different movie versions and most of them are pretty good too!

"I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain."

"This Duke was concerned more over the men than he was over the spice. He risked his own life and that of his son to save the men. He passed off the loss of a spice crawler with a gesture. The threat to men's lives had him in a rage. A leader such as that would command fanatic loyalty. He would be difficult to defeat."

"And he could look ahead - the most terrifying direction - to see where it all pointed."

"He has that tremendous, almost naïve honor – and what a powerful force that truly is."

"Let him bring any other accusation against me, even a true one. The Great Houses will not believe a second attack from an accuser once proved wrong."

"You cannot back into the future."

"They've lost the initiative, which means they've lost the war."

"The people who can destroy a thing, they control it."

"I want you to do something for me: choose the course of happiness. Your desert woman, marry her if that's your wish. Defy everyone and everything to do this. But choose your own course."

“They’d never known anything but victory which, Paul realized, could be a weakness in itself.”