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THE NEW TOM SWIFT INVENTION SERIES

# Tom Swift And The Paradox Planet

By Victor Appleton II

Following a life-changing experience, Tom Swift is taken by surprise when the planet (or planetoid) Pluto suddenly disappears from its orbit. Traditional means of scanning the sky can't locate it, so the Government asks Tom to investigate.

A new invention, designed to look for any mass over a programmed size and within a full light year fails to find the wayward planet. That is, until one day when something larger appears more than three-hundred million miles farther out than Pluto's previous orbital path.

Mysteriously, it settles into Pluto's former orbit. Everything seems to be okay.

Within weeks, Tom finds that it has begun spiraling inward toward the sun and projects that it will cross Jupiter's orbital path within a month. Its eventual course will take it directly into the path of Mars, Earth's closest neighbor. If it hits the red planet, the debris will certainly cascade into our orbit and could hit out planet.

What is suddenly hurtling on a collision course? Can Tom find a way to trap or deflect it and return it to its previous orbit before the destruction of Mars leads to the destruction of Earth? And, can he find out who is responsible for it all?

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This book is dedicated to the men and women who design, build, launch and watch over all of the satellites and planetary voyagers out there. We now know more about some of our neighboring planet than ever before, and perhaps a little more about our own fragile rock in space.