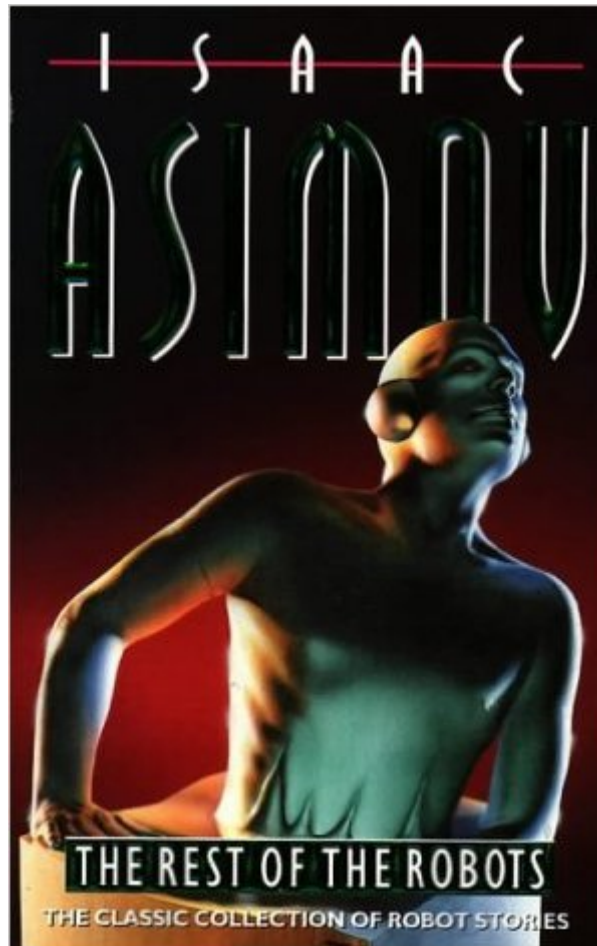


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The Rest Of The Robots



Synopsis

The Rest of the Robots is the third timeless, amazing and amusing volume of Isaac Asimov's robot stories, offering golden insights into robot thought processes. Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics have since been programmed into real computers the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and used as the outline for a legal robotic charter in Korea. ROBOT TONY is the first robot designed to perform domestic duties by the US Robots and Mechanical Men Corporation. Is it Tony's fault that the lady of the house where he's field tested falls in love with him? - ROBOT AL was intended for shipment to a mining outfit on the moon. Instead, he's loose in the mountains of Virginia...building from scraps of junk his very own, very dangerous disintegrator. - ROBOT LENNY answers workaday questions in babytalk. So why is Dr Susan Calvin, the world's top robopsychologist, fascinated by this messed up specimen of an industrial robot?

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Customer Reviews

I remember reading this volume late into the evening, in the dark, in a car sometime long ago when I was a teenager. I couldn't put it down. I think the stories in "The Rest of the Robots" are superior to "I, Robot." We get more of iron Susan Calvin, the robotics scientist whose metallic mannerisms hide a surprisingly vulnerable person inside, and the story "Lenny" is one of my favorites. If you like Asimov, this is not to be missed.

The companion volume to the seminal "I, Robot". This is a further collection of short stories, much in the same style. Vintage Asimov, not the latter day diluted stuff!

I had this book in hard cover on my shelf for a decade or more, handed down to me from my avid sci-fi reading Mom...all I can say is what was I waiting for? The collection of short stories in this book are wonderful. Each tale has its own charm and many include the familiar characters of Dr. Lanning and "cold as steel" Dr. Calvin. The earliest story was written in 1942, and although it might be considered "dated", it certainly isn't. It's quite difficult to put down as the stories are fast paced and interesting the whole way through. If you are a robot fan, or an Asimov lover, or reader of classic sci-fi, this title is not to be missed!

Oh, how artful, this collection of mechanical man stories. Each one emphasizing some quirk of the 3 Laws of Robotics, they go from human reactions of robots to the result when a customized unit finds itself in another environment.... I recollect: Number AL-76 was not shipped to Lunar Station 17, but Virginia. He asks a man directions, and the man knows this robot has a reward for information leading to its' capture:' ...Randolph Payne, having correctly diagnosed the abrupt break in his call as being due to general skepticism on the part of the plant official, returned to his shack with a camera. They couldn't very well argue with a photograph, and he'd be horn-swoggled if he'd show them the real thing before they came across with the cash.AL-76 was busy with affairs of his own. Half of the contents of Payne's shack was littered over about two acres of ground, and in the middle of it the robot squatted and fooled around with radio tubes, hunks of iron, copper wire, and general junk...'Later, '...The Disinto worked, and seventy-five trees, two barns, three cows and the top three quarters of Duckbill Mountain whiffed into rarefied atmosphere. They became, so to speak, one with the snows of yesteryear.' That, from a junkpile!Asimov's imagination was vast. Such as EZ-27, assigned to a university library. To read proof. Due to public fears, Robots were few on Earth, although the maker wanted to enlarge the jobs assigned to them. The story is largely told during a court trial concerning EZ-27 and the 3 Laws.Excellent material for youth beginning to read SciFy.

Classic stories that defined the Robot saga, but are now starting to show their age. The stories were written long enough ago that their future is now (or a while ago), and of course things didn't entirely turn out the way Asimov predicted. (For example, large computers are cubic kilometers in size; people still smoke a lot, et al.). However, viewed as genre setting period pieces, they're still a lot of fun.

I grew up reading the work of Isaac Asimov. This is the book that launched my life-long love of

robots. I, too, fell for Robot Tony. These many years after my paperback edition finally deteriorated, I vividly recall how every story in this book made me feel, and want to believe, that robots were "real." Asimov may have foretold the future, as today's technology creates close-to-humanoid robots. This book should be mandatory reading for anyone who is a fan of robots or of science fiction. At the very least, it will make you never forget those "Three Laws of Robotics."

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