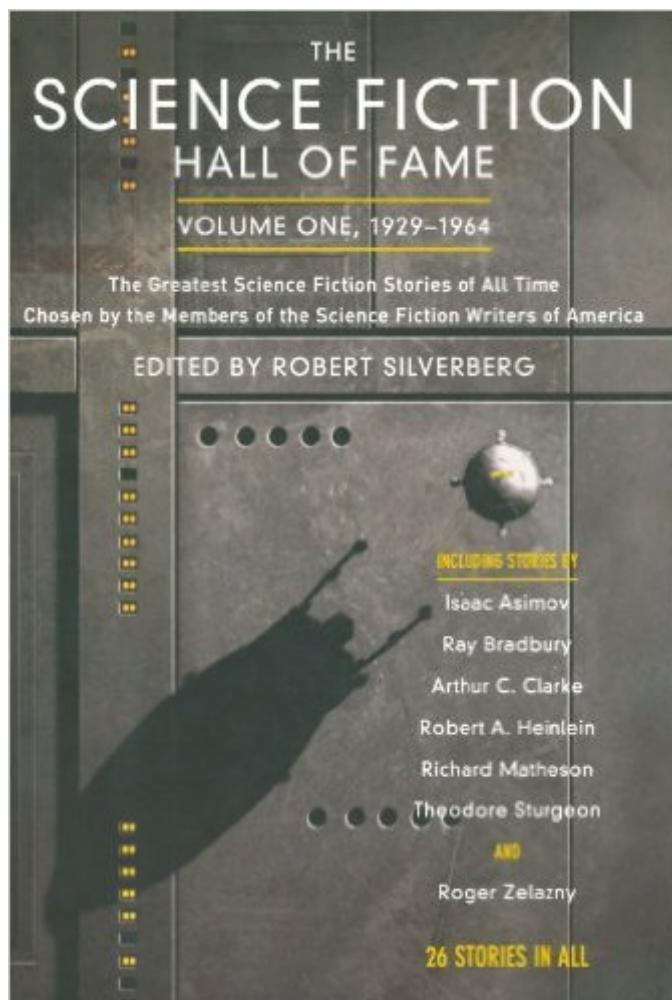


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I first picked up the original printing of this anthology when I was a small child, around ten years old, and the first story in it ("A Martian Odyssey") was so good that I put the book back down and didn't read the rest of it for another year because I was afraid none of the other stories in there could possibly be as good. Almost all of them were. That's not the only reason you should read this collection, though. Beyond the stunning quality of the stories in this collection, many of these stories have, by now, what amounts to historical importance within the sci-fi field; these are the best of the best first stories, the bones that the modern great SF writers gnawed on in their childhoods, the building-block stories of the genre. You really haven't read science fiction if you haven't read Asimov's "Nightfall," if you haven't read "The Cold Equations" or "Arena" or "Twilight" or "Flowers for Algernon." Understanding modern sci-fi without a knowledge of these stories would be like trying to understand modern fantasy without having read Tolkien. I am unaware of a better or even a comparable science fiction anthology (apart, perhaps, from the subsequent volumes in this same series). There couldn't be. These are the stories that built the genre. Any collection that was comparable would have to collect all the same tales. Edit: I figured it would be good to add a list of all the stories in this anthology. Stanley G. Weinbaum "A Martian Odyssey" 1934 John W. Campbell "Twilight" 1934 Lester del Rey "Helen O'Loy" 1938 Robert A. Heinlein "The Roads Must Roll" 1940 Theodore Sturgeon "Microcosmic God" 1941 Isaac Asimov "Nightfall" 1941 A. E.

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