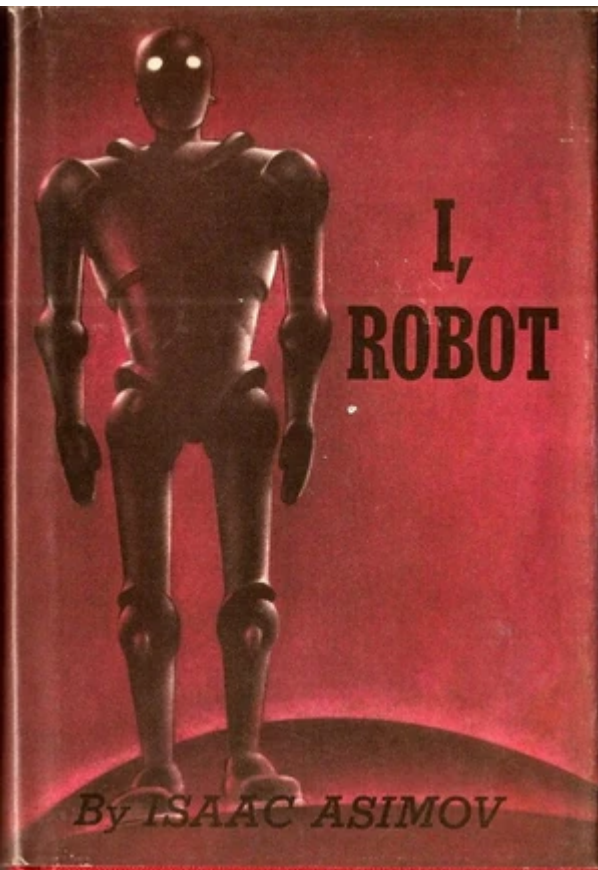


I, Robot

Contributors to Asimov



I, Robot is a science-fiction fixup novel written by [Isaac Asimov](#).

It is a collection of nine short stories that originally appeared in the magazines *Super Science Stories* and *Astounding Science Fiction* between 1940 and 1950, and were then woven together into novel form and published by Gnome Press in 1950.

Blurb[]

The three laws of Robotics:

A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm

A robot must obey orders given to it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.

A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.

With these three, simple directives, Isaac Asimov changed our perception of robots forever when he formulated the laws governing their behavior. In *I, Robot*, Asimov chronicles the development of the robot through a series of interlinked stories: from its primitive origins in the present to its ultimate perfection in the not-so-distant future--a future in which

humanity itself may be rendered obsolete.

Here are stories of robots gone mad, of mind-read robots, and robots with a sense of humor. Of robot politicians, and robots who secretly run the world--all told with the dramatic blend of science fact and science fiction that has become Asimov's trademark.

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W.S. Gilbert

MacDougal

McGuffy

Robbins

McAdams

Morbid M. Cadaver

Sam

Pete

Beelzebub

Satan

Napoleon Boneparte

Adam Smith

Karl Marx

The Machines

Rama Vrasayana

Fransisco Villafranca

Planets and locations[]

[Earth](#)

Northen Region

United States of America

Columbia

New York City

Long Island

Hudson River

Central Co-ordination Office

Museum of Science and Industry

Roosevelt Building

New Jersery

US Robots

Susan Calvin's Office

Executive's Lounge

Washington

Evanston

335 Willow Grove

Mexican Canal

Ottawa

North Pole

Scandinavia

Iceland

Australia

New Zealand

Eastern Region

Ceylon

Tientsin

Hydroponics plant

Java

China

Shanghai

India

Burma

Indo-China

Szechuan

Calcutta

Batavia

Bangkok

Mesopotamia

Tropic Region

Capital City

South America

Argentina

Chile

Uruguay

Africa, south of the Atlas

Nigeria

Capital City

North America, south of the Rio Grande

Asia

Arabia

Iran

European Region

Europe

British Isles

Great Britain

England

France

Germany

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Western Asia

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Asia Minor

Antartica

Luna

Lunar Base

Mars

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Space Station

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Organizations[]

United States Robots and Mechanical Men Corporation

Solar Minerals

Encyclopedia Tellurica

Interplanetary Press

Fundementalists

Federation of Earth

World Steel

House of Bourbon

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Catholics

Protestants

Society for Humanity

Board of Directors

Soviet Union

Consolidated Cinnabor

Congress

Titles[]

Doctor

Robopsychologist

General Manager

Master

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Prophet of the Master

Mathematician

Head Psychologist

Mathematical Director

Major-General

Director-Emeritus of Research

Director of Research

Saint

Mayor

Regional Co-ordinator

Regional Vice Co-ordinator

World Co-ordinator

Chinese Republic

Madame

Machine

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