

= Dynamic Science Stories =

Dynamic Science Stories was a pulp magazine which published two issues , dated February and April 1939 . A companion to Marvel Science Stories , it was edited by Robert O. Erisman and published by Western Fiction Publishing . Among the better known authors who appeared in its pages were L. Sprague de Camp and Manly Wade Wellman .

= = Publication history and contents = =

Although science fiction had been published before the 1920s , it did not begin to coalesce into a separately marketed genre until the appearance in 1926 of *Amazing Stories* , a pulp magazine published by Hugo Gernsback . By the end of the 1930s the field was booming . In 1938 Abraham and Martin Goodman , two brothers who owned a publishing company with multiple imprints , launched *Marvel Science Stories* , edited by Robert O. Erisman . In February of the following year they added *Dynamic Science Stories* as a companion magazine intended to run longer stories . The contents were typical pulp science fiction , with few memorable stories . Science fiction historians Joseph Marchesani and Mike Ashley identify only three stories of quality : Nelson S. Bond 's " The Message from the Void " (published under the pseudonym " Hubert Mavity ") ; L. Sprague de Camp 's " Ananias " ; and Manly Wade Wellman 's " Insight " . The cover for the first issue was painted by Frank R. Paul , a popular cover artist recently returned to the science fiction field ; Norman Saunders provided the second cover . *Dynamic* 's sister magazine , *Marvel Science Stories* , often published stories with more sexual content than was usual for science fiction magazines of the day , but , although *Dynamic* 's advertising included books offering sexual advice , the magazine 's actual content was more traditional pulp material . The magazine only lasted two issues , though it is not known whether this was because of poor sales or if the cancellation was " a reflection of the whim of the publisher " , in Ashley 's words .

= = Bibliographic details = =

The publisher of *Dynamic Science Stories* was Western Fiction Publishing Co . , based in Chicago , with editorial offices in Radio City , New York . There was one volume of two numbers . Both issues were in pulp format , 112 pages long , and priced at 15 cents . There was a British reprint edition of the first issue ; it appeared in 1939 and was undated . The editor of both issues was Robert O. Erisman , who was not credited in the magazine .