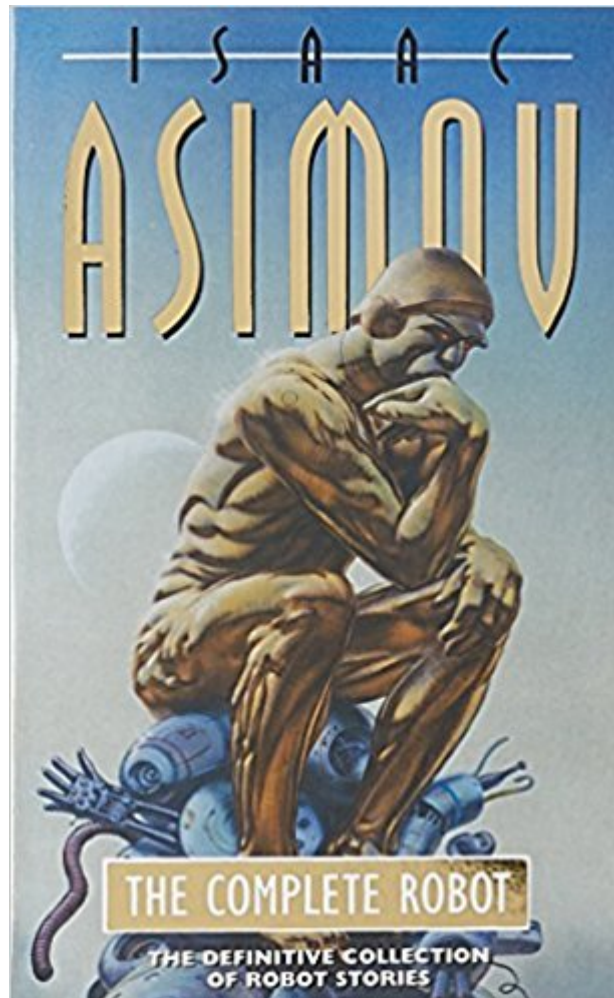




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The complete collection of Isaac Asimov's classic Robot stories. In these stories, Asimov creates the Three Laws of Robotics and ushers in the Robot Age - when Earth is ruled by master-machines and when robots are more human than mankind. The Complete Robot is the ultimate collection of timeless, amazing and amusing robot stories from the greatest science fiction writer of all time, offering golden insights into robot thought processes. Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics were programmed into real computers thirty years ago at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology - with surprising results. Readers of today still have many surprises in store...

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'Isaac Asimov was one of the great explainers of the age...It will never be known how many practicing scientists today, in how many countries, owe their initial inspiration to a book, article, or short story by Isaac Asimov'

Carl Sagan 'Asimov displayed one of the most dynamic imaginations in science fiction'

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The Times

THE DEFINITIVE COLLECTION OF ROBOT STORIES.

I am a huge Asimov fan - I will never forgive him (and Heinlein as well) for dying on me. I have read the original Foundation Trilogy, and I re-read after it had expanded to six books. After he died, I was researching his writings and came across a memo that he had written that outlined his entire

Foundation/Empire series. I was surprised to find out that not only had the Foundation series expanded to 7 books, but that it was merely a subset (the last of three in the entire series) to this greater series. I am going to the trouble of writing this, and listing the 13 books here, to share this knowledge with other rabid Asimov fans. Here is the entire list:

- 1 The Complete Robot (1982) [and/or I, Robot (1950)]
- 2 Caves of Steel (1954) This is the first of my robot novels.
- 3 The Naked Sun (1957) The second robot novel.
- 4 The Robots of Dawn (1983) The third robot novel.
- 5 Robots and Empire (1985) The fourth robot novel.
- 6 The Currents of Space (1952) This is the first of my [Galactic] Empire novels.
- 7 The Stars, Like Dust (1951) The second [Galactic] Empire novel.
- 8 Pebble in the Sky (1950) The third [Galactic] Empire novel and my first novel.
- 9 Prelude to Foundation (1988) This is the first Foundation novel.
- 10 Forward the Foundation (1993) This is the second Foundation novel.
- 11 Foundation (1951) This is now the third Foundation novel but most of the world knows this book as the first book of the original Foundation Trilogy. Actually, it began as a collection of four short stories, originally published between 1942 and 1944, plus an introductory section written for the book in 1949.
- 12 Foundation and Empire (1952) This is the fourth Foundation novel, made from two short stories, originally published in 1945.
- 13 Second Foundation (1953) This is the fifth Foundation novel, made from two short stories, originally published in 1948 and 1949.
- 14 Foundation's Edge (1982) This is the sixth Foundation novel.
- 15 Foundation and Earth (1986) This is the seventh Foundation novel.

I have finished the first book, and am currently on the 4th of the Robot novels (#5 on the list). I have been amazed so far at how much the Robot novels, which I had not previously read in completion, add to the story of Foundation and Empire. Re the book reviewed here, "Complete Robot", Asimov comments that either it or the 1950 "I, Robot" is acceptable, but "Complete Robot" is way better - it really *is* complete. It is a huge book, and contains *all* his Robot short stories and novellas. You don't necessarily have to read *every* story for Foundation & Empire background, but of course you will, if you are an Asimov lover like me :)

I received the book quickly, and as expected. Thank you! 10 more words? That's ridiculous. Why do they make you type a specific number of words for a review? You'd think they'd appreciate a quick and concise review, not one full of fluff. "The arrival of the book not only met my lofty expectations, but exceeded them! Upon receiving the package, I quickly tore it open to ascertain whether or not the order was correct, and indeed, it was! Bravo! Holy Cow! Wowza!"

A great read at bedtime. If you like Asimov you will enjoy classic SF writing which isn't so SF in today's techno-developing world.

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Awesome

This is what science fiction should be, stories that make you think. Asimov uses robots to explore universal themes and draw moral conclusions. Yes, there are ray guns and interplanetary travel, but that's just to hook the reader and prepare him or her for the punch line. Think Aesops Fables with robots and humans instead of animals and other animals. Many of these tales end with a beautifully set up twist that leaves me laughing and crying. Big fun!

The start of my Asimov collection

Considering these were written so far before the modern era of robotics, it's incredible to to read this collection of stories that still reach maybe another century or two into the future from where we are today.

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