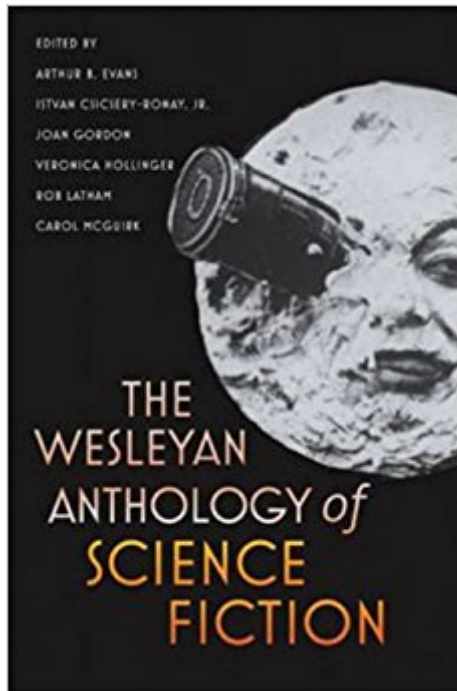




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# **The Wesleyan Anthology Of Science Fiction**



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• This is an excellent collection of one of world literature's greatest treasure troves: the science fiction short story in English. The stories form a kind of history of the genre, and are a continuous reading pleasure. • (Kim Stanley Robinson, author of the Mars Trilogy and The Years of Rice and Salt) • The key word here is megatext. The Wesleyan Anthology presents the best sample from today's sf megatext • the • fictive universe that includes all the sf stories that have ever been told, • as the Wesleyan's editors neatly put it • that I could imagine fitting between two covers. Every story feels necessary to the whole. And the whole is a lure for readers, for teachers who want to inspire their classes, for all of us who care about understanding the turbulent world about us. • (John Clute, editor of The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction)

This would be really useful to teach with, or to enjoy on your own. The story introductions provide valuable context and situate the author within the larger SF canon, and the "further reading" section on secondary sources/criticism in the back is concise but solid. It's great that the stories are different from the Robert Silverberg anthology.

Probably one of the best sci-fi anthologies out there. I used this for a sci-fi literature class, and I can't wait to read the rest of the stories that we didn't go over in class. The book is very thick and

heavy to carry around, but great for at-home reading. I will definitely not sell this back to the uni bookstore even though it's worth a decent amount--the cost is worth it!

This is great book for breaking into the sci-fi genre if it's new literary territory. It has a cross section of the major themes in sci-fi. I bought this book for a college class but am loaning it to a friend, when the class is finished, for enjoyment reading. Be prepared to stretch your notions of reality as we know it, going where you may not have gone before.

Wonderful anthology! It contains a wide range of different sf short stories, which encompass the entire genre. Each short story has a little intro about the author & story, giving a background about each, which is interesting to have. Overall, put together very well. Definitely would recommend to those who love sf, or those who've never read any before!

As someone who was never much into SF, this book was a fabulous introduction to the vast genre and turned me into a Sci-fi lover. A must-read for anyone even remotely interested in sf!

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This is one of those rare books that I purchased for a college class and now will never sell. I adore the selection of stories and wide range of subjects addressed. I don't think I go a week without picking this up at least once to reread a favorite story.

Great sci-fi anthology. The introductory bios of the authors are good too.

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