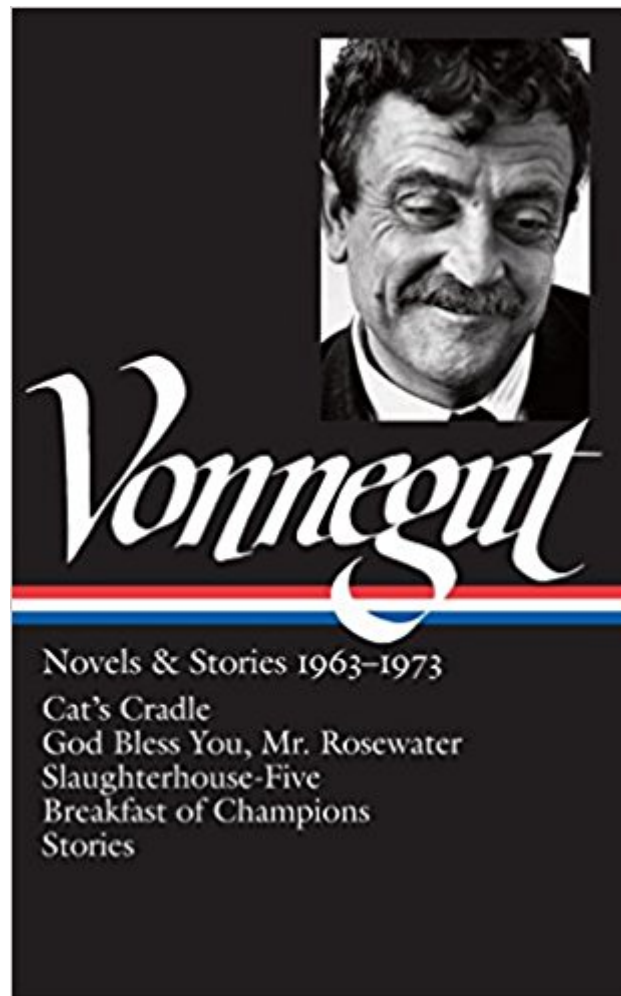




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## Synopsis

Like Mark Twain, Kurt Vonnegut (1922-2007) was a Midwestern everyman steeped in the rhythms of American speech whose anger at the way things are was matched only by his love for the best that we can be. His cunningly relaxed delivery was so original, so finely calibrated, and so profound an articulation of the Sixties' spirit that many critics overlooked the moral seriousness behind the standup-comic craftsmanship. Capturing Vonnegut in pyrotechnic mid-career, this first volume of a projected three-volume edition gathers four of his most acclaimed novels. *Cat's Cradle* (1963) is a comedy of the end of the world (it ends with ice). *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater* (1965) is the tale of a so-called fool, his money, and the lawyer who contrives to part them (it ends with fire).

*Slaughterhouse-Five* (1969), Vonnegut's breakout book and one of the iconic masterpieces of twentieth-century American literature, is the tale of Billy Pilgrim, who, being unstuck in time, is doomed to continually relive both the firebombing of Dresden and his abduction by space aliens. And, in a text enhanced by the author's spirited line drawings, *Breakfast of Champions* (1973) describes the fateful meeting of "two lonesome, skinny, fairly old white men," one of whom disastrously believes that everyone else is a robot. The volume is rounded out with three brilliant short stories and revealing autobiographical accounts of the bombing of Dresden.

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Sidney Offit, editor of The Library of America's four-volume Kurt Vonnegut edition, has written novels, books for young readers, and memoirs including, most recently, *Friends, Writers, and Other Countrymen*. He was senior editor of *Intellectual Digest*, book editor of *Politics Today*,

and contributing editor of *Baseball Magazine*. He wrote the foreword to *Look at the Birdie*, a collection of Kurt Vonnegut's unpublished short fiction.

I have been a big fan of Kurt Vonnegut for years, so I was delighted to find this beautifully bound volume of some of his most important work. His ideas are timeless, the humor is always fresh and unexpected, and his insights are a breath of fresh air. I recommend reading Vonnegut, and I particularly recommend this beautiful book for your library.

Kinky, and entertaining, yet thought-provoking. I had not heard much about him until coming to Indianapolis in 1971 to attend Butler University. His father's hardware store was just going under, but HE was very much on people's tongues and lips, praising his prose. I got into a bind during my sophomore year, reading his books in lieu of my assignments. He, Robert B. Parker, and Larry McMurtry are my all-time favorite authors. The Library of America editions are great items; they all too often provide several works by an author for about the same price as a single novel.

I love Vonnegut. I think his writing is generally appropriate for all ages. Do keep in mind with the Library of America collections have very thin pages. It feels like bible paper, which isn't necessarily the best aesthetic for reading.

I chose to purchase this collection of some of Vonnegut's work not just for the savings in price over buying separately, but also because I intend to pass my collection on to my daughter when she's of age. The Library of America books are built to last for generations and I look forward to expanding my collection of their compilations.

These are masterpieces, expertly bound together from one of the top 5 American writers of all time, for all time! Each one of these of Vonnegut's most popular novels by themselves would end up costing you a lot, lot more than this single bound, attractive black LoA edition. Do wish it had an introduction about the author in it as well (like the B&N leatherbound classics do), but that is what Wikipedia is for, for those who do not know as much about KV as they should or could! A great buy with a holiday coupon around 15 dollars for me! Couldn't beat that!

Vonnegut is one of my favorite authors. His work speaks for itself, so I'll speak only to the quality of this particular volume. Great weight, lovely feel to the pages, good quality binding and cover. Even

the font is pleasant. I'm not a fan of dust covers but this book has one. I covered that with an old leather cover from a journal that fits like a glove. Makes it look even more regal when I'm reading on the bus.

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