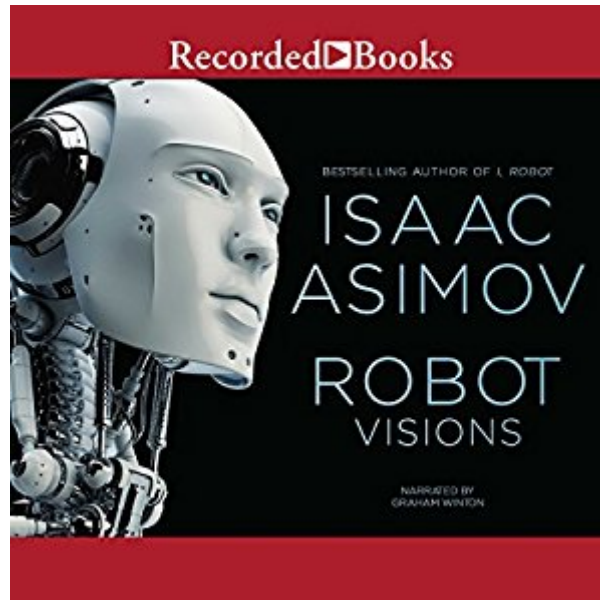




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Synopsis

From the writer whose name is synonymous with the science of robotics comes five decades of robot visions - 36 landmark stories and essays, plus three rare tales - gathered together in one volume. Meet all of Asimov's most famous creations: Robbie, the very first robot that his imagination brought to life; Susan Calvin, the original robot psychologist; Stephen Byerley, the humanoid robot; and the famous human-robot detective team of Lije Baley and R. Daneel Olivaw, who appeared in such best-selling novels as *The Robots of Dawn* and *Robots and Empire*. Let the master himself guide you through the key moments in the fictional history of robot-human relations - from the most primitive computers and mobile machines to the first robot to become a man.

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Customer Reviews

In this book, a collection of short stories about robots, Asimov points out the direction in which robotics might move in the future, which has become our present--a present some of which he lived long enough to witness. A good bit of the writing is dated, but then it would have to be given how long ago it was written and the state-of-the-art at that time. Nonetheless, Asimov points out the directions in which robotics (his own invented term,) might move as the state-of-the-art progresses. We live in an era in which robots serve many of the functions that used to be taken by humans performing the most menial tasks. As time progresses, we might see the role of robots increasing in our lives, a role which the author foresees and predicts as a near certainty.

Great book to see the evolution in Asimov's narrative: as well, in the last chapters, his accurate vision regarding technology's future and impact in society. Great visionary.

Bought this book to add to the Asimov Books already read---half finished this book and it is a very good collection---easy read---if you like Robot books the following may be of interest to you,****Issac Asimov -****The Robot BooksAsimov had a suggested reading sequence HE published in Prelude to Foundation --- for all the books he had written on robots---am listing that here - they were not written in sequence as you see. The Complete Robot - 1982 The Caves of Steel - 1954 The Naked Sun - 1957 The Robots of Dawn -1983 Robots and Empire - 1985 The Currents of Space - 1952 The Stars, Like Dust - 1951 Pebble in the Sky - 1950 Prelude to Foundation - 1988 Foundation - 1951 Foundation and Empire - 1952 Second Foundation - 1953 Foundation's Edge - 1982 Foundation Earth - 1983peace and love----

The style is old fashioned, which I could relate to, having been an Amazing Story and other sci-fi/fantasy magazine fan from my teen years back in the 60s. Probably not every story is first-person, and I really don't recall how much violence was in the collection. What counts in my opinion is the quality of the story, not graphic gore. Altho I didn't love every story in the collection, Asimov was for sure a good story teller. I learned more about the author than I knew before, and I enjoyed his sense of humor.

The great basis for explaining the Frankenstein Complex that is the human mindset.No other author before or since has done such an excellent job of laying out the mental challenges that face humanity as computers move from simple math machines, to sorting, to deduction, to actual intelligence, to the final awareness known as sentience." The first truly alien intelligence we will encounter is the one we build ourselves".

This is a classic read for anyone in tech, robotics and lovers of sci fi. The origins of almost every sci fi movie plot are contained in these short stories by a man who was decades ahead of his time. I just finished a second read in the last few months and discover something each time. The exploration of the different situations created by the Three Laws of Robotics are fascinating.

Grew up reading Asimov which probably influenced my career choice of electronic engineering. If you are looking for an intelligent collection of stories with a little twist and humor, this is a book for

you.

It's ASIMOV! I can't remember anything he wrote that wasn't brilliant. How wonderful to curl up with a lovely book about many different settings & persons. I didn't realize how much I missed reading a GOOD book with no terrorists, zombies, blatant sex (sure, I love sex like anybody else, but not as a required set-up.) or any other 'usual' forgettable crap.

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