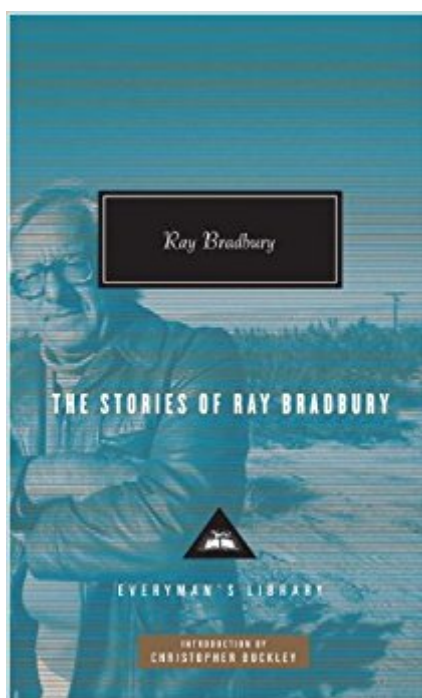


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--Stanley Wiater --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

“The truth is, reading the vast new Everyman’s Library edition of The Stories of Ray Bradbury, culling through its perfectly round 100 selections (and 1,000-plus pages), stopping to wonder why it has taken 30 years for this classic collection to join the hardcover literary canon, a thought slips in repeatedly: Stephen King was thinking way too small. [“Without Ray Bradbury, there would be no Stephen King. • Stephen King]. Without Ray Bradbury, there wouldn’t be American pop culture. He is the Shakespeare of American geek culture, which, in effect, is American pop culture. The Waukegan-born writer is a popularizer of ideas so frequently plundered, subjects so unusual yet routinely picked at, reading The Stories of Ray Bradbury becomes a crash course in not just genre but what its modern voice sounds like. • Christopher Borrelli, Chicago Tribune

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Besides Fahrenheit 451, I did not know much about Ray Bradbury until purchasing this 1000+ page super-collection of his best short stories. I immediately fell in love with him; from the first story on, Bradbury impresses with simple language and stories that are easy to follow but written with such a unique imagination, and a cruel mind talented at providing vivid scares and unexpected twists (see: Mars is Heaven). Most fans checking this book out will most likely be familiar with the work of Bradbury, so concerning the binding and printing of this collection, you cannot find a better collection for your library. It is massive, but it easily stays open when reading earlier or later stories and laying the book flat on a table; not many other bindings can boast that fact. Also as a bonus, the Everymans Library collections come with one of those lovely silk bookmarks glued to the spine, so you don't have to go spending more money on those lavish, top of the line bookmarks that would do a work like this justice :P. Enjoy the best of Bradbury in a binding meant to be passed on for generations.

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