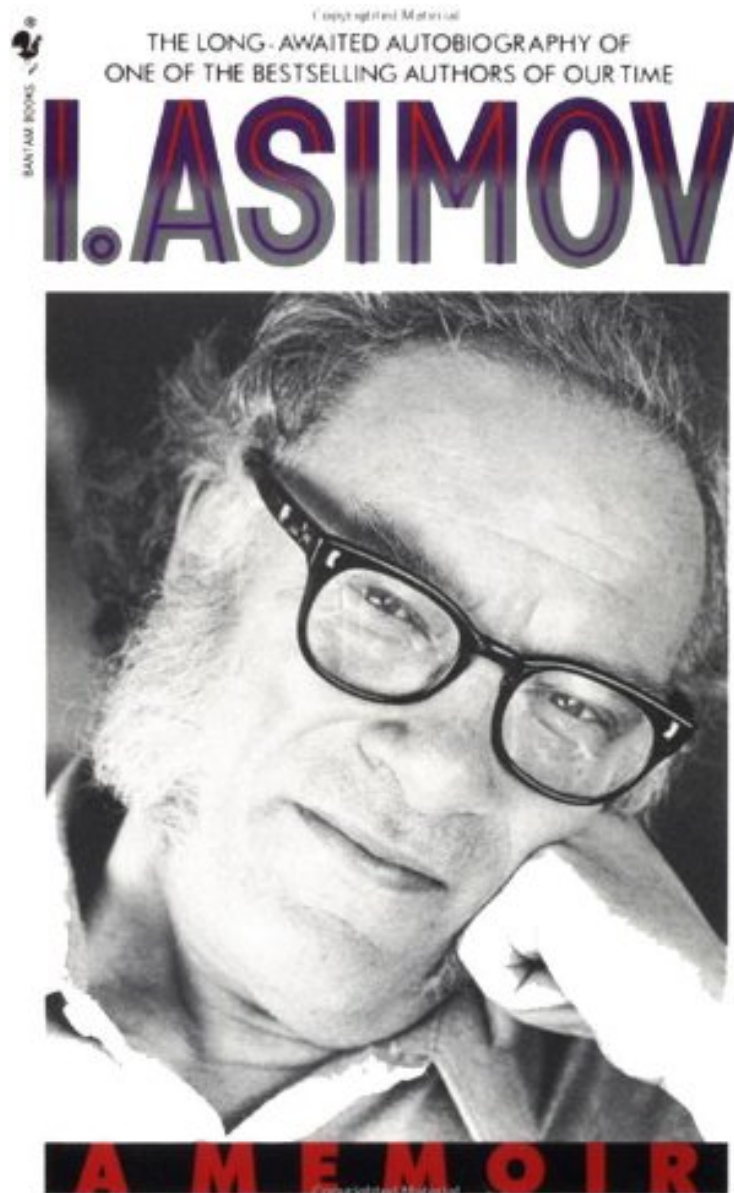


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author, what a life! Von Peter Dykhuis What a touching book. This is a complex and multi-layered book. This seems only appropriate, as Isaac Asimov was a very complex and multi-layered person. This book is pure Asimov. The bulk of the book is written in 1988 to 1990 when Isaac was just entering the last bout with illness in his incredibly prolific career. This is a book written by Isaac and about Isaac. Humility was never a trait Isaac felt had much usefulness. Isaac was a great Author and an incredibly prolific one. Isaac was a very smart individual and an honest one. This all being said and true why be falsely modest. Isaac certainly didn't see any reason to be. The reader can hardly hold any of this against Asimov as it makes the book that much more enjoyable even when confronted with Isaac's rather radical political views. This book is valuable not only in understanding Isaac but other authors and players in the industry. The book gives insight into Lester Del Rey, Frederik Pohl and many other luminaries of days gone by. Isaac made no apologies in this book for the things he believed in and even saw fit to lecture us for a chapter or two on the virtues of liberalism. This is ok. I despise most of the tenants of liberalism but this does not affect my respect and affection for Asimov. Isaac truly believed what he said and was consistent and made no apologies for it. I would far rather count as a friend someone who truly disagrees with me than one who agrees but changes his tune constantly. You get the impression from this book that Isaac was a greatly honest man and one who counted loyalty as a valuable thing. The book is long but not boring. The photos in the middle are delightful but too few. The entire book is written by Isaac with the exception of the last chapter which Janet Asimov penned and it gives us a tear jerking story of Isaac's last few months. There is also included an in-depth biography of Isaac's books as an appendix. A very worthwhile book.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An Illuminating Portrait Von Mike Parkes This book is written in Asimov's usual simple, straightforward manner, and will keep the reader entertained throughout. It also succeeds in giving a good insight into his life and character, although Asimov fans may not like what they learn. Asimov's cavalier attitude to friends and family is quite shocking. We learn in one brief section that his son does not work, and has been supported all his life by Isaac. Isaac voices no regret at how he raised his son, and one is left with the impression that he just doesn't care (the same holds true for his relationship with his first wife). After that one passage, his son is never mentioned for more than a sentence or two throughout the rest of the 500+ page book. Also on display is Isaac's attitude towards his writing, which can only be explained as an obsessive-compulsive disorder. He devotes countless paragraphs describing in detail how many words, books, articles, etc. he has published, and tedious essays on why such-and-such a book should count or not count in his official count of published books. By the evidence of this memoir, this count of published books was Asimov's only way of measuring his success in life. Such a bizarre motivation is unlikely to resonate with most of us, and this memoir shows us what a shallow life it can lead to.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Just Read Von John Domby Easily the greatest work of nonfiction I have ever read, and ever portend to read. Asimov drew me in as a youngster with his Foundation stories, but it is his later nonfiction that most impresses me. His style of writing is unsurpassed by any author I have yet to read (and being an English major, I have read more than a few), and his life story is all the more interesting to those of us who admire him. Though some petty reviewers may remark at Asimov's penchant for tossing off witticisms and regard this disposition as a degradation to the book, this only reveals that reviewer's particular shortcomings in social settings. Asimov was witty, and anyone who is at all familiar with the Gradmaster through his writings knows that he never put on a front of false modesty. He was PROUD to be witty, and displayed this wherever he went to whomever he talked. If you are a fan of Asimov's and have not read this book, get crackin'! If you are not a fan of Asimov yet and have not read this book, get crackin'! I guarantee you'll be gripped shortly, and after you're done, you may want to take a stab at the more in-depth accounting of his life string in his other two volumes of autobiography: In Memory Yet Green, and In Joy Still Felt.

Kurzbeschreibung Arguably the greatest science fiction writer who ever lived, Isaac Asimov also possessed one of the most brilliant and original minds of our time. His accessible style and far-reaching interests in subjects ranging from science to humor to history earned him the nickname the Great Explainer. I. Asimov is his personal story vivid, open, and honest as only Asimov himself could tell it. Here is the story of the paradoxical genius who wrote of travel to the stars yet refused to fly in airplanes; who imagined alien universes and vast galactic civilizations while staying home to write; who compulsively authored more than 470 books yet still found the time to share his ideas with some of the great minds of our century. Here are his wide-ranging thoughts and sharp-eyed observations on everything from religion to politics, love and divorce, friendship and Hollywood, fame and mortality. Here, too, is a riveting behind-the-scenes look at the varied personalities Campbell, Ellison, Heinlein, Clarke, del Rey, Silverberg, and others who along with Asimov helped shape science fiction. As unique and irrepresible as the man himself, I. Asimov is the candid memoir of an incomparable talent who entertained readers for nearly half a century and whose work will surely endure into the future he so vividly envisioned.

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