

Solar Lottery Philip K Dick

Gathers twenty-four science fiction stories, including "We Can Remember It for You Wholesale," "Second Variety," "The Golden Man," and "The Last of the Masters"

A powerful and enigmatic alien recruits humans and aliens to help it restore a sunken cathedral in this touching and hilarious novel. Sometimes even gods need help. In Galactic Pot-Healer that god is an alien creature known as The Glimmung, which looks alternately like a flaming wheel, a teenage girl, and a swirling mass of ocean life. In order to raise a sunken city, he summons beings from across the galaxy to Plowman's Planet. Joe Fernwright is one of those summoned, needed for his skills at pot-healing—repairing broken ceramics. But from the moment Joe arrives on Plowman's Planet, things start to go awry. Told as only Philip K. Dick can, Galactic Pot-Healer is a wildly funny tale of aliens, gods, and ceramics.

Following a devastating nuclear war, the Moral Reclamation government took over the world and forced its citizens to live by strictly puritanical rules—no premarital sex, drunkenness, or displaying of neon signs—all of which are reinforced through a constant barrage of messaging to the public. The chief purveyor of these messages is Alan Purcell, next in line to become head of the propaganda bureau. But there is just one problem: a statue of the government's founder has been vandalized and the head is hidden in Purcell's closet. In this buttoned-up society, maybe all a revolution needs is one really great prank . . .

This early work by Philip K. Dick was originally published in 1953 and we are now republishing it with a brand new introductory biography. 'The Variable Man' is a novella about a war between the people of the Terran System and that of Proxima Centauri. Philip Kindred Dick was born on December 16 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. Dick and his family moved to the Bay Area of San Francisco when he was young, and later on to Washington DC following his parents divorce. Dick attended Elementary school and then a Quaker school before the family moved back to California. It was around this time that Dick began to take an active interest in the science fiction genre, reading his first magazine 'Stirring Science Stories', at age twelve. Dick married five times between 1959 and 1973, and had three children. He sold his first story in 1951 and from that point on he wrote full-time, selling his first novel in 1955. In addition to 44 published novels, Dick wrote an estimated 121 short stories, most of which appeared in science fiction magazines during his lifetime. In addition to 44 published novels, Dick wrote an estimated 121 short stories, most of which appeared in science fiction magazines during his lifetime. After his death, many of his stories made the transition to the big screen, with blockbuster films such as Blade Runner, Total Recall and Minority Report being based on his works.

"Formerly published as The unteleported man."

Dr. Jim Parsons is hurled into the future and discovers the enormous

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consequences of the technocrats' seizure of control and creation of an American paradise free from poverty and disease

On a planet run by escapees from a mental institution, the doctors who arrive to restore order may be the craziest of all. For years, the third moon in the Alphane system was used as a psychiatric hospital. But when war broke out between Earth and the Alphanes, the hospital was left unguarded and the inmates set up their own society, made up of competing factions based around each mental illness. When Earth sends a delegation to take back the colony, they find enclaves of depressives, schizophrenics, paranoiacs, and other mentally ill people coming together to repel what they see as a foreign invasion. Meanwhile, back on Earth, CIA agent Chuck Rittersdorf and his wife Mary are going through a bitter divorce, with Chuck losing everything. But when Chuck is assigned to clandestinely control an android accompanying Mary to the Alphane moon, he sees an opportunity to get his revenge.

Ragel Gumm, who earns his living entering a complex newspaper puzzle contest in 1950s California, discovers that he actually lives in the future and that his contest entries predict missile attacks from the rebel lunar colonists. Reprint. 12,500 first printing.

A disparate group of characters are brought together on a ravaged Earth and must contend with an underclass that's starting to ask too many questions.

"Our Friends from Frolix 8 was originally published in hardcover in the United States by Grafton Books in 1970"--T.p. verso.

What if you discovered that everything you knew about the world was a lie? That's the question at the heart of Philip K. Dick's futuristic novel about political oppression, the show business of politics, and the sinister potential of the military-industrial complex. This wry, paranoid thriller imagines a future in which the earth has been ravaged, and cities are burnt-out wastelands too dangerous for human life. Americans have been shipped underground, where they toil in crowded industrial anthills and receive a steady diet of inspiring speeches from a president who never seems to age. Nick St. James, like the rest of the masses, believes in the words of his leaders. But that all changes when he travels to the surface--where what he finds is more shocking than anything he could possibly imagine.

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A wry look at how different people see the world, told in the caustically fun style of award-winning science fiction novelist Philip K. Dick.

Following an inexplicable urge, Ted Barton returns to his idyllic Virginia hometown for a vacation, but when he gets there, he is shocked to discover that the town has utterly changed. The stores and houses are all different and he doesn't recognize anybody. The mystery deepens when he checks the town's historical records . . . and reads that he died nearly twenty years earlier. As he attempts to uncover the secrets of the town, Barton is drawn deeper into the puzzle, and into a supernatural battle that could decide the fate of the universe.

Hired to work for Quizmaster Verrick, the man in charge of the strange game in which the ruler of the Universe is selected, Ted Bentley is unaware that Leon Cartwright, the man destined to take over Verrick's job, is targeted for assassination or that Verrick is plotting to resume control of a not-so-random universe. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

After the twentieth century's devastating series of wars, the world's governments banded together into one globe-spanning entity, committed to peace at all costs.

Ensuring that peace is the Vulcan supercomputer, responsible for all major decisions. But some people don't like being taken out of the equation. And others resent the idea that the Vulcan is taking the place of God. As the world grows ever closer to all-out war, one functionary frantically tries to prevent it. But the Vulcan computer has its own plans, plans that might not include humanity at all.

Features twenty-one stories from the well-known science fiction writer, including "Beyond Lies the Wub," "The Days of Perky Pat," and "The Electric Ant."

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Louis Rosen's company creates historically accurate simulacra of people, such as Abraham Lincoln, but a billionaire's secret plans for them could cause trouble for Louis

Palmer Eldritch returns from the edge of the universe with a drug called Chew-D for the colonists of Mars who are under threat of god-like or satanic psychics that threaten to wage war against the human soul.

The third volume in a series of five collections of short stories from one of the most original thinkers in the genre. This third volume of Philip K Dick's stories is drawn, like *Second Variety* (the second volume), from his most prolific period as a short story writer. The 23 items were written in little more than a year, before his first novel appeared. Many of them are previously uncollected, but also included are several of his most famous stories, such as *Foster*, *You're Dead*, a powerful extrapolation of nuclear-war hysteria, and *The Golden Man*, a very different story about a super-evolved mutant human. This is a marvellously varied collection by a writer whose posthumous reputation continues to grow and grow. In this Hugo Award-winning alternative history classic—the basis for the Amazon Original series—the United States lost World War II and was subsequently divided

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between the Germans in the East and the Japanese in the West. It's America in 1962. Slavery is legal once again. The few Jews who still survive hide under assumed names. In this world, we meet characters like Frank Frink, a dealer of counterfeit Americana who is himself hiding his Jewish ancestry; Nobusuke Tagomi, the Japanese trade minister in San Francisco, unsure of his standing within the bureaucracy and Japan's with Germany; and Juliana Frink, Frank's ex-wife, who may be more important than she realizes. These seemingly disparate characters gradually realize their connections to each other just as they realize that something is not quite right about their world. And it seems as though the answers might lie with Hawthorne Abendsen, a mysterious and reclusive author, whose best-selling novel describes a world in which the US won the War... The Man in the High Castle is Dick at his best, giving readers a harrowing vision of the world that almost was. "The single most resonant and carefully imagined book of Dick's career." —New York Times

A steamy tale of two men and a woman isolated by circumstance but alienated from each other by the past in an early mainstream novel from the award-winning Philip K. Dick.

Based on thousands of personal notes, letters and other written sources, a definitive presentation of the late science-fiction and metaphysical author's unpublished masterwork offers insight into his life-long exploration of the nature of reality and perception and the relationship between humanity and the divine. The Man Whose Teeth Were All Exactly Alike was written by Philip K. Dick in the winter and spring of 1960, in Point Reyes Station, California. In the sequence of Dick's work, The Man Whose Teeth was written immediately after Confessions of a Crap Artist; the next book Dick wrote was The Man in the High Castle, the Hugo Award-winning science fiction novel that ushered in the next stage of Dick's career. This novel, Dick said, is about Leo Runcible, "a brilliant, civic-minded liberal Jew living in a rural WASP town in Marin County, California." Runcible, a real estate agent involved in a local battle with a neighbor, finds what look like Neanderthal bones and dreams of rising real estate prices because of the publicity. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Eleven short stories and novellas from 1950s periodicals such as Worlds of Science Fiction, Orbit, and Startling Stories include "Foster, You're Dead," "Prominent Author," "Upon the Dull Earth," and "Adjustment Team."

THE FATHER THING contains the stories written in 1956, just before the publication of Dick's first novel, SOLAR LOTTERY. The stories are a mix of the previously uncollected and some of his most famous pieces such as Foster, You're Dead a powerful extrapolation of nuclear war hysteria, and The Golden Man, a very different story about a super-evolved mutant human. What if you could see into the future? Award-winning author Philip K. Dick examines precognition in this influential novel.

A dead man sends haunting warnings back from the grave, and Joe Chip must solve these mysteries to determine his own real or surreal existence.

Having just lost Berkeley and his wife in a game of Bluff, a bizarre game that has become a blinding obsession for the last inhabitants of Earth, Pete Garden prepares to play his next opponent, who isn't even human, for stakes that are much higher

What awaits us out in space? *** New star-drive engines promise to open up the galaxy to

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human-kind. But the first ship to use the engines disappears and a sole survivor returns...alone and dying of some strange type of radiation. *** No one can figure out what has happened to the ship or the crew. Nor does anyone know what happens to a ship travelling using star-drive technology. *** Does some unknown horror await us out there? *** The only way to find out is to go out again. And Arch Comyn is determined to be the one to solve the mystery. *** But is he, and the rest of mankind, ready for whatever awaits us beyond the Big Jump?

The universe is not nearly as random as it appears in this fun, pulpy early work from the award-winning science fiction novelist Philip K. Dick.

"Grappling with many of the themes Philip K. Dick is best known for--identity, altered reality, drug use, and dystopias--*Flow My Tears, the Policeman Said* is both a rollicking chase story and a meditation on reality. Jason Taverner--talk show host and man-about-town--wakes one day to find that no one knows who he is. In a society where lack of identification is a crime, Taverner must evade the secret police while trying to unravel the mystery of why no one remembers him"--

The operating principle was random selection: positions of public power were decided by a sophisticated lottery. Everyone had a chance, everyone could live in hope that they would be chosen to be the boss, the Quizmaster. But with the power came the game - the assassination game - which everyone could watch on TV. Would the new man be good enough to avoid his chosen killer? Which made for fascinating and exciting viewing, compelling enough to distract the public's attention while the Big Five industrial complexes run the world, the solar system and the people, unnoticed and completely unopposed. Then, in 2203, with the choice of a member of a maverick cult as Quizmaster, the system developed a little hitch...

Collected together for the first time, these wild stories--the inspiration for the highly anticipated new TV show--present a master of the form at work, combining out-of-this world ideas with a keen understanding of just what makes us all human.

Philip K. Dick was one of the masters of science fiction, and his short stories consistently broke new ground. His work has provided the inspiration for many successful films, including *BLADE RUNNER*, *MINORITY REPORT*, *PAYCHECK* and many more. Here are his final short works, including the story which was the inspiration for *TOTAL RECALL*. Also included is a selection of other astounding tales, often touching on Dick's most important themes. A man remembers killing his wife - but can he trust his memories? If you were to discover that you were an android, what experiments would you perform on yourself? A supercomputer decides to attack Northern California - can it be talked out of doing the job it was designed for? Can history rewrite itself? All of these questions will be asked as you enter the world of Philip K Dick's remarkable imagination.

"The writing is humorous, painful, awesome in its effect on both mind and heart . . . There are few modern novels to match it."—*Rolling Stone* On an arid Mars, local bigwigs compete with Earth-bound interlopers to buy up land before the UN develops it and its value skyrockets. Martian Union leader Arnie Kott has an ace up his sleeve, though: an autistic boy named Manfred who seems to have the ability to see the future. In the hopes of gaining an advantage on a Martian real estate deal, powerful people force Manfred to send them into the future, where they can learn about development plans. But is Manfred sending them to the real future or one colored by his own dark and paranoid filter? As the time travelers are drawn into Manfred's dark worldview in both the future and present, the cost of doing business may drive them all insane.

Earth is trapped in the crossfire of an unwinnable war between two alien civilizations. Its leader is perpetually on the verge of death. And on top of it all, a new drug has just entered circulation—a drug that haphazardly sends its users traveling through time. In an attempt to escape his doomed marriage, Dr. Eric Sweetscent becomes caught up in all of it. But he has questions: is Earth on the right side of the war? Is he supposed to heal Earth's leader or keep

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him sick? And can he change the harrowing future that the drug has shown him? The first book in Philip K. Dick's final trilogy (followed by *The Divine Invasion* and *The Transmigration of Timothy Archer*), *VALIS* encapsulates many of the themes that Dick was obsessed with over the course of his career. A disorienting and bleakly funny novel, *VALIS* (which stands for Vast Active Living Intelligence System) is about a schizophrenic man named Horselover Fat (who just might also be known as Philip Dick); the hidden mysteries of Gnostic Christianity; and reality as revealed through a pink laser. *VALIS* is a theological detective story, in which God is both a missing person and the perpetrator of the ultimate crime. Taking place in the same universe as Dick's soon-to-be-published *Exegesis*, *VALIS* is a dense novel, but one that is absolutely essential to understanding the author's off-kilter worldview. Much like Dick himself, the reader is left wondering what is real, what is fiction, and what the price is for divine inspiration.

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