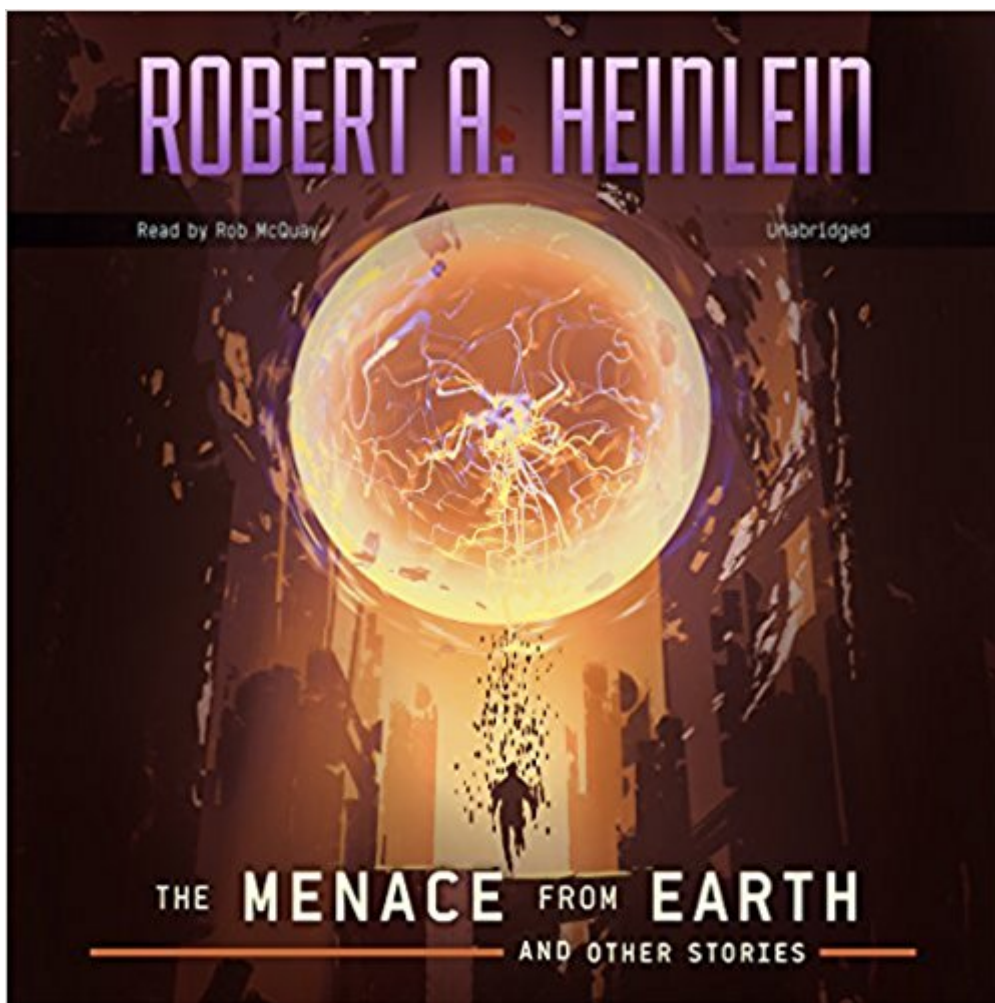


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The Menace From Earth And Other Stories



Synopsis

[Read by Rob McQuay] From a master of science fiction comes eight startling stories of time and space. In "The Year of the Jackpot," a statistician charts a curve of unusual happenings throughout the earth, only to find that his facts and figures prove the approach of the end of the world. In "By His Bootstraps," a man steps thirty thousand years into time and is trapped in the fourth dimension with three strange, yet oddly familiar, people. In "Goldfish Bowl," people disappear one by one, in great swirling balls of fire, and are held captive in space by beings of vastly superior intelligence. Also in this collection of short stories originally published in 1959 are "Columbus Was a Dope," "The Manace from Earth," "Sky Lift," "Project Nightmare," and "Water Is for Washing."

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Customer Reviews

"Much of what made Heinlein famous is audible here: contempt for government and convention, stark self-reliance, prescient scientific vision." --AudioFile

Robert Anson Heinlein (1907-1988) was born in Missouri. He served five years in the US Navy and then attended graduate classes in mathematics and physics at UCLA. After a variety of jobs, he began to write science fiction in 1939. He is a four-time winner of the Hugo Award and a recipient of three Retro Hugos, and in 1975 he was named the first recipient of the Grand Master Award for lifetime achievement. Several of his books were New York Times bestsellers, and his worldwide bestsellers have been translated into twenty-two languages.

"Menace from Earth" puts you inside the mind of a gorgeous teenage girl, born and raised on the moon, whose greatest desire is to design a starship - and she is well on her way with her brainy male teen colleague, with whom she thinks she has a sister-brother relationship...that is, until a beautiful older female (the menace from earth) starts leading him around by the nose. This is a short story, but is like a little diamond - worth far, far more than you could imagine until you have experienced it. There are seven other short stories by Heinlein in the book, and they are all good; but the only one I have remembered since I first read it 48 years ago is "The Menace from Earth." Perhaps I love it most because it was my first really good introduction to the feminine mind! (It also made me long to glide on air in a big underground dome on the moon.)

A friend recommended 'By His Bootstraps' and I've read that one. I was never a huge Heinlein fan, but that was a decent short-story read. I haven't pushed on to finish the other stories yet.

This was a copy of a Heinlein book I read a long time ago. All the Heinlein scifi books are highly recommended. I bought this because I did not already have a copy. It arrived on time (infact early) and was in excellent condition.

I'm learning to get used to Heinlein. I read Friday, a sci-fi novel by Heinlein about an artificial person. While I did not finish it, because I felt the plot and direction were too aimless, I did think Heinlein's characterizations and cast of characters was excellent. You felt for Friday Jones, her boss and her friends. I hope as I read this short story by Heinlein, I'm pleasantly surprised and love the journey.

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This is a great collection of basic Heinlein SciFi. The title story is about basic jealousy surrounded by miscommunication and the physics of living on the moon. The other stories explore similar kinds of territory. Recommended for exploring concepts of the future and odd bits of probability.

I'm going with 3 stars (★★★). At first I was thinking down from 3.5, but after reading my extensive notes on these stories it is more like up from 2.5 stars. This is not the book I expected. Having seen an old paperback copy in my garage, I checked my ebook library and saw I had this ebook and the audio. Yea me! The Menace from Earth is the title of ONE of the stories in

the book. From a glance at the paperback's back cover I wasn't alerted to this fact. In for a dime, in for a dollar...The assorted publications that have the story "The Menace from Earth" have different book titles. Below are the stories in this edition: *The Year of the Jackpot (The first story) *By His Bootstraps (second story). *Columbus Was a Dope (third story) *The Menace from Earth (fourth story) *Sky Line (fifth story) *Goldfish Bowl (Sixth Story) *Project Nightmare (Seventh Story) *Water is for Washing (8th & Last Story) Twice I went back to the garage to dust off that old copy to see if I was reading the ebook described on the back cover. I was certainly confused and what it says absolutely has nothing to do with the story "The Menace From Earth" If you're a Heinlein fan then getting your hands on this edition of short stories is an addition to your treasure trove. If you're looking for a great read... only one or two of these stories will pull their weight. A couple of them are a disappointment and the rest are ok. I figure if you're going for it, best that you read them all and decide for yourself. I recommend for RAH fans and maybe people wanting to study story structure or such a thing. It being a few days short of 2015 NaNoWriMo (search if you don't know), I'm sure some aspiring SF/F writer could learn a thing or two about storytelling.

Robert A Heinlein is considered by most to be the greatest science fiction author of all times. Whether he is or not is for each reader to decide on his own, but I will tell you that virtually every other writer on the short list of those who might also qualify for that title will tell you that they were inspired by the works of RAH, and I doubt many of them would claim themselves to better the old master. Heinlein is much better known for his long list of "juvenile" science fiction novels and for his long list of sexually explicit "adult" books, but he has an impressive list of short stories, and this collection captures a nice set of them. "By His Bootstraps" is worth the price of any book all on its own. Heinlein takes the time travel concept and twists it into a fascinating Gordian knot. Once you read it, you'll take great pride (or not) in having figured out who was who and how quickly you "got it". LOL In "The Menace from Earth", the tale of "flying" in the low gravity of Luna City's atmosphere is yet another one of Heinlein's typical and effective tales of entertaining human emotion wrapped around the axis of a fascinating technological idea. The other stories are all interesting on their own, but possibly not quite as memorable over the long run as those I mentioned. Still, there isn't one that you won't enjoy, and feel that you KNOW the heroes of the stories as you read them. Heinlein was a writer who finished every story and book leaving the reader wanting more of that story, of the new friends met therein, and these are no exception.

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