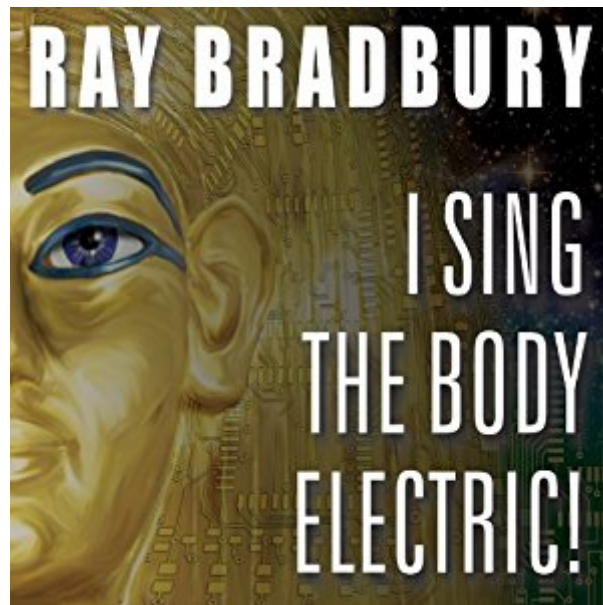


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# I Sing The Body Electric!: And Other Stories



## Synopsis

The mind of Ray Bradbury is a wonder-filled carnival of delight and terror that stretches from the verdant Irish countryside to the coldest reaches of outer space. Yet all his work is united by one common thread: a vivid and profound understanding of the vast set of emotions that bring strength and mythic resonance to our frail species. Bradbury characters may find themselves anywhere - and anywhen. A horrified mother may give birth to a strange blue pyramid. A man may take Abraham Lincoln out of the grave - and meet another who puts him back. An amazing Electrical Grandmother may come to live with a grieving family. An old parrot may have learned over long evenings to imitate the voice of Ernest Hemingway and become the last link to the last link to the great man. A priest on Mars may confront his fondest dream: to meet the Messiah. Each of these magnificent creations has something to tell us about our own humanity - and all of their fates await you in this new edition of 28 classic Bradbury stories and one luscious poem. Travel on an unpredictable and unforgettable literary journey, safe in the hands of one of the great men of imagination. The stories included are "The Kilimanjaro Device", "The Terrible Conflagration Up at the Place", "Tomorrow's Child", "The Women", "The Inspired Chicken Motel", "Downwind from Gettysburg", "Yes, We'll Gather at the River", "The Cold Wind and the Warm", "Night Call, Collect", "The Haunting of the New", "I Sing the Body Electric!" "The Tombling Day", "Any Friend of Nicholas Nickleby's Is a Friend of Mine", "Heavy-Set", "The Man in the Rorschach Shirt", "Henry the Ninth", "The Lost City of Mars", "The Blue Bottle", "One Timeless Spring", "The Parrot Who Met Papa", "The Burning Man", "A Piece of Wood", "The Messiah", "G.B.S.---Mark V", "The Utterly Perfect Murder", "Punishment Without Crime", "Getting Through Sunday Somehow", "Drink Entire: Against the Madness of Crowds", and "Christus Apollo".

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## Customer Reviews

A lovely short story + 1 poem collection, with some Martian and Royal Hibernian cheek by jowl. My review is in alphabetical order rather than presentation order, for ease of reference. "Any Friend of Nicholas Nickleby's is a Friend of Mine" - One fine summer's day, a man arrived at the train station in Green Town, Illinois - giving the name Charles Dickens. "Christus Apollo" - A poem, speculating on how many worlds in the wide universe have seen the birth of a Christ child. "The Cold Wind and the Warm" - The Royal Hibernian Hotel in Dublin is having a dull winter, when six male ballet dancers descend out of the blue for a 24 hour stay, looking for an unlikely new place. "Downwind from Gettysburg" - Phipps says that's where we must stand, the only hearing place. (He's always dreamed of making a movie with a farmer and his son standing at the edge of the crowd listening to Lincoln's address.). Instead, he built a tourist attraction in Illinois with a robot Lincoln - and someone has now 'assassinated' the robot. "The Haunting of the New" - Another story near Dublin's Royal Hibernian Hotel, but not with the same characters. Nora's family has lived at Grynwood for the last 200 years, each generation wilder than the last. (On Charlie's first visit, two rival ballet mobs, separated by a language barrier (Manhattan vs. Hamburg) were visiting, along with a Duchess. Nora greeted Charlie stark-naked at the front door, only to have the Duchess strip down in response as she came in.) Sometimes Marion brings his Pekingnese dog troupe, which always gets drunker and sicker than he. Now (years later) Nora offers to sell Grynwood to Charlie - and for the first time, the house has no weekend guests. What happened? "Heavy-Set" - That's one of his nicknames, as well as Sammy (for Samson).

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