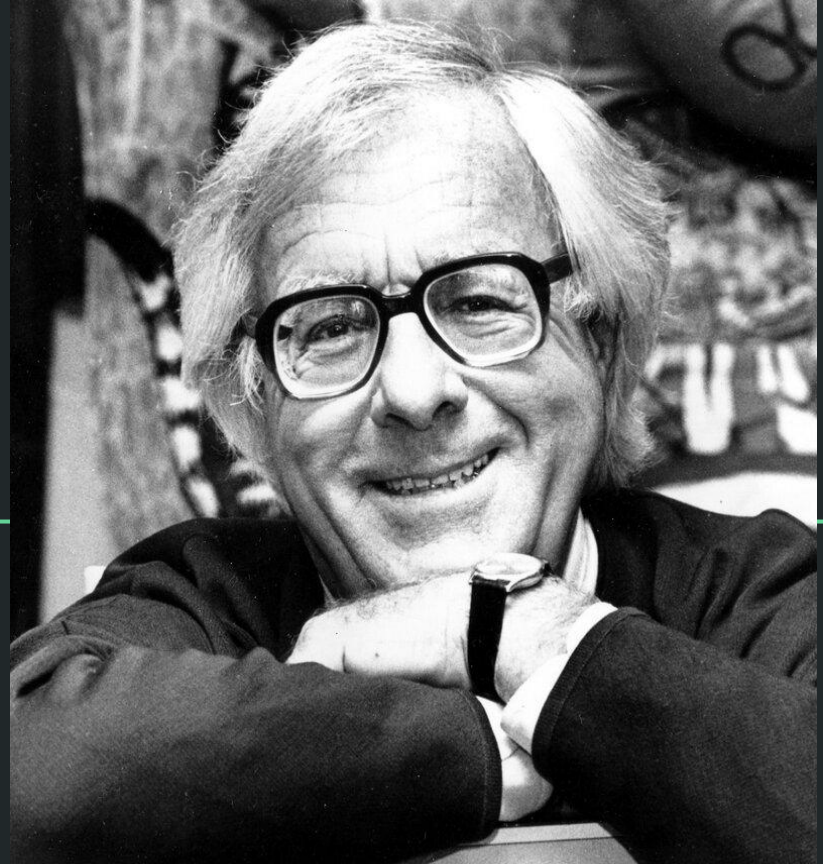


Ray Bradbury

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Introduction

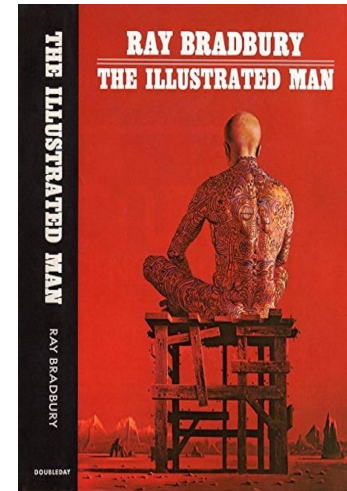
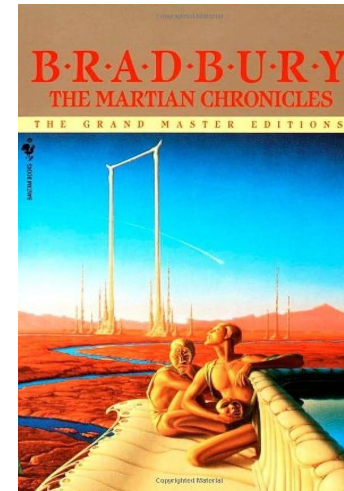
- **Ray Bradbury was born on August 22nd, 1920 in Waukegan, Illinois.**
- **Bradbury began writing at the age of 11 when his family gifted him a typewriter, which he used to write his first few stories.**
- **Many science fiction enjoyers consider Ray Bradbury a legend in the genre and his work helped shaped science fiction into what it is now, and even today many are still being inspired by his work.**



Major Works

Some of Ray Bradbury's most iconic and critically acclaimed works include:

- “Fahrenheit 451” which came out on October 19, 1953 and is known for its themes about censorship and how the government uses its power to influence and control the public. The book is also praised for its defense of real and physical literature against the growing electronic market.
- “The Martian Chronicles” which was published in 1950 and featured a collection of short stories that all revolved around the theme of the colonization of Mars by humans, but the story also was a unique one on human behavior, both good and bad. It is considered a must-read in the Science Fiction community.
- “The Illustrated Man” which was released in 1969 and is known for its themes of how comfort can be a bad thing and how it may be seen as a way of accepting death. It is another book that features a collection of short stories that Science Fiction readers can not get enough of.



Influence on Science Fiction

- Ray Bradbury is not only praised and remembered for his great storytelling and literary style, but is also credited as the man who propelled Science Fiction into the literary mainstream.
- Many readers of Science Fiction credit Ray Bradbury's works as what got them into Science Fiction and showed them just how deep and expansive the stories within the genre can get, such as the iconic "Fahrenheit 451".
- Ray Bradbury is also seen as a pioneer in the Science Fiction since he was not afraid to write stories with dark themes or sensitive topics such as the government controlling the populace or even planned murder. Bradbury was not afraid to go against what was and was not accepted at the time and his bravery helped inspire many Science Fiction writers, readers, and even filmmakers to create whatever stories they could come up with no matter how outlandish or dark they may seem.



Early Influences

- **Bradbury was raised in a struggling family who moved constantly between Illinois and Arizona. He also grew up during the Great Depression so this played a role in how he viewed society, the government, and even the world.**
- **When he was younger, Bradbury was in love with fantasy fiction, so he was inspired by authors like Edgar Rice Burroughs, Jules Verne, and L. Frank Baum who he enjoyed reading from a lot.**
- **Bradbury made the decision to become a full-time writer when he found out he was ineligible to join the military due to his poor eyesight. Who knows how different his life would have been and what Science Fiction would be like had he been able to join the military.**



Awards & Honors

- In 1984, Bradbury received the Prometheus Hall of Fame Award, which is an award dedicated to honoring classic libertarian fiction award. He received this award for his work on the iconic “Fahrenheit 451”.
- After Bradbury passed away in 2012, many people who were inspired and admired his work paid their respects to the legend, including former President Barack Obama. “His gift for storytelling reshaped our culture and expanded our world” stated Barack Obama.
- In 2007, Bradbury received a Pulitzer Prize Award for his long and distinguished career that helped inspire a generation of readers, writers, and artists of all forms.



To conclude...

- **After years of hard-work, passion, and dedication to the craft, Ray Bradbury has cemented himself as a legend in the Science Fiction genre and in history in-general.**
- **His iconic writings such as “Fahrenheit 451” and “The Martian Chronicles” were ahead of their time and continue to inspire generations of young readers and writers all over the globe.**
- **Ray Bradbury passed away on June 5, 2012 and left behind a strong and passionate legacy that will live on to keep inspiring readers for years and years to come.**



Final Questions

- **Do you think writing was a way for Ray Bradbury to cope with the problems at the time? (World War II, The Great Depression)**
- **Bradbury believed that writing is best when it developed through one's life experiences, do you agree?**

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