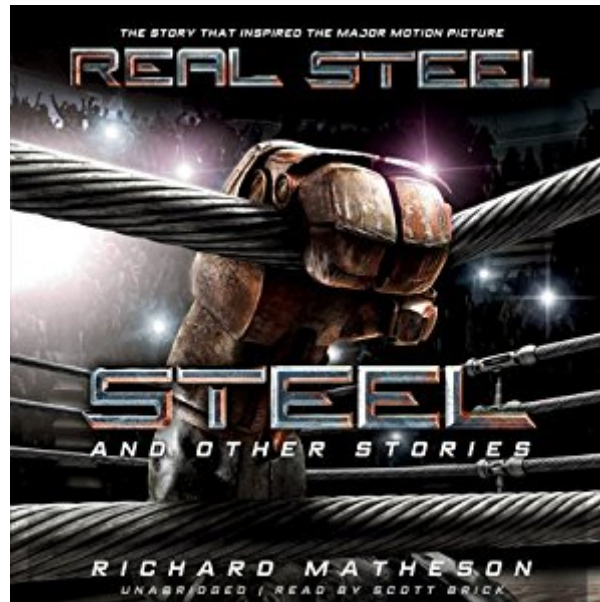




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Steel And Other Stories



Synopsis

Soon to be a major motion picture starring Hugh Jackman, here is a new short story collection by the New York Times best-selling author of *I Am Legend*. Imagine a future in which human boxing has been replaced by heavyweight bouts between massive robots. Richard Matheson's classic short story, "Steel", is the inspiration for *Real Steel*, a new movie starring Hugh Jackman. "Steel" is just one of over a dozen unforgettable tales in this outstanding collection, including a satirical fantasy, "The Splendid Source", and two new stories never before collected in any previous Matheson collection.

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Customer Reviews

Okay, I bought the book because I remembered, vaguely from years ago, reading the story by Richard Matheson about an obsolete steel robot boxer and its broken-down fighter/owner. This is the story, among others in this collection, that sparked the screenplay for *Real Steel* - but it is so not the same story! From my perspective, this is a better story for reading than the plot of the movie would be. The drive to excel, refusal to quit, willingness to suffer in pursuit of one's dreams - these are human qualities; and in Matheson's story, they belong to the human fighter. The other stories in this collection serve to remind us why Matheson's ideas have given us so many movies, like *Duel*, *I Am Legend*, *What Dreams May Come*, *A Stir of Echoes* and *The Incredible Shrinking Man*.

A brilliant collection of short stories by one of the best sci-fi and horror writers. Mr Matheson's word

choice is exquisite and concise. Fans of the Twilight Zone will be delighted by this collection of short stories. Must read.

I can't believe Matheson wrote these so long ago! He's amazing. Each story is short and to a point. Usually the plot follows one character, and some assumption you make about normal is challenged. the first story - Steel - was used as the basis for the Hugh Jackman movie Steel about the father and son building a robot (and by based, I mean loosely - it follows a character who has an old robot for a robot fight - so same world, diff plot). Once I read the first story, I kept reading all the other stories quickly. There is huge variety in plots/stories. Nothing too long. Short, easy reading. I read this after "a fall of moon dust" and feel they are similar.

Matheson's "I am legend" is one of the best novels I've ever read. I watched "Real Steel" with my kids and loved it, and saw in the credits that Matheson had written the short story, so thought I'd have a look. "Steel" is quite dissimilar to the film (as expected) but is a great story. There's a mix of very good to lame here. The titular story is great, as are the one about an atheistic time traveller going back to secretly view Christ's crucifixion, and the final story, "window of time," a nostalgic look at aging, memories and childhood. Worth a look.

You are always in for a treat when you sit down to read Matheson. The stories are tightly constructed and inventive. For those of you new to Matheson, this collection is a wonderful place to start. Read the title story and then watch the episode of The Twilight Zone, also by Richard Matheson, adapted from Steel. You'll see what I mean by tightly constructed and inventive. Richard Matheson was a masterful storyteller and this collection will amaze you.

My review can be found in my responses to the multi choice questions already answered. In a nutshell, barely intriguing, completely frightening stories that meander off into the distance (and good riddance to bad rubbish) with no resolution and little plot. This is the absolute nadir of R. Matheson's oeuvre.

Fantastic speculative fiction, with well-written characters and a masterful grasp of the short story. These stories may make you laugh or cry, but they'll definitely make you think.

Richard Matheson is a masterpiece, whatever he writes. You can't fail here!

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