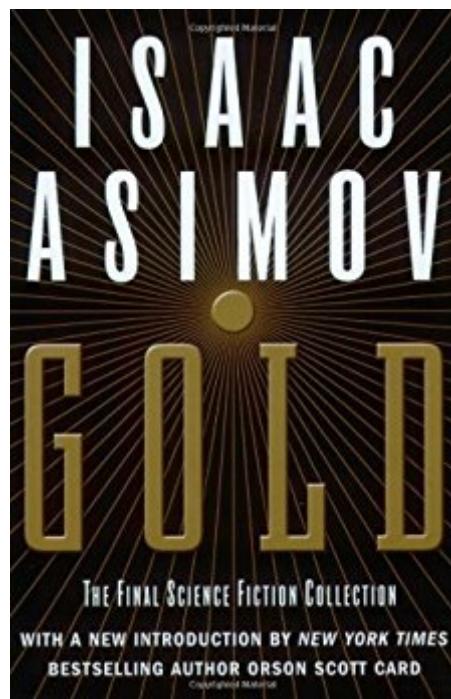


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Customer Reviews

If you're a diehard Asimov fan like I am, you'll probably like this book. The main story, "Gold," details a filmmaker realizing the second part of ...And the Gods Themselves. For that alone, it's worth a look. Asimov's more famous collections are a little more fun. If you're becoming an Asimov fan, it's best to start with his early science-fiction and then move through his career.

First and foremost there are a couple points you must consider if you are reading this review as a means of deciding whether or not to read this book. First off: I did not read the first section of the book, yet. Secondly I intentionally read the second two sections because I am endeavoring to be a science fiction author myself. I can say I did not agree with everything Asimov had to say but his honors and body of work alone definitely indicate that his opinion carries merit. Secondly: This would not likely be a good "starter" book for someone who has never read Asimov as over half of it is Asimov the author writing about science fiction and about writing science fiction. That being said I absolutely loved this book. I felt it was a great insight into the way Asimov thought and wrote. It inspired me to continue to improve my writing. Finally, a previous reviewer (who only gave the book 2 stars) made some comment along the lines that the book was just a collection of Asimov yelling about how great he is. I can understand how the obviously misinformed reviewer might hold that ignorant opinion. It is my personal assumption that the last two thirds of the book were mostly collected from Asimov's Science Fiction (the magazine) within which he would regularly write, as the editor, a letter from the editor. Frequently in the various pieces in the final two parts of the book Asimov makes obvious reference to the magazine in such a way that these pieces could only have come from Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine. Bearing that in mind several of the pieces may come across as repetitive and several of them refer to the various words he had invented and his Three Laws of Robotics (regardless of whether they are "laws" that is what he called them and that is how they are known). However, this repetitiveness never once struck me as someone with an overly inflated ego.

If you like Asimov you'll enjoy these stories, a few of his last before his death. Unfortunately, half the book is various intros Asimov wrote for other collections. A must for an Asimov fan to complete your collection, but if you're new to Asimov there are better and cheaper stories to buy.

I really love how Isaac wrote this book just like all the books he wrote. The writing style is simply amazing. I am inspired by him. If you're into science fiction, this book is a must read!

Some thought provoking essays, and a few short stories. Not a lot of hardcore sci-fi though. Good if you want to "get inside" Azimov's head.

Good overview of one of the premier SF writers. I haven't read a lot of Asimov's work so this gives

me a good overview to continue from.

I bought this as a gift for my father in law and he absolutely loves it! No condition issues, arrived on time.

Great writer. Not a bad sci-fi book out of this guy. This one is no different

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