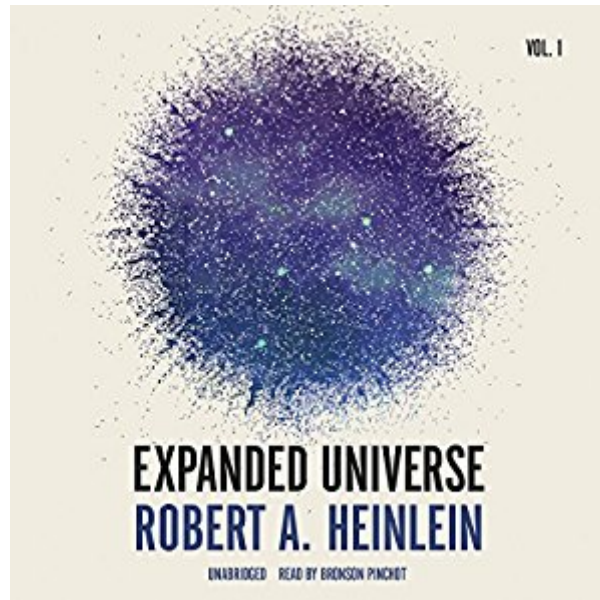




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Robert A. Heinlein has been hailed as one of the most forward-thinking science fiction writers of all time, and Expanded Universe (presented in two volumes) offers the perfect collection of his works to provide listeners with true insights into his uniquely creative mind. Heinlein personally selected each story or essay for inclusion in this collection, which is ordered chronologically, starting with his first sale in 1939 of "Life-Line" to Astounding. This remarkable collection highlights the development of Heinlein's writing style and his philosophy on life throughout his career. More importantly this collection is as close to an autobiography as anything Heinlein wrote during his life. Heinlein was an extremely private person who never wrote much about himself. In this exclusive collection, he offers forewords to most of his stories and essays (and an occasional afterword), giving listeners a rare glimpse into the inner mind of the master. Expanded Universe is a must-have for any Heinlein enthusiast and any fan of science fiction.

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Customer Reviews

OK, let's be plain-spoken as Heinlein would've preferred. The transfer is fine, as far as that goes. The problem is, it is "volume one". which was very much obscured on the page I bought it from. I thought it was the whole Expanded Universe _book_. And this _volume one_ includes most of his political stuff, not his stories. Look... maybe I agree with Heinlein in his political view and maybe I don't. In fact, it's some of both. But here is an example of _someone_ doing what Heinlein would have, probably, hated. Taking gross advantage of the reader. I never knew Mr. Heinlein. Except two fan letters, which he very generously responded to, I have no connection. Somebody out there is

milking the cow, on this. If you advertise that this is the book "Expanded Universe", it needs to be that. This isn't. It's a very much abbreviated version, that doesn't include... well, everything that we Heinlein fans expect from an eBook of his named "Expanded Universe". We know what the original contained. And to be honest... maybe painfully so, to his family or whoever is responsible for this travesty... we never read Heinlein to get his political views. We read him to be entertained and educated on other topics. It doesn't make any difference if I, or anyone, personally, agree or disagree with his political views. This was sold as his stories. And it basically isn't. It's a lie perpetrated by whoever has control of this original work. To milk as much money as they can from the legacy. Expanded Universe should be an eBook, unto itself, and absolutely not broken down into parts. It was a REAL book unto itself, that Heinlein himself authorized. Breaking it down into "parts", or "volumes" is just milking the cow for more money. I don't think I've never given Heinlein a bad review, and I haven't still. I'm giving whoever the selfish cash-centric person who decided to release Expanded Universe this way a bad review.

If your feeling nostalgic for the days of nuclear powered ships and the occasional ion drive. This is your book. Typical 60's and 70's style Science Fiction. Some nice characters as well.

The Heinlein I grew up with. The human condition hasn't changed so the stories hold up in their premise. However, the technology of the present was inconceivable at the time of their writing as top "atomic" scientists are using slide rules!! I enjoyed them again as it reminded me of years of summer reading enjoyment the '50s.

A selection of Heinlen's early writings that provides insight into the political and scientific thinking of the 30s and 40s. He speculates on how an atom bomb could be built. Not to worry it would take thousands of pounds of Uranium to make it work. Whoops! Only 20 kg? Well the deterrent strategy will protect us (unless it doesn't).

I enjoy science fiction and Robert Heinlein is really famous but this book features stories from the 1950s when everyone was scared by the Atom Bomb. Heinlein is American and he envisages an atomic war as survivable, as long as you practice your hunting and camping skills and move at least 50 miles away from a city. Unfortunately, living in England, that was not then, nor is it now, a possibility. In addition, the concept of a 'nuclear winter' had not been put forward.

It's interesting in a historical sense. The stories aren't really sci-fi, more like politico-fi. I find it interesting, because I was born in 1947, so I have a pretty good sense of history from WWII forward. I don't know how younger folks will take to it, unless they have a strong interest in the era of the Cold War.

Reprint of older Robert Heinlein stories that were in publication several decades ago. While the science isn't always up to current standards, the writing and authorship is usual great Heinlein. Great piece to complete my collection.

One of the best books, by one of the best authors from the 20th Century. Often he gets overlooked as the original Grandmaster of Science Fiction, in lieu of Asimov or Bradbury, but he is one of the greatest and this book is a great place for anyone who is not familiar with his works to begin.

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