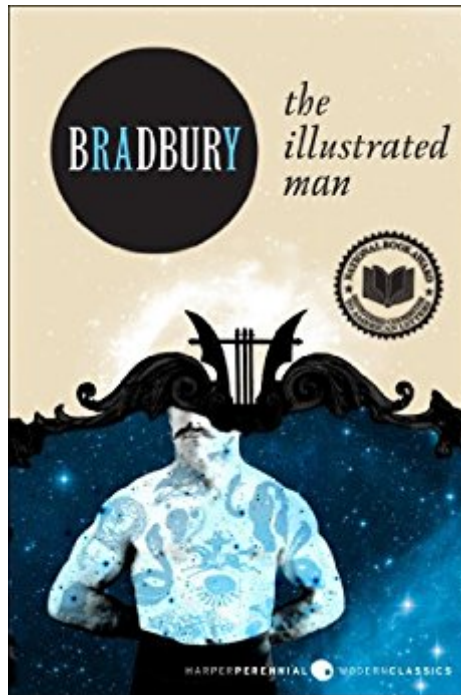


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# The Illustrated Man (Harper Perennial Modern Classics)



## Synopsis

You could hear the voices murmuring, small and muted, from the crowds that inhabited his body. A peerless American storyteller, Ray Bradbury brings wonders alive. *The Illustrated Man* is classic Bradbury's eighteen startling visions of humankind's destiny, unfolding across a canvas of decorated skin. In this phantasmagoric sideshow, living cities take their vengeance, technology awakens the most primal natural instincts, Martian invasions are foiled by the good life and the glad hand, and dreams are carried aloft in junkyard rockets. Provocative and powerful, Ray Bradbury's *The Illustrated Man* is a kaleidoscopic blending of magic, imagination, and truth as exhilarating as interplanetary travel, as maddening as a walk in a million-year rain, and as comforting as simple, familiar rituals on the last night of the world.

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A sad, decorated wandering man stumbles into the life of another drifter. The tattooed wandering man is a terrifying canvas of brilliant skin art and darkened dreams. A hated circus performer "condemned to be free" as a morbid living gallery- each tattoo moves and glows animately; this anthology treats us to the best of the pulp Bradbury of the fifties. As Rod Serling told us in his

TWILIGHT ZONE introduction we are transported from the depth of our fears to the heights of our imagination. Rocketing from the past to the future to the subconscious we are invited to a world where...A holographic Africa is so consuming that it...well... consumes. Time travellers from the totalitarian future must travel to 1938 for vacation only to find that they can never escape the future. An explosion rocks a spaceship... disgorging astronauts- making its crew satellites left to face their personal angst and collective end. An artificial sun provides respite from the grey rain world of Venus, but only if the spacewreck survivors are willing to pay a price finding it. A used rocket never travels to space but reveals the heart of a poor kind father, not the solar system, to his long suffering wife. A man heals and performs miracles in world after world, yet can only be met through faith not a rocket trip. A playground becomes a portal to the hell of childhood. A couple go to sleep on the last night of the world and forget to set the alarm clock. A man's robot duplicate has ideas of his own on where to vacation next. Poe gets revenge against future thought police from a die hard fan who manages to make others die.

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