

The Star Beast

Robert Heinlein's Hugo Award-winning all-time masterpiece, the brilliant novel that grew from a cult favorite to a bestseller to a science fiction classic. Raised by Martians on Mars, Valentine Michael Smith is a human who has never seen another member of his species. Sent to Earth, he is a stranger who must learn what it is to be a man. But his own beliefs and his powers far exceed the limits of humankind, and as he teaches them about grokking and water-sharing, he also inspires a transformation that will alter Earth's inhabitants forever...

A youth who has known only the primitive life of a galaxy slave is purchased by a beggar who turns out to be a man with many extracurricular activities.

A cosmic mix of laughs, loyalty, and adventure, *Star Beasts* is ideal for fans of *Zootopia*, *Mouse Guard*, and *Tiny Titans*. Wanna know the real reason Pluto isn't a planet anymore? Bandit is a pup on Earth who leaves his family to join the secret order of the Star Beasts – cosmic creatures sworn to protect Earth and spread goodness throughout the universe. Only thing is, he's having trouble fitting in. But when powerful relics are suddenly stolen, the Star Beasts must band together to find the deadly galactic fossils before Pluto's evil emperor, Khaos Krill – he wants to build the Novataur, an ancient monster that could wipe out all of Earth's species! Captain Bandit leads the crew on a kick-asteroid space race to collect all the relics. Flashtista, the warrior turtle, Clio, the goldfish historian, Karma, the healing tiger, Pep, the techie iguana, and the rest of Star Beasts risk their lives to learn that true family is never really lost and that protecting love is the greatest duty of all.

Originally published for a young adult audience in the 1950s, a classic Heinlein tale depicts a future world where overpopulation has necessitated travel to other planets in spite of limited communications technology, a challenge for which identical twins Tom and Pat are enlisted for a human telepathy project. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

From the First Golden Age of SF master Robert A. Heinlein, this is the so-called juvenile (written, Heinlein always claims, just as much for adults) that started them all and made Heinlein a legend for multiple generations of readers—with a new introduction and afterword by popular military science fiction author Michael Z. Williamson. A poor young man seeks his fortune in space and comes of age a ship's officer and hero. The stars were closed to Max Jones. To get into space you either needed connections, a membership in the Guild, or a whole lot more money than Max, the son of a widowed, poor mother, was every going to have. What Max does have going for him are his uncle's prized astrogation manuals—book on star navigation that Max literally commits to memory word for word, equation for equation. When Max's mother decides to remarry a bullying oaf, Max takes to the road, only to discover that his uncle Chet's manuals, and Max's near complete memorization of them, is a ticket to the stars. But serving on a spaceship is no easy task. Duty is everything, and a mistake can mean you and all aboard are lost forever. Max loves every minute of his new life, and he steadily grows in the trust of his superior officers, and seems to be on course for a command track position. But then disaster strikes, and it's going to take every trick Max ever learned from his tough life and his uncle's manuals to save himself and the ship from a doom beyond extinction itself. From the First Golden Age of Heinlein, this is the so-called juvenile (written, Heinlein always claims, just as much for adults) that started them all and made Heinlein a legend for multiple generations of readers. About Robert A. Heinlein: "Not only America's premier writer of speculative fiction, but the great writer of such fiction in the world."—Stephen King "One of the grand masters of science fiction."—Wall Street Journal A never-before-published masterpiece from science fiction's greatest writer, rediscovered after more than half a century. When Joel Johnston first met Jinny Hamilton, it seemed like a dream come true. And when she finally agreed to marry him, he felt like the luckiest man in the universe. There was just one small problem. He was broke. His only goal in life was to become a composer, and he knew it would take years before he was earning enough to support a family. But Jinny wasn't willing to wait. And when Joel asked her what they were going to do for money, she gave him a most unexpected answer. She told him that her name wasn't really Jinny Hamilton---it was Jinny Conrad, and she was the granddaughter of Richard Conrad, the wealthiest man in the solar system. And now that she was sure that Joel loved her for herself, not for her wealth, she revealed her family's plans for him---he would be groomed for a place in the vast Conrad empire and sire a dynasty to carry on the family business. Most men would have jumped at the opportunity. But Joel Johnston wasn't most men. To Jinny's surprise, and even his own, he turned down her generous offer and then set off on the mother of all benders. And woke up on a colony ship heading out into space, torn between regret over his rash decision and his determination to forget Jinny and make a life for himself among the stars. He was on his way to succeeding when his plans--and the plans of billions of others--were shattered by a cosmic cataclysm so devastating it would take all of humanity's strength and ingenuity just to survive. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Elin's family has an important responsibility: caring for the fearsome water serpents that form the core of their kingdom's army. So when some of the creatures mysteriously die, Elin's mother is sentenced to death as punishment. With her last breath, she manages to send her daughter to safety. Alone and far from home, Elin soon discovers that she can communicate with both the terrifying water serpents and the majestic flying beasts that guard her queen. This skill gives her great power, but it also involves her in deadly plots that could cost her life. Can she save herself and prevent her beloved beasts from being used as tools of war? Or is there no escaping the terrible battles to come?

Part of the exclusive new CAEZIK Notable line of books. Many of Heinlein's fans consider the novels he wrote in the fifties amongst the author's strongest work; when he was at the peak of his talents. *Double Star* is considered by many to be the finest of his titles. Brian Aldiss called it his "most enjoyable novel." Whether it is the simplicity of a lively tale, the complexity of the situation, or the depth of characterization, the book has developed a loyal following. It also won Heinlein his first Hugo. The story revolves around Lawrence Smith--also known as "Lorenzo the Great"--a down-and-out actor

wasting the remainder of his life in bars. When he encounters a space-pilot who offers him a drink, before he knows what is going on, he is on Mars involved in a deep conspiracy with global consequences. He is given a mission where failure would not only mean his own death, it would almost certainly mean an all-out planetary war. "Heinlein's novels of the 1940s and 50s shaped every single science fiction writer of my generation and everyone currently writing science fiction. Or making science fiction movies ... and Double Star is an excellent example of all the reasons why."--Connie Willis
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Waldo North Power¾Air is in trouble. Their aircraft are crashing at an alarming rate, and no one can figure out the cause. Desperate for an answer, they turn to Waldo, a crippled genius who lives in a zero¾g home in orbit around Earth. But Waldo has little reason to want to help the rest of humanity¾until he learns that the solution to Earth's problems also hold the key to his own. Magic, Inc. Under the guise of an agency for magicians, Magic, Inc. systematically squeezed out the small independent magicians. Then one businessman stood firm. But one man stands firm. And with the help of an Oxford¾educated African shaman and a little old lady adept at black magic, he is willing to take on the demons of Hell to resolve the problem¾once and for all! New afterword by Tim Powers! At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About Robert A. Heinlein: _Not only America's premier writer of speculative fiction, but the greatest writer of such fiction in the world.Ó¾Stephen King. _One of the grand masters of science fiction.Ó¾Wall Street Journal

Jim Marlow and his strange-looking Martian friend Willis were allowed to travel only so far. But one day Willis unwittingly tuned into a treacherous plot that threatened all the colonists on Mars, and it set Jim off on a terrifying adventure that could save--or destroy--them all "From the Paperback edition."

Utopia has been achieved. For centuries, disease, hunger, poverty and war have been things found only in the histories. And applied genetics has given men and women the bodies of athletes and a lifespan of over a century. They should all have been very happy.... But Hamilton Felix is bored. And he is the culmination of a star line; each of his last thirty ancestors chosen for superior genes. Hamilton is, as far as genetics can produce one, the ultimate man. And this ultimate man can see no reason why the human race should survive, and has no intention of continuing the pointless comedy. However, Hamilton's life is about to become less boring. A secret cabal of revolutionaries who find utopia not just boring, but desperately in need of leaders who know just What Needs to be Done, are planning to revolt and put themselves in charge. Knowing of Hamilton's disenchantment with the modern world, they have recruited him to join their Glorious Revolution. Big mistake! The revolutionaries are about to find out that recruiting a superman is definitely not a good idea.... With an all new afterword by Tony Daniel. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

First came the news that a flying saucer had landed in Iowa. Then came the announcement that the whole thing was a hoax. End of story. Case closed. Except that two agents of the most secret intelligence agency in the U.S. government were on the scene and disappeared without reporting in. And four more agents who were sent in also disappeared. So the head of the agency and his two top agents went in and managed to get out with their discovery: an invasion is underway by slug-like aliens who can touch a human and completely control his or her mind. What the humans know, they know. What the slugs want, no matter what, the human will do. And most of Iowa is already under their control. Sam Cavanaugh was one of the agents who discovered the truth. Unfortunately, that was just before he was taken over by one of the aliens and began working for the invaders, with no will of his own. And he has just learned that a high official in the Treasury Department is now under control of the aliens. Since the Treasury Department includes the Secret Service, which safeguards the President of the United States, control of the entire nation is near at hand . . . At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

LummoX has been the pet of the Stuart family for generations. With eight legs, a thick hide and huge (and growing) size, LummoX is nobody's idea of man's best friend. Nevertheless, John Stuart XI, descendant of the starman who originally brought LummoX back to Earth from a distant planet, loves him. John isn't about to let the authorities take his pet away and, with his best friend Betty, determines to save LummoX even if it takes leaving the life he's known forever. However, what John and Betty don't realize is that the survival of the Earth itself may depend on the true nature of The Star Beast. An all-time great science fiction coming-of-age classic from seven-time Hugo winner and Dean of Science Fiction, Robert A. Heinlein. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

Teenager Clifford "Kip" Russell wins second prize in a soap jingle contest, a used worn spacesuit, and, while trying on his prize in his backyard, suddenly finds himself on a space odyssey as a prisoner aboard the ship of a space pirate, headed toward the Moon and a series of encounters with many bizarre creatures and situations. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

New Edition of the Hugo and Nebula nominated novel by one of the greatest science fiction authors of all time. "A charming protagonist in a story as sleekly engineered as a starship. This one should fly."--Publishers Weekly Friday is a secret courier and ardent lover. Employed by a man she only knows of as "Boss", she is given the most awkward and dangerous cases, which take her from New Zealand to Canada, and through the new States of America's disunion, all the way out into the stars and the new colony of Botany Bay. Thrust into one calamity after another, she uses her enhanced wits and very many skills to evade, seduce or even kill her way out of any sticky situation she finds herself in. For she is both superior and inferior to the average human. As an AP--artificial person--the best humanity has to offer has been written into Friday's DNA. Yet she is often treated like a second-class citizen--if she were ever able to claim citizenship. Her mother was the test tube and her father the knife, as the saying goes, so she has less rights than the biologically-born human, and no soul, according to the church. But in Friday Heinlein has created one of the most enlightened, warm, engaging, and humane characters in the science fiction field, gifting us a novel of female empowerment that was well ahead of its time. "One of Heinlein's best, which is to say one of the best in all of Science Fiction--terrific story with a superbly realized heroine and world."--Poul Anderson

The message had seemed simple, yet it was more complex than Don could have imagined. He was being called from Earth to an alien world for reasons unknown¾save only that his life depended on it. But setting out for Mars and getting there in good shape turned out to be a lot more complicated than Don ever would have guessed possible. It was trouble enough being inexplicably hounded by Earth's secret police. But when he was hijacked by Venusian rebels, Don suddenly realized that he was trapped in the center of a war between worlds that could change the fate of the Solar System forever! At the publisher's request, this title is sold

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After falling off the roof, fifteen-year-old misfit Dylan must attend a therapy group for self-harmers where he meets Jamie, a beautiful and amazing person he doesn't know is transgender.

Raised by strict, devout people after soul eaters attacked her village and spared only the children, Alys grows up longing for the freedom of the forest while hiding a gift that would mark her as a witch.

Ashley Poston, acclaimed author of *Heart of Iron*, returns with a dark, lush fairy tale-inspired fantasy for fans of Sara Raasch and Susan Dennard. Cerys is safe in the Kingdom of Aloriya. Here there are no droughts, disease, or famine, and peace is everlasting. It has been this way for hundreds of years, since the first king made a bargain with the Lady who ruled the forest that borders the kingdom. But as Aloriya prospered, the woods grew dark, cursed, and forbidden. Cerys knows this all too well: When she was young, she barely escaped as the woods killed her friends and her mother. Now Cerys carries a small bit of the curse—the magic—in her blood, a reminder of the day she lost everything. As a new queen is crowned, however, things long hidden in the woods descend on the kingdom itself. Cerys is forced on the run, her only companions a small and irritating fox from the royal garden and the magic in her veins. It's up to her to find the legendary Lady of the Wilds and beg for a way to save her home. But the road is darker and more dangerous than she knows, and as secrets from the past are uncovered amid the teeth and roots of the forest, it's going to take everything she has just to survive.

LummoX had been the Stuart family pet for years. Though far from cuddly and rather large, it had always been obedient and docile. Except, that is, for the time it had eaten the secondhand Buick . . . But now, all of a sudden and without explanation, LummoX had begun chomping down on a variety of things -- not least, a very mean dog and a cage of virtually indestructible steel. Incredible! John Thomas and LummoX were soon in awfully hot water, and they didn't know how to get out. And neither one really understood just how bad things were -- or how bad the situation could get -- until some space voyagers appeared and turned a far-from-ordinary family problem into an extraordinary confrontation. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

This is another collection of Heinlein classics--originally published for young readers of the 50's, but great fun for us all.

A tale as old as time is made new in Ashley Poston's fresh, geeky retelling of *Beauty and the Beast*—now with a bonus *Starfield* story! In this third book of the *Once Upon a Con* series, Rosie Thorne is feeling stuck—on her college application essays, in her small town, and on that mysterious General Sord cosplayer she met at *ExcelsiCon*. Most of all, she's stuck in her grief over her mother's death. Her only solace was her late mother's library of rare *Starfield* novels, but even that disappeared when they sold it to pay off hospital bills. On the other hand, Vance Reigns has been Hollywood royalty for as long as he can remember—with all the privilege and scrutiny that entails. When a tabloid scandal catches up to him, he's forced to hide out somewhere the paparazzi would never expect to find him: *Small Town USA*. At least there's a library in the house. Too bad he doesn't read. When Vance's and Rosie's paths collide, sparks do not fly. But as they begrudgingly get to know each other, their careful masks come off—and they may just find that there's more risk in shutting each other out than in opening their hearts.

A group of students goes through the gate to an unknown planet for a two-to-ten-day final exam in *Advanced Survival* only to realize, after a period of fighting the elements and wildlife, that something has gone wrong with the gate and what was a brief survival exam has become an endless struggle for life. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

The unusual adventures of four geniuses who are forced to flee their universe when they unexpectedly become the target of alien malevolence

Experience the world's most enchanting and timeless love story-retold with a dark and realistic twist. *A BEAST LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF HIS PAST* Reclusive and severely scarred Prince Adam Delacroix has remained hidden inside a secluded, decrepit castle ever since he witnessed his family's brutal massacre. Cloaked in shadow, with only the lamentations of past ghosts for company, he has abandoned all hope, allowing the world to believe he died on that tragic eve twenty-five years ago. *A BEAUTY IN PURSUIT OF A BETTER FUTURE* Caught in a fierce snowstorm, beautiful and strong-willed Isabelle Rose seeks shelter at a castle-unaware that its beastly and disfigured master is much more than he appears to be. When he imprisons her gravely ill and blind father, she bravely offers herself in his place. *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST* Stripped of his emotional defenses, Adam's humanity reawakens as he encounters a kindred soul in Isabelle. Together they will wade through darkness and discover beauty and passion in the most unlikely of places. But when a monster from Isabelle's former life threatens their new love, Demrov's forgotten prince must emerge from his shadows and face the world once more... Perfect for fans of *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Beauty of the Beast* brings a familiar and well-loved fairy tale to life with a rich setting in the kingdom of Demrov and a captivating, Gothic voice. * * * *Beauty of the Beast* is the first standalone installment in a series of classic fairy tales reimagined with a dark and realistic twist. Disclaimer: This is an edgy, historical romance retelling of the classic fairy tale. Due to strong sexual content, profanity, and dark subject matter, including an instance of sexual assault committed by the villain, *Beauty of the Beast* is not intended for readers under the age of 18.

A luxuriously magical retelling of *Beauty and the Beast* set in seventeenth-century France—and told from the point of view of the Beast himself. I am neither monster nor man—yet I am both. I am the Beast. He is a broken, wild thing, his heart's nature exposed by his beastly form. Long ago cursed with a wretched existence, the Beast prowls the dusty hallways of his ruined chateau with only magical, unseen servants to keep him company—until a weary traveler disturbs his isolation. Bewitched by the man's dreams of his beautiful daughter, the Beast devises a plan to lure her to the chateau. There, Isabeau courageously exchanges her father's life for her own and agrees to remain with the Beast for a year. But even as their time together weaves its own spell, the Beast finds winning Isabeau's love is only the first impossible step in breaking free from the curse....

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Re-released in a second edition. Re-edited but no substantial changes. A playboy who needs to grow up Fresh from his latest tabloid scandal, vampire playboy Dante Dellacourt has been given an ultimatum. Either he takes a consort and settles down, or his family will disown him. Unwilling to lose everything he has, he reluctantly agrees to find a wife. Marriage is just another kind of contract, after all. No one said anything about love being a part of the bargain. An outcast who has only known hardship Exiled by her pack, Kaja is a werewolf without a home. Her life was never easy in the frozen tundra she grew up in, but it was familiar. Waking up in a foreign landscape, surrounded by bright lights, loud noises, and far too many people has left her overwhelmed. Frightened and with no one to trust, she savagely fights to get free of this strange new world. A passion strong enough to change them both Called to defend the gnomes of the marketplace, Dante is almost blinded by the radiant light coming off the fierce werewolf. Kaja glows like no consort he has ever seen. Gorgeous and wild, she calls to him in ways he had not dreamed possible. For Kaja, she finds in Dante a man unlike any she has ever known. They could not be more different, but she finds him irresistible. In order to claim his werewolf bride, Dante must first discover how to overcome their differences. Will he tame his ferocious beauty, or will she unleash his inner beast?

The brilliantly shocking story of the ultimate transplant from New York Times bestselling author Robert A. Heinlein. As startling and

provocative as his famous *Stranger in a Strange Land*, here is Heinlein's awesome masterpiece about a man supremely talented, immensely old and obscenely wealthy who discovers that money can buy everything. Even a new life in the body of a beautiful young woman. Once again, master storyteller Robert A. Heinlein delivers a wild and intriguing classic of science fiction.

E.C. "Scar" Gordon, a Vietnam veteran, answers an ad promising adventure and meets a mysterious beauty who transports him to another world.

Wonder where to dive into Heinlein's justly famous adventure novels This is the place! The Stone clan is off to the asteroid belt to educate their brood and find a new life away from stuffy, bureaucratic Lunar City. But, as a great man once said, "There Isn't Any Such Thing As a Free Lunch." The Stones know that making a living in deep space and facing the dangers of exploration are the pioneer's great challenge^¾and the only path to a hopeful tomorrow for humankind! "Everything is theoretically impossible, until it is done. One could write a history of science in reverse by assembling the solemn pronouncements of highest authority about what could not be done and could never happen." ^¾Robert A. Heinlein, from *The Rolling Stones*. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management).

A dark shadow stalks the night, watching her-waiting to claim what is his. Seventeen-year-old Tayla Jonas longs for a simple life, but after a traumatizing family loss, she is forced to be both mother and sister to her cousins while caring for her mentally unstable aunt. Moving to her grandma's quiet town of Cody, Wyoming, Tayla finds some normalcy with her quirky green activist friend, Chel, who spends no time converting her to vegetarianism. A few weeks into her new school, Tayla catches the eye of Kyle Harrington-the high school quarterback and resident millionaire-who can seduce any girl with his charismatic charm, including Tayla. But Kyle is anything but what he seems. Walking through City Park, Tayla is unaware that an ancient curse has her in its crosshairs. The silver moonlight illuminates the path to her van, sprinkling shadows like evil twinkling eyes. Tayla's skin prickles, and she turns. Something-or someone-is watching her. A powerful werewolf steps from the shadows. An iridescent blue chord shoots from him and slams into her stomach, dissolving instantly. Pain wracks her body, and she tries to scramble to safety, but his silver eyes freeze her in place as the curse binds them together. The chord settles deep inside her body, coiling with dread around her heart. Dismayed by the prospect of a werewolf for a shadow, Tayla fears for the safety of her friends and family. How will she keep the werewolf's insatiable hunger in check? Her plans for a vegetarian lifestyle quickly dwindle away, and Tayla wrestles to fit her frazzled life back together-piece by piece. But what she didn't expect was her attraction to the werewolf or the power of the full moon. Will Tayla be strong enough to survive the Curse of the Beast? Or will it consume her like so many before? Find out in the first installment of this unique retelling of *Beauty and the Beast*.

The strangest and yuckiest secrets of the galaxy What does the Zillo Beast feast on for breakfast? Does slimy Jabba the Hutt ever have a bath? What are the three yuckiest things he eats? Why are wampas so cuddly? And which monster makes the scariest sound? Take a trip on the wild side and discover the weirdest facts in the Star Wars galaxy! From gross creatures and strange bugs, to disgusting food, dangerous deserts, and sinister Sith, this icky, sticky picture ebook is the perfect gift for young readers. © and TM 2020 Lucasfilm LTD.

Chel finished tying me to the chair and stood. "This is crazy." I ignored her comment. "Go down to the basement." "Now, I know you've lost it." She folded her arms. "How will this prove that your giant dog is the hot guy that got in your van?" "I'll explain later. Just trust me." One of her eyebrows rose. "Please?" I waited for her to nod. "Once you're down there, I want you to whisper something. Then come back up."

"Whatever." With an eye roll, she left the room. I focused on her feet thumping against the wood stairs and heard the change when they slapped across the tiled kitchen floor. Once the basement door closed, I strained to hear her, but all I caught was a beetle scuttling across the kitchen. Nerves tangled in my gut. Had I missed it? "If this doesn't work, I'm calling the loony bin, Tay." Chel's voice rang so loud that I jerked back, toppling the chair. I hit the floor with a thud. Beast's airy chortle resonated from outside the window. "Shut up. This isn't funny," I told him. Chel walked through the door. "Geeze, what happened?" She hurried to me. "Are you okay?" She righted my chair with a grunt. "That depends." "On?" She cocked an eyebrow at me. "On whether or not you're going to untie me." "Oh my gosh. I'm so sorry." She scrambled to untie the knots. My hands slipped free and I rubbed my bruised arm. "What kind of friend are you?" "What?" She startled. I shook my head at her. "I can't believe you'd commit me." "Wait, you heard that?" Her eyes widened. I repeated it word for word. "Whoa, that's, like, creepy and awesome at the same time. But I still don't understand how this proves your dog is a werewolf." The dreaded moment had arrived and nerves attacked my stomach. "Because, Chel-he bit me." Seventeen-year-old Tayla will never forget Beast's fiery-venom spreading through her body like an infection. Now, with her best friend Chel's help, she must find a human true love before the last petal falls from her enchanted rose or the full moon will transform her into a wolf forever. But Tayla never expected that her biggest obstacle would come from inside-a wolf presence threatening to take her very soul. At every turn, the she-wolf exploits Tayla's weaknesses and gains enough control to sabotage her dates. Tayla struggles to control her unruly wolf and her forbidden attraction to Beast. But can she resist his southern charm, the she-wolf's attraction to his alluring scent, and still fall in love with a human? Tangled in a web of wills, Tayla must risk everything to break the Curse of the Beast. With failure and possible death looming overhead, Tayla will do anything to find true love. But will one moon cycle be long enough to conquer her wolf and remain human? Or will she become a permanent member of Beast's pack? Find out in the second installment in the *Curse of the Beast* series.

Master storyteller Todd Strasser reimagines the classic tale of *Moby Dick* as set in the future—and takes readers on an epic sci-fi adventure. When seventeen-year-old Ishmael wakes up from stasis aboard the *Pequod*, he is amazed by how different this planet is from the dirty, dying, Shroud-covered Earth he left behind. But Ishmael isn't on Cretacea to marvel at the fresh air, sunshine, and endless blue ocean. He's here to work, risking his life to hunt down great ocean-dwelling beasts to harvest and send back to the resource-depleted Earth. Even though easy prey abounds, time and again the chase boat crews are ordered to ignore it in order to pursue the elusive Great Terrafin. It's rumored that the ship's captain, Ahab, lost his leg to the beast years ago, and that he's now consumed by revenge. But there may be more to Captain Ahab's obsession. Dark secrets and dangerous exploits swirl around the pursuit of the beast, and Ishmael must do his best to survive—if he can.

Compelling coming-of-age SF adventure from legendary SF master and multiple New York Times best-seller Robert A. Heinlein. A young boy and his friend run away from home to protect a cute (if rather large) alien pet that turns out to be much more than just a pet indeed. Afterword by Wen Spencer. LummoX has been the pet of the Stuart family for generations. With eight legs, a thick hide and huge (and growing) size, LummoX is nobody's idea of man's best friend. Nevertheless, John Stuart XI, descendant of the starman who originally brought LummoX back to Earth, loves him. But when LummoX eats a neighbor's car and begins to grow again, the Feds decide enough is enough. John isn't about to let the authorities take his pet away, and with his best friend friend Betty, determines to save LummoX even if it takes leaving the life he's known forever. An all time science fiction coming-of-age classic from seven-time Hugo winner and Dean of Science Fiction, Robert A. Heinlein. About Robert A. Heinlein: "Not only America's premier writer of speculative fiction, but the great writer of such fiction in the world."—Stephen King. "One of the grand masters of science fiction."—Wall Street Journal Comprehensive Teacher's Guide available.

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