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Editorial Review

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Matheson, whose best-known novels include the modern vampire classic *I Am Legend* (1954), here collects 18 short stories that debuted in various sf magazines in the 1950s. They have just the right blend of sf, chills, and humor. In "Third from the Sun," a man who is certain that Earth will be destroyed by a cataclysmic war prepares to flee to another solar system with his family and neighbors. In "Born of Man and Woman," the monstrous offspring of a normal couple lies chained in the basement, growing ever more resentful. Matheson shows his lighter side in "Srl Ad," in which a young man gets more than he bargained for when he answers an offbeat personal ad from a girl who claims to be from Venus. In "Little Girl Lost," a father must save his young daughter when she slips into another dimension. The title story, about a man menaced by a semi truck, was the source for Stephen Spielberg's film *Duel*. Wearing their age well, Matheson's stories are snappy and smart. *Kristine Huntley*

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Review

"Richard Matheson is worth our time, attention, and great affection."-from the Appreciation by Ray Bradbury

About the Author

Richard Matheson was *The New York Times* bestselling author of *I Am Legend*, *Hell House*, *Somewhere in Time*, *The Incredible Shrinking Man*, *A Stir of Echoes*, *The Beardless Warriors*, *The Path*, *Seven Steps to Midnight*, *Now You See It...*, and *What Dreams May Come*, among others. He was named a Grand Master of Horror by the World Horror Convention, and received the Bram Stoker Award for Lifetime Achievement. He has also won the Edgar, the Spur, and the Writer's Guild awards. In 2010, he was inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame. In addition to his novels Matheson wrote several screenplays for movies and TV, including "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet," based on his short story, along with several other *Twilight Zone* episodes. He was born in New Jersey and raised in Brooklyn, and fought in the infantry in World War II. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri. Matheson died in June, 2013, at the age of eighty-seven.

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