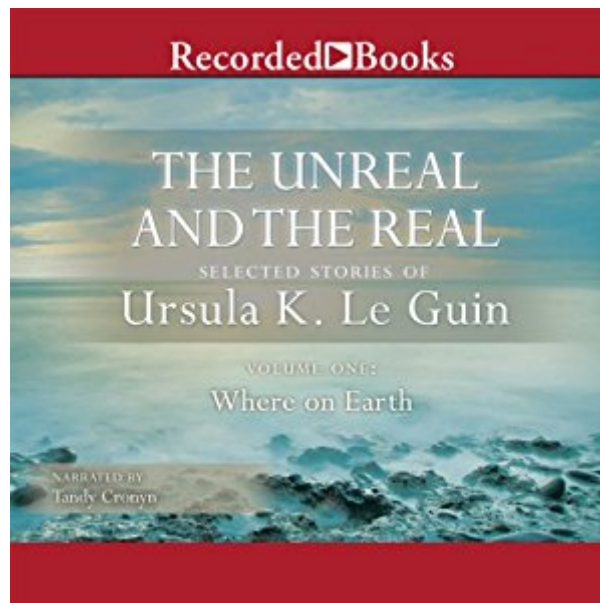


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The Unreal and the Real is a major event not to be missed. In this two-volume selection of Ursula K. Le Guin's best short stories--as selected by the National Book Award winning author herself--the reader will be delighted, provoked, amused, and faced with the sharp, satirical voice of one of the best short story writers of the present day. Where on Earth explores Le Guin's earthbound stories which range around the world, from small town Oregon to middle Europe in the middle of revolution to summer camp.

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Customer Reviews

A collection of several short stories that will appeal to a wide range of people in surprising ways. I originally bought this for class and was blown away by it,

I love anything by this author. One of the great writers of our time.

A good compilation Of Ursula Le Guin's non-genre stories, though most have a whiff of fantasy about them! She is a great story teller, who makes you think without beating you over the head!

Every serious sci-fi and fantasy fan is aware of Ursula Le Guin's fiction. It has had a profound effect on the genre. Her novels like the 'Earthsea' cycle are classics, and a lot of her imaginative work was in short story form. These are ones she considers her best. These stories serve as an excellent introduction for newcomers to her work. Many blur the line between "serious" literature and

science-fiction. While the settings are fictional, the stories deal with very human issues. I've admired her work for a long time, and believe others will be feeling the same way when they read this. Every story is beautifully written, unique and worth reading.

I am a long time Ursula le Guin fan but have read mostly her science fiction. These stories were all new to me. and almost every one is brilliant (there are 2 or 3 that I wasn't crazy about, but that's not bad out of 20 or so stories). Highly recommended.

For all the positive reviews, I expected something much more well-formed. If you're already a big fan, this might be a good way to glimpse into these worlds with your existing context of the universe. If you're just dipping your toe in (as I was), this is tough to follow, kind of meandering, and in many cases lacking basic story structure. I wanted to love it, but couldn't.

Ursula Le Guin is one of my favorite writers. This collection of stories shows off her excellent writing skills. I especially like the way she tells the story from the perspective of different characters, or alters the story to give us different versions.

Ursula Le Guin's selection of her own stories yields pleasures of rediscovery, and newly discovered works that were more obscure. As always, her characters make the stories real, and her ability to capture just the right words to evoke a place and time are a joy.

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