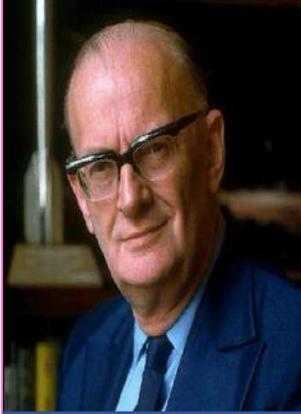


## Author of the Week: Arthur C. Clarke



Sir Arthur Clarke was a British science fiction writer, inventor and futurist. For a long time, Clarke Robert Heinlein and Isaac Asimov, were known as the “Big Three” of science fiction. A multi-faceted personality, he had served in the Royal Air Force during the World War II and served as the chairman of the British Interplanetary Society. He was an adventurous person who migrated to Sri Lanka to pursue his interest in Scuba Diving—and discovered the ruins of an ancient temple by chance. He was a prolific writer who had written more than 100 books, guided by his keen observation, imagination and scientific attitude.

### His Life and career

Clarke was born in Somerset, England to a farmer and his wife. He grew up on farm stargazing and reading popular magazines. He attended the Huish Grammar School. Starting from the decade on 1950's, Clarke focused on his writing career. His first published novel, 'The Sands of Mars' came out in 1951. In 1953, he published his novel 'Prelude to Space' which he had written in 1947. The novel dealt with space travel. Another novel, 'Childhood's End' was also published the same year.

The 1968 futuristic novel '2001: A Space Odyssey' is one of the most popular works of Clarke. The novel deals with many vital issues such as dangers of nuclear war, challenges of technology, and artificial intelligence. 'Rendezvous with Rama' published in 1972, is considered to be one of the cornerstones in his writing career. The novel won a number of awards in the category 'Best Novel' including Nebula Award, Hugo Award and Jupiter Award. His novel 'Fountains of Paradise' (1979) described space elevators and geostationary orbits. It won many nominations and awards. He was awarded the prestigious Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science by UNESCO in 1961 for “exceptional skill in presenting scientific ideas to lay people.

***“The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the possible.” - - Arthur C. Clarke***

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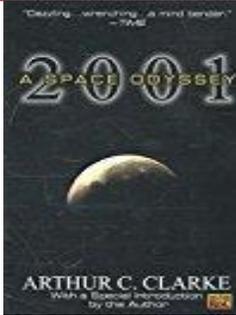
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## Books by Arthur C. Clarke

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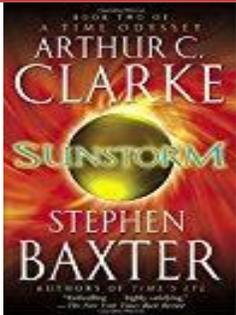
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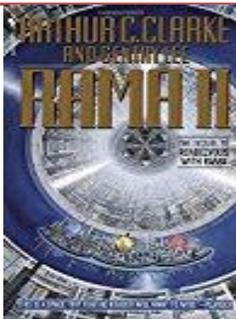
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