Isaac Asimov

Over the years, many well-known science fiction authors have won the hearts of fans. One man has a very special place in the history of science fiction: Isaac Asimov.

Asimov, a respected scientist, was born in Russia in 1920. When he was three years old, his family moved to New York City. He began reading science fiction magazines as a boy. By age 11, he was writing his own stories. He started selling those stories when he was just 19. Asimov earned a Ph.D. and became a professor. For years, he wrote many nonfiction articles and books, including college textbooks.

But it was Asimov’s science fiction works that made him famous. He was smart and had a great imagination. People loved his books. In his Foundation series, Asimov imagined outer space filled with dozens of future worlds. He called these worlds the Galactic Empire. Many of the things he described in his books are now part of life today, such as robots. In his Robots series, Asimov imagined how artificial intelligence would work. How would robots act? What would they be able to do? What would their relations with humans be like?

In all, Asimov published 477 books, both fiction and nonfiction. His works have inspired many television shows and movies, from Star Trek: The Next Generation to the film I, Robot. His books are still some of the most popular on the science fiction shelves. For all these reasons, Asimov will always be remembered as one of the great authors of science fiction.