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New SF short story collection *Freak Show of the Gods* offers classic science fiction in the spirit of Ray Bradbury

Classic science fiction in the spirit of Ray Bradbury and "The Twilight Zone" is back in the new short story collection *Freak Show of the Gods: And Other Stories of the Bizarre* (Quill Driver Books, March 21, 2016) by Robert W. Bly.

The 33 stories in *Freak Show of the Gods* combine bold imagination and big ideas with personal-scale stories of human beings in their most emotional moments, entertainingly brought to life by a master storyteller.

"Freak Show of the Gods" presents thought-provoking stories that explore the human condition through the lens of the fantastic with stunning science fiction ideas and surprising ironic O. Henry twists.



Freak Show of the Gods presents 33 encounters with the bizarre that uncover unsettling strangeness in the midst of everyday life, including:

—"Van Helsing's Last Stand": The vampire hunter and his great enemy have one last battle ... over book royalties, movie rights and merchandising.

--- "Early Retirement": An aging superhero is denied Social Security benefits ... with tragic

results.

—"Freak Show of the Gods": When the Gods of Olympus show up at a county fair in New Jersey, an ordinary single dad is forced to reveal his most dangerous secret.

—"Tax Time": A genius inventor's plan to build a time machine can be stopped by only one force in the universe ... an IRS audit.

—"The Emancipation of Abraham Lincoln XL-3000": The Abraham Lincoln automaton at Disney World begs his creators to set him free.

—And 28 more strange, offbeat and bizarre tales that present the classic science fiction spirit in bold new ways.

About the Author:

Robert W. Bly, a full-time freelance writer since 1982, is the author of over 85 books, including

The Ultimate Unauthorized Star Trek Quiz Book and The Science in Science Fiction.

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