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## Abstract

Non-book items related to author Isaac Asimov and themes of science and science fiction. Includes sound recordings, VHS videotapes, motion picture film, computerized reference tools, board and computer games, and a poster, wallchart, and calendar.

## Creator

Asimov, Isaac, 1920-1992

## Extent

4 Linear Feet Summary: 4 ft. (2 document cases, 5 in. each); (2 records cartons, 15 in. each); (2 large flat storage boxes, 3 in. each); (1 rolled storage tube, 2 in.)

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# Biographical / Historical

Isaac Asimov, 1920-1992

Personal Life and Education:

Isaac Asimov was born in Russia in 1920 and immigrated to the United States with his family when he was three. Asimov grew up in New York City and attended public schools, then earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Columbia University. He applied to all five NYC medical schools and was rejected by all of them. He instead applied for the master's degree program in chemistry at Columbia, and was rejected again, but convinced the department to let him pursue his studies on probationary status, and finished his master's degree in 1941. He spent the next four years in the army. After being honorably discharged he returned to his studies, and finished his Ph.D in chemistry at Columbia in 1948. He spent a year in a post-doctoral position at Columbia researching compounds to fight malaria, then accepted a faculty position at Boston University. He stopped teaching and gave up his salary in 1958 to write full-time. Boston University elevated him to the rank of full professor in 1979. He died in 1992 at the age of 72.

Works:

Asimov wrote more than 400 books, spread across numerous fiction and non-fiction genres. He is best known for his science fiction, particularly I, Robot and The Foundation Trilogy. He is considered one of the most influential science fiction writers of the 20th century, having contributed significantly to advancing the genre both in popularity and in literary prestige. He incorporated into his science fiction elements drawn from history, mathematics, sociology, and other sciences. Asimov's works also include mysteries, books on science written for general audiences, and works on classical literature, among numerous other subjects. He also wrote hundreds of articles and columns for the magazines Fantasy and Science Fiction and Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction.

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[c250.columbia.edu/c250\\_celebrates/remarkable\\_columbians/Isaac\\_asimov.html](https://c250.columbia.edu/c250_celebrates/remarkable_columbians/Isaac_asimov.html)

# Keywords

Asimov, Isaac, 1920-1992

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Isaac Asimov Science Adventure II

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78590

Unit Date 1993

Mixed Materials 01 (Box)

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### Bicentennial Man, VHS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78591

Unit Date 1997

Mixed Materials 01 (Box)

### Nightfall, VHS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78592

Unit Date 1988

Mixed Materials 01 (Box)

### Nightfall, VHS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78593

Unit Date 2000

Mixed Materials 01 (Box)

### Foundation (cassette tapes, performed by Isaac Asimov)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78594

Unit Date 1988

Mixed Materials 01 (Box)

### Isaac Asimov's Library of the Universe

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78595

Unit Date 1996

Mixed Materials 02 (Box)

Scope and Contents

### Light Years, VHS

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78596

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 02 (Box)

**Analog Presents Isaac Asimov Visions of the Future, VHS**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78597

**Unit Date** 1992

**Mixed Materials** 02 (Box)

**The Android Affair, VHS**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78598

**Unit Date** 1995

**Mixed Materials** 02 (Box)

**Isaac Asimov Presents Waddington's Superquiz, trivia game**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78599

**Unit Date** 1983

**Mixed Materials** 03 (Box)

**Isaac Asimov Presents Waddington's Superquiz, 2nd Edition, trivia game**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78600

**Unit Date** 1983

**Mixed Materials** 03 (Box)

**Isaac Asimov Presents Waddington's Superquiz, 3rd Edition, trivia game**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78601

**Unit Date** 1983

**Mixed Materials** 03 (Box)

**Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine Presents the Art of N. Taylor Blanchard, calendar**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78602

**Unit Date** 1992

**Mixed Materials** 03 (Box)

**Fantastic Voyage, VHS**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78603

**Unit Date** 1994

**Mixed Materials** 03 (Box)

**The Ugly Little Boy, 16mm film**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78604

**Unit Date** 1995

**Mixed Materials** 03 (Box)

**Movie Poster (Nightfall)**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78605

Unit Date 1988

Mixed Materials 03 (Box)

**Portrait of Isaac Asimov**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78606

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 03 (Box)

**Isaac Asimov Presents Star Traders, board game**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78607

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 04 (Box)

**Isaac Asimov's The Ultimate Robot, computer simulation**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78608

Unit Date 1994

Mixed Materials 04 (Box)

**Isaac Asimov's Robots VCR Mystery Game**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78609

Unit Date 1988

Mixed Materials 04 (Box)

**Robot City, computer CD-ROM game**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78610

Unit Date 1994

Mixed Materials 04 (Box)

**Primortals, interactive computer comic book**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78611

Unit Date 1996

Mixed Materials 04 (Box)

**Isaac Asimov: Voyage to the Outer Planets and Beyond**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78612

Unit Date 1986

Mixed Materials 04 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

### **Ask Isaac Asimov About Space**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78613

**Unit Date** 1995

**Mixed Materials** 04 (Box)

#### **Scope and Contents**

### **Friends, Robots, Countrymen (from the library of Isaac Asimov, audio tapes)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78614

**Unit Date** 1992

**Mixed Materials** 04 (Box)

### **Isaac Asimov, Himself - 5 complete stories, audio tapes**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78615

**Unit Date** 1975

**Mixed Materials** 04 (Box)

### **Isaac Asimov: Countdown 2000 Volume 1, audio tapes**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78616

**Unit Date** 1999

**Mixed Materials** 04 (Box)

### **16mm motion picture film**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78617

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 04 (Box)

### **Isaac Asimov's Library of the Universe and Planetarium, Platinum Edition**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78618

**Unit Date** ca. 2007

**Mixed Materials** 04 (Box)

#### **Scope and Contents**

### **The Mayors from Foundation (read by Isaac Asimov)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78619

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 05 (Box)

#### **Scope and Contents**

### **Nightfall**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78620

**Unit Date** 1976

**Mixed Materials** 05 (Box)

#### **Scope and Contents**

**Foundation - The Psychohistorians (read by William Shatner)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78621

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 05 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

**Foundation's Edge (read by Isaac Asimov)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78622

**Unit Date** 1982

**Mixed Materials** 05 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

**The Mule from Foundation and Empire (read by Isaac Asimov)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78623

**Unit Date** 1981

**Mixed Materials** 05 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

**The Robots of Dawn (read by Isaac Asimov)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78624

**Unit Date** 1983

**Mixed Materials** 05 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

**Isaac Asimov Presents Waddington's Superquiz, Omni Edition, trivia game**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78625

**Unit Date** 1983

**Mixed Materials** 06 (Box)

**History of Mathematics, wall chart**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/78626

**Unit Date** 1989

**Mixed Materials** 07 (Box)