



# I Am Legend

*By Richard Matheson*

Download now

Read Online →

## **I Am Legend** By Richard Matheson

Robert Neville has witnessed the end of the world. The entire population has been obliterated by a vampire virus. Somehow, Neville survived. He must now struggle to make sense of everything that has happened and learn to protect himself against the vampires who hunt him constantly. He must, because perhaps there is nothing else human left.

I Am Legend was a major influence in horror and brought a whole new thematic concept to apocalyptic literature. Several humanistic and emotional themes in this book blend the horror genre with traditional fiction: we see Neville as an emotional person, and observe as he suffers bouts of depression, dips into alcoholism and picks up his strength again to fight the vampiric bacteria that has infected (and killed off) most of humankind. Neville soon meets a woman, Ruth, (after three years alone), who seems to be uninfected and a lone survivor. The two become close and he learns from Ruth that the infected have learned to fight the disease and can spend short amounts of time in the daylight, slowly rebuilding strength and society as it was.

The novel was adapted to film in 1964 as *The Last Man on Earth*, as *Omega Man* in 1971 and finally as *I am Legend* in 2007, starring Will Smith.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Richard Burton Matheson (born February 20, 1926) is an American author and screenwriter working primarily in the fantasy, horror, and science fiction genres. Between 1950 and 1971, Matheson produced dozens of stories, frequently combining elements from the different genres in which he works, making important contributions to the further development of modern horror. Matheson wrote fourteen episodes for the American television series *The Twilight Zone*, including the famous "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet." Notably, Steven Spielberg's first full length film (made for television) was based on the story "Duel," for which Matheson also wrote the screenplay.

Matheson's first novel, *Someone is Bleeding*, was published in 1953. His thirty novels since then include *The Shrinking Man* (filmed as *The Incredible Shrinking Man*, again adapted from Matheson's own screenplay), and a science fiction/vampire novel, *I Am Legend* (made into film as *The Last Man on Earth*,

1964, The Omega Man, 1971, and I Am Legend, 2007).

A new film based on Matheson's story "Steel," entitled Real Steel, is a major motion picture that was released in October 2011. His most recent novel, Other Kingdoms, appeared in March 2011.

According to film critic Roger Ebert, Matheson's scientific approach to the supernatural in I Am Legend and other novels from the 1950s and '60s anticipated the "pseudorealistic fantasy novels like Rosemary's Baby and The Exorcist." In 2010, Matheson was inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame, and Stephen King has cited Matheson as a creative influence; his novel Cell is dedicated to Matheson along with filmmaker George A. Romero. Author Anne Rice has said that Matheson's short story, "A Dress of White Silk" was a primary early influence on her interest in vampires and fantasy fiction.

 [Download I Am Legend ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online I Am Legend ...pdf](#)

# I Am Legend

*By Richard Matheson*

## **I Am Legend** By Richard Matheson

Robert Neville has witnessed the end of the world. The entire population has been obliterated by a vampire virus. Somehow, Neville survived. He must now struggle to make sense of everything that has happened and learn to protect himself against the vampires who hunt him constantly. He must, because perhaps there is nothing else human left.

I Am Legend was a major influence in horror and brought a whole new thematic concept to apocalyptic literature. Several humanistic and emotional themes in this book blend the horror genre with traditional fiction: we see Neville as an emotional person, and observe as he suffers bouts of depression, dips into alcoholism and picks up his strength again to fight the vampiric bacteria that has infected (and killed off) most of humankind. Neville soon meets a woman, Ruth, (after three years alone), who seems to be uninfected and a lone survivor. The two become close and he learns from Ruth that the infected have learned to fight the disease and can spend short amounts of time in the daylight, slowly rebuilding strength and society as it was.

The novel was adapted to film in 1964 as *The Last Man on Earth*, as *Omega Man* in 1971 and finally as *I Am Legend* in 2007, starring Will Smith.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Richard Burton Matheson (born February 20, 1926) is an American author and screenwriter working primarily in the fantasy, horror, and science fiction genres. Between 1950 and 1971, Matheson produced dozens of stories, frequently combining elements from the different genres in which he works, making important contributions to the further development of modern horror. Matheson wrote fourteen episodes for the American television series *The Twilight Zone*, including the famous "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet." Notably, Steven Spielberg's first full length film (made for television) was based on the story "Duel," for which Matheson also wrote the screenplay.

Matheson's first novel, *Someone is Bleeding*, was published in 1953. His thirty novels since then include *The Shrinking Man* (filmed as *The Incredible Shrinking Man*, again adapted from Matheson's own screenplay), and a science fiction/vampire novel, *I Am Legend* (made into film as *The Last Man on Earth*, 1964, *The Omega Man*, 1971, and *I Am Legend*, 2007).

A new film based on Matheson's story "Steel," entitled *Real Steel*, is a major motion picture that was released in October 2011. His most recent novel, *Other Kingdoms*, appeared in March 2011.

According to film critic Roger Ebert, Matheson's scientific approach to the supernatural in *I Am Legend* and other novels from the 1950s and '60s anticipated the "pseudorealistic fantasy novels like Rosemary's Baby and *The Exorcist*." In 2010, Matheson was inducted into the Science Fiction Hall of Fame, and Stephen King has cited Matheson as a creative influence; his novel *Cell* is dedicated to Matheson along with filmmaker George A. Romero. Author Anne Rice has said that Matheson's short story, "A Dress of White Silk" was a primary early influence on her interest in vampires and fantasy fiction.

## **I Am Legend By Richard Matheson Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #21900 in eBooks
- Published on: 2011-05-14
- Released on: 2011-05-14
- Format: Kindle eBook

 [Download I Am Legend ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online I Am Legend ...pdf](#)

## **Editorial Review**

### **Users Review**

#### **From reader reviews:**

##### **Joyce Morton:**

Have you spare time for a day? What do you do when you have considerably more or little spare time? Yes, you can choose the suitable activity intended for spend your time. Any person spent their own spare time to take a move, shopping, or went to typically the Mall. How about open as well as read a book titled I Am Legend? Maybe it is for being best activity for you. You recognize beside you can spend your time with the favorite's book, you can cleverer than before. Do you agree with their opinion or you have some other opinion?

##### **Al Fraire:**

Reading a guide tends to be new life style within this era globalization. With reading through you can get a lot of information that can give you benefit in your life. Using book everyone in this world can easily share their idea. Publications can also inspire a lot of people. A great deal of author can inspire their very own reader with their story or even their experience. Not only the storyline that share in the guides. But also they write about the knowledge about something that you need illustration. How to get the good score toefl, or how to teach your kids, there are many kinds of book that exist now. The authors nowadays always try to improve their ability in writing, they also doing some exploration before they write with their book. One of them is this I Am Legend.

##### **Christopher Small:**

Playing with family in the park, coming to see the water world or hanging out with close friends is thing that usually you may have done when you have spare time, in that case why you don't try thing that really opposite from that. A single activity that make you not feeling tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you have been ride on and with addition details. Even you love I Am Legend, you may enjoy both. It is great combination right, you still desire to miss it? What kind of hang type is it? Oh can happen its mind hangout fellas. What? Still don't have it, oh come on its named reading friends.

##### **Thomas Mitchell:**

This I Am Legend is completely new way for you who has intense curiosity to look for some information given it relief your hunger associated with. Getting deeper you upon it getting knowledge more you know or you who still having little bit of digest in reading this I Am Legend can be the light food to suit your needs because the information inside this kind of book is easy to get by means of anyone. These books build itself in the form that is reachable by anyone, yeah I mean in the e-book application form. People who think that in

e-book form make them feel drowsy even dizzy this book is the answer. So there is not any in reading a reserve especially this one. You can find what you are looking for. It should be here for an individual. So , don't miss this! Just read this e-book variety for your better life along with knowledge.

**Download and Read Online I Am Legend By Richard Matheson  
#G8JM9U6B3DP**

## **Read I Am Legend By Richard Matheson for online ebook**

I Am Legend By Richard Matheson Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read I Am Legend By Richard Matheson books to read online.

### **Online I Am Legend By Richard Matheson ebook PDF download**

**I Am Legend By Richard Matheson Doc**

**I Am Legend By Richard Matheson Mobipocket**

**I Am Legend By Richard Matheson EPub**