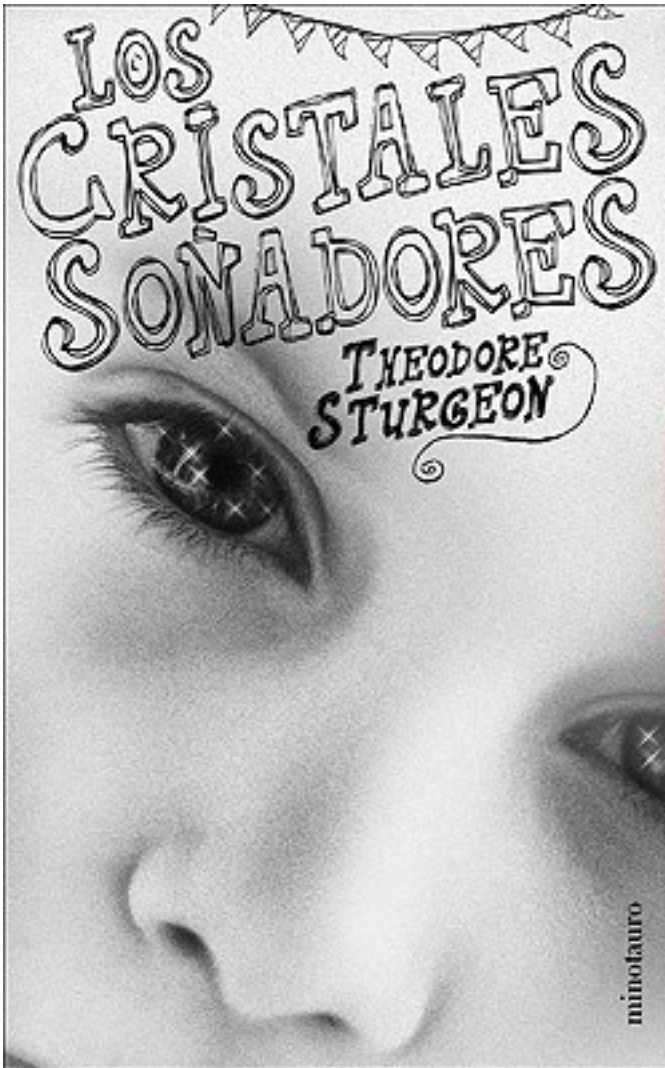


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**Theodore Sturgeon**

**Los Cristales Soñadores**



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## Description

En este debut novelístico, Theodore Sturgeon, recoge la cautivadora historia de Horthy, el huérfano que huye de sus padres adoptivos con todo lo que tiene, su muñeco Junky, de misteriosos ojos de cristal, y a quien el destino une a un grupo de fenómenos de feria. Entre ellos conocerá por primera vez el amor y la comprensión, pero también deberá participar en la lucha contra el malvado Monetre. Éste sabe que Junky es más que un juguete, y Horthy, más que un ser humano, y pretende explotar esa diferencia para someter el mundo a su voluntad.

## Insightful reviews

Charles Dee Mitchell: I don't know enough about Sturgeon's writing to know if he realized just how weird this story is. As its central plot device, an eight-year-boy passes himself off as a female midget for ten years. Although an explanation is later offered, fantastic but in keeping with the story, nothing is made of this by those who are in on the deception.

The setting is a traveling carnival. The jewels are beings that fall from space with great regularity but disappear into earth's landscape. They are living beings who pass their lives unnoticed by humans, and yet are capable of affecting our lives in amazing ways. This is a good conceit, but Sturgeon literally talks it to death. Whenever an aspect of the story needs to be explained, you can expect several pages of dialog doing just that. And it's not very good dialog. It's awkward and stagey. The staginess works best with his villains, who are either ghoulish or sleazebags.

A film like *Eyes Without a Face* takes absurd, melodramatic elements and encloses them in its own, hermetically sealed world. If the writing had been better, and the story better told -- I guess, in other words, if it had been a better book -- *The Dreaming Jewels* could have achieved a similar effect.

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Neil McCrea: "They caught the kid doing something disgusting out under the bleachers at the high school stadium, and he was sent home from the grammar school across the street. He was eight years old then. He'd been doing it for years."

That opening paragraph is quite the hooker, to use Stephen King's parlance, it draws you into the book and sets the pace for what's to come.

The works of Theodore Sturgeon have been a major gap in my classic Science fiction library. I haven't managed to avoid him entirely, of course, but what I have read previous is no more than a smattering of short stories that I have to be reminded are Sturgeon's. I've taken my first step towards filling that gap with *The Dreaming Jewels*, his first novel, and I pretty much love it.

Many have warned me that Sturgeon's novels are novels of ideas and that character and style are secondary for him. Based solely on *The Dreaming Jewels*, that sounds like nonsense to me. The characters are more archetypal than strictly realistic, but that serves the dreamy, fable like atmosphere of the novel. As to style, Sturgeon has plenty to spare.

"Zena, naked, came sliding out of the dim whiteness of her sheets like the dream of a seal in surf."

Sturgeon writes Soft Sci-Fi so there are no careful explanations of the weird science, but the ideas explored are interesting. I was continuously surprised that a novel written in 1950 dealt with child abuse and gender politics in a way that occasionally felt contemporary, not to mention the fact that Sturgeon was able to incorporate these elements without sidetracking the grand adventure of it all.

I certainly plan to read more Sturgeon in the future.

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Pat Cummings: My first come across with Theodore Sturgeon used to be this story of loneliness, rejection, melancholy and revenge. It was once a very good booklet to start with, and never simply because it was once Sturgeon's first novel. right here was once a classier self-delusion than the typical fable of the key adoption, a global within which a toddler may perhaps detect that he used to be anything far better than the hidden inheritor to royalty. Horton Bluett is a a little tragic child. suffering from different young ones on the schoolyard for the disgusting act of consuming ants, abused and maimed by way of his cold, uncaring parents, Horthy runs away to hitch the circus. he is taking with him the single factor on the planet he loves, a damaged Jack-in-the-box with glistening eyes named Junky. on the circus, he masquerades as a "dwarf" lady named Hortense—"Kiddo" to all outdoors the circle of pleasant circus folk. Gradually, we study that the circus' owner, Pierre Monetre ("Maneater" to Horthy's associates Zena, Bunny, Havana and Solum), is an obsessed guy who has an ominous carry over the opposite

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performers within the freak show. because the 3 palms chopped off by means of Horty's father Armand start to develop back, as Horty discovers that he can reshape his physique freely, the Maneater searches in all places for a treasure he calls "dreaming jewels."The issues are faraway from juvenile. a few occasions and discussion are downright smutty. but I learn this book, enrapt, while i used to be ten years old, and was once untouched through the darker shadows. i used to be too engrossed within the triumph of Horty's vengeance. the place else yet in fiction may perhaps one locate such whole and passable tying off of unfastened ends?The ultimate disagreement with Maneater, within which Horty discovers his personal heritage, and the secret of the god-like dreaming jewels is solved, is as exciting to me as an grownup reader because it used to be while i used to be young. whilst Horty encompasses the destruction of his "father," the rescue of his youth buddy Kay, and the redemption of Bunny and the others within the freak show, the kid in me nonetheless cheers.This ebook is periodically re-released: in hard-cover and paperback, and now in a Kindle version. you could usually locate well-loved copies in used-book stores. although you decide to come across it, it's worth the read!

Althea Ann: unusual little foundling Horty is abused through his adoptive parents, and runs away. he is 'adopted' by way of a gaggle of midgets and joins a vacationing carnival... however the carny hides a few deeper secrets and techniques and extra refined cruelties than even his earlier life.. what's the reason behind Horty's mysterious abilities? And why is he so surprisingly hooked up to his youth toy, a jack-in-the-box with weirdly glittering jewellike eyes?

Andrew: Theodore Sturgeon to me is a little bit secret - i've got a few his works and i'm slowly operating my manner via his gathered works (an striking sequence i need to admit) and his brief tale " Saucer of loneliness" is considered one of my all time favorite tales - even earlier than the recent twilight quarter grew to become it in to an awesome episode - yet nonetheless his paintings surprises me. he's universally authorized as one of many all time nice technological know-how fiction writers being pointed out through many authors as being their favorite or an concept to them and but lots of his works are not often what you'll name technological know-how fiction - this being a case in point. don't get me improper the tale is interesting if a bit extraordinary yet nonetheless it used to be now not what i used to be awaiting and that i imagine that's the mystery to his success. And as an aspect word the writer Victor Gollancz has introduced us many remarkable books and that i comprehend that there's a wealthy historical past of titles they could draw on however the proven fact that within the early 2000s they reprinted a host of their precise yellow jacket makes this e-book all of the extra attractive to me (shallow I know)

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