

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA - DR. ISAAC ASIMOV

Born in the Soviet Union on January 2, 1920. Brought to the United States in February, 1923, and an American citizen since September, 1928.

Educated in the public school system of New York City. Attended Columbia University, 1939-1948 (losing four years because of World War II), majoring in chemistry, getting a Bachelor of Science in 1939, a Master of Arts in 1941, and a Doctor of Philosophy in 1948. (Plus half a dozen or so honorary doctorates here and there since then.) I joined the faculty of Boston University School of Medicine in 1949 and by 1955, I was Associate Professor of Biochemistry.

Meanwhile, I had begun to write science fiction in 1938, sold my first story on October 21, 1938, and continued to write stories for science fiction magazines for eleven years, paying my way through school in that fashion. On January 19, 1950, I published my first book, "PEBBLE IN THE SKY" (Doubleday). I continued publishing books for a variety of publishers and on a variety of topics in a variety of fields at a variety of age-levels. In the month of the commencement, I published "MURDER AT THE ABA" (Doubleday), my 173rd book. In the course of all this, I abandoned my teaching to become a full-time writer (and lecturer -- I give about 30 lectures a year at substantial fees), though I retain my title and am still Associate Professor of Biochemistry and intend to remain so for life. I get no salary, however.

I am married to Dr. Janet Jeppson and we live in Manhattan. I have two children by my first wife, a boy and a girl.

In addition to my science fiction books and mystery books and books on straight science, I have in my list, such unlikely-seeming titles as: ASIMOV'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE; ASIMOV'S GUIDE TO SHAKESPEARE; ASIMOV'S ANNOTATED PARADISE LOST; ISAAC ASIMOV'S TREASURY OF HUMOR; THE SENSUOUS DIRTY OLD MAN; and LECHEROUS LIMMERICKS.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA - DR. JANET JEPPSON (MRS. ISAAC ASIMOV)

Janet Jeppson was born in Ashland, Pennsylvania, on August 6, 1926, the day Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the English Channel. She was brought to New Rochelle, New York at the age of near four (after having spent a year in Vienna with her parents) and was educated in the public school system of that city. The daughter of an ophthalmologist, both she and her brother became physicians; she's a psychiatrist, he's an anesthesiologist.

She attended Stanford University, where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in 1948. She went on to New York University College of Medicine and obtained her M.D. in 1952.

She served as Intern in Philadelphia General Hospital, 1952-3; as Psychiatric Resident in Bellevue Hospital, 1953-6; as Staff Psychiatrist, Manhattan V.A. Hospital, 1956-8, -- plus a few other hospital and clinical positions.

She entered the William Alanson White Institute of Psychoanalysis in 1956 and graduated in 1960. She has since held a number of administrative positions there: Assistant Director of the WAW clinic, 1967-71; Training and Supervising Analyst, 1969 to date; Director of Training, 1974 to date. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, AAAS, American Academy of Psychoanalysis, American Psychiatric Association, etc.

She has written professional, as well as publishing several articles together with two short stories (one mystery, one science fiction) and a science fiction novel, "THE SECOND EXPERIMENT" (Houghton Mifflin, 1974).

Despite all the evidence, listed above, of superior intelligence, she went on to marry Isaac Asimov on November 30, 1973.