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The Cat and the King is the sixth in a series of ten e-books containing the complete collection of short stories written by Raymond F. Jones. These stories span the years from 1941-1974, and this is the first time this entire collection has ever been made available. Notable stories in this collection are: The Cat and the King, Starting Point, The Great Grey Plague, The Martian Circe, The Unlearned, Rider in the Sky and The Laughing Lion.

Each story in this collection is an enjoyable read. The Great Grey Plague is a classic as is the Unlearned, but Rider in the Sky tops them all. Imagine riding a jet ski, equipped with powerful jet engines, to the moon. Such a stunt was the promotional idea of Space Products Incorporated, as the company sought to promote their brand of a small personnel carrier for use on the moon. The winner and only entrant in the contest for a chance at riding the Moon Hopper to the moon came away with more than anyone bargained for.

Two things to watch for as you read this collection of stories, as well as the other nine books: vocabulary and colloquialism. Jones writes with a vocabulary that is pertinent to the story being told, but which you will probably find baffling as they're words you've likely not encounter before. Hint: make a list of the words. Secondly, note the amusing colloquialism which was in vogue during the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Raymond F. Jones, 1915 – 1994 was a noted and prolific science-fiction writer, whose numerous short stories were featured in sci-fi magazines of the first half of the twentieth century; that golden era when radio was still king, and reading about futuristic space travel, alien invaders, and colonization of earth-like planets in distant galaxies was still adventurous, and entertaining. Now, for the first time ever, the complete library of Jones' short stories have been compiled into ten e-books containing seven stories each, with the exception of Noise Level with only five stories

Jones left the library of his short stories to his children, which consisted of original manuscripts submitted to publishers and copies of stories from the sci-fi magazine in which they originally appeared.

As the publisher of my father's short stories, I am astounded at the depth of the vocabulary he commanded and which readily spilled out onto the pages of his stories as though he had known the meaning and proper use of these words since grade school; words like Terpsichore to describe ballet dancing; coruscations to describe the blinding flashes of bright light when the big guns of a spaceship fire and cabalistic to describe the mysterious, esoteric and hidden meaning of hieroglyphic writings of long extinct civilizations.

Though he published his first science-fiction story while still in high school, and cranked out a few stories during the war year between 1941-1945, he began writing in earnest in 1946 after his venture in chicken ranching went belly-up. He cleaned out the cinder block chicken-coop he and my mother built, in Phoenix, Arizona, constructed a small office inside the building, equipped it with filing cabinets, a table made from a door, chairs and an antique, manual Underwood typewriter and began fantasizing about space travel. His studies in math, chemistry and archaeology at the University of Utah, his work for Western Electric as an equipment installer, a short lived stint working for the Bendix Radio Corporation in Maryland and his war time years working for the U.S. Weather Bureau in Phoenix served him well in his ability to write logical and plausible space-fiction stories during his long career as a sci-fi writer. The story for which he is most remembered is This Island Earth, which was made into a movie in 1953. Dad quit writing in the mid-70s as the market for science-fiction stories had all but dried up. He ended his writing career as a technical writer for Sperry-Univac in Salt Lake City, Utah now Unisys.

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