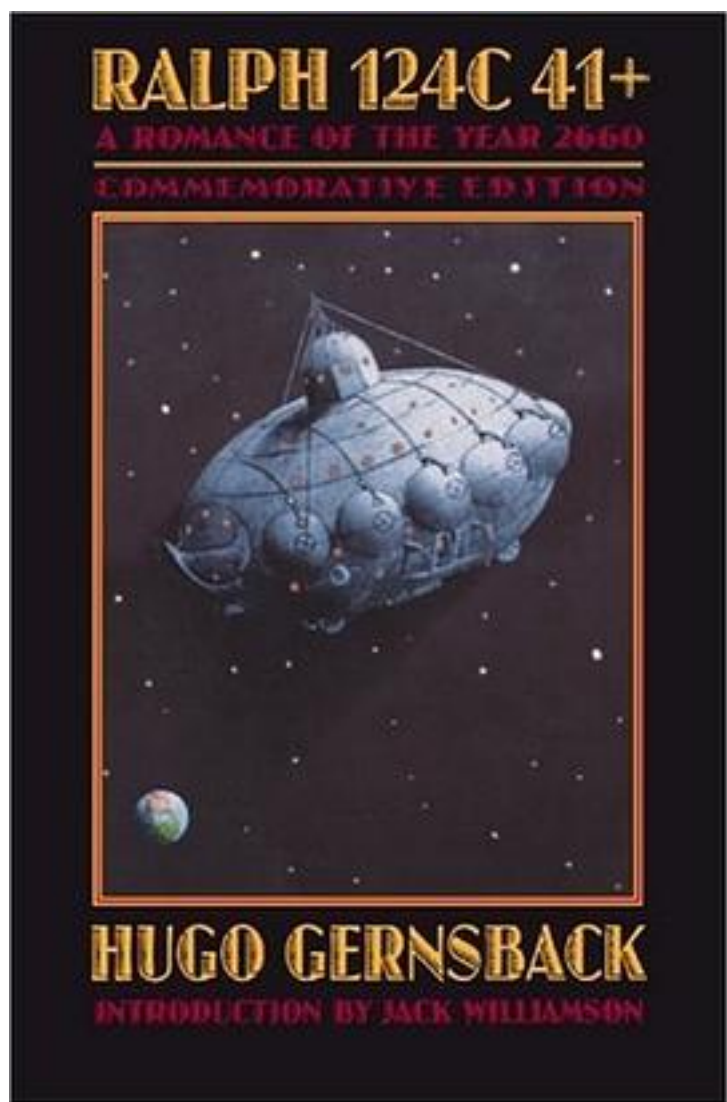


Ralph 124C 41+



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By the year 2660, science has transformed and conquered the world, rescuing humanity from itself. Spectacular inventions from the farthest reaches of space and deep beneath the earth are available to meet every need, providing antidotes to individual troubles and social ills. Inventors are highly prized and respected, and they are jealously protected and lavishly cared for by world governments. That support and acclaim, however—as the most brilliant of scientists, Ralph 124C 41+, discovers—is not without its price.

This visionary novel of the twenty-seventh century was written by Hugo Gernsback, founder of the influential magazine *Amazing Stories*. Marvelously prophetic and creative, *Ralph 124C 41+* celebrates technological advances and entrances readers with an exuberant, unforgettable vision of what our world might become. This commemorative edition makes Gernsback's landmark tale widely available for the first time in decades and features the prized Frank R. Paul illustrations from the rare first edition, a list of inventions and technological devices, and Hugo Gernsback's prefaces to the first and second editions.

作者介绍:

Hugo Gernsback (1884-1967)

Educated in European technical schools, Gernsback immigrated to America in 1904 and became a naturalized US citizen. His interest in the future of things electrical probably set in motion the history of American Science Fiction as we know it. Gernsback started early in this mode, as founder of Electric Importing Co in 1905, and editor of *Modern Electrics* in 1908. In 1925, Hugo founded radio station WRNY and was involved in the first television broadcasts.

Amazing Stories was created by Hugo in 1926 as the first publication devoted to future fiction. That was soon followed by *Wonder Stories* in 1929 (bad timing). But despite the Great Depression, Gernsback Publications, Inc became a viable force and was fairly diversified with titles from *Radio Craft* and *Short Wave Craft* to *Sexology*.

Gernsback developed 'Ralph 124C 41' as a pen name in 1911 and that began a sequence of events that ended in a visionary early science fiction novel of almost the same name, *Ralph 124C 41+*.

Hugo was a dreamer and misplaced inventor, his efforts in that field slightly awry, such as the osophone which was a device to allow the deaf to hear through their teeth. At his death, however, Gernsback held 80 patents. Hugo's visionary skills foretold of plastic, stainless steel, jukeboxes and tape recorders, solar power, television, etc. Honored by the field of Science Fiction when it named its award of excellence after Gernsback.

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