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The Positronic Man



Synopsis

Andrew Martin, a standard housekeeping robot, allows the unique capabilities of his experimental brain to lead him to become an artist, businessman, and crusader, in a novel based on Asimov's short story, ""The Bicentennial Man."" 35,000 first printing. \$35,000 ad/promo. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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â ^The Positronic Manâ ^™, yet another of the many Science-Fiction books by Isaac Asimov and Robert Silverberg, probably has become one of my favourite books in this particular genre. Focusing throughout its entire plot on a robot who gradually takes steps towards becoming human, the characters and world are handled beautifully. At risk of starting this review the wrong way around, the narrative and practically all elements of this novel are fantastic. The story starts when NDR-113 at the Martin house, being quickly named Andrew by the youngest daughter. He starts doing â ^normalâ ^™ household work for the Martins, accidentally discovering a talent for woodworking described by others as â œpure artâ •. He starts earning money, gradually exploring what one might call â ^creativityâ ^™ as he does so, and soon he embarks on a quest of sorts to attempt to not only be human but also be granted the same rights. He starts wearing clothes, gets into legal judgments concerning his classification and rights as a robot, learns languages, eventually starts replacing his positronic parts with human organsâ | Andrew devotes his whole existence on these efforts, and it is simply fascinating to see the plot develop around this. It is a wonderful story, despite how simple it may seem like. The narrative is beautiful, as are the characters and their development. The book manages to keep your attention at all times, even better, it increases it. Just when you think everything is perfect, you get to see into Andrewâ ^™s mind and see how he feels

about how he is. The portrait of The Positronic Man™ shows of what the psyche of a Robot in this type of position is fascinating, and seems far more realistic than many of the other books in this particular genre. Every event seems real, as if it was truly going on.

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