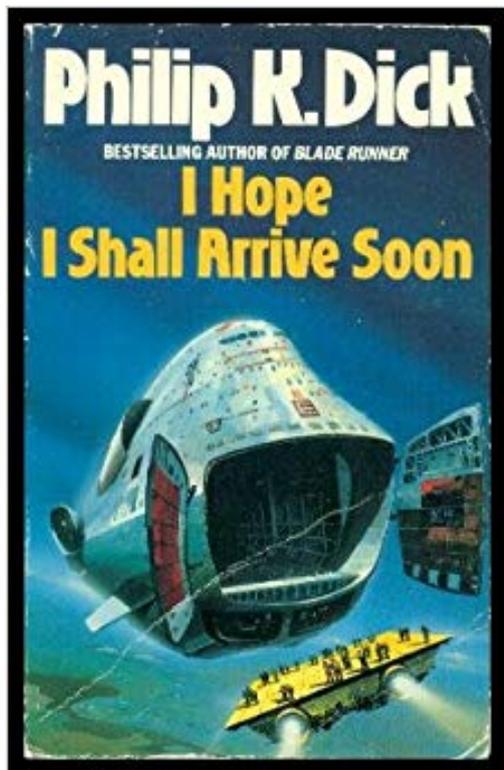


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## Reviews of the *I Hope I Shall Arrive Soon* *by* Philip K. Dick

Zicelik

You will find here a collection of generally easy reading and entertaining science fiction. "The Exit Leads In" was particularly interesting to me, since I was also drafted. Then, there is the great quote "Money is the official seal of sanity." (P. 98) However, the most important piece in the book is the twenty-three page introduction by Philip K. Dick himself who discusses his religiosity somewhat in depth. I did not know PKD was an Episcopalian. Who would think to care? But, one's experiences and religion frequently influences behavior and prose. So, for instance, read the title story and then refer back to the introduction. Heck! I still do not know what the story is about. Perhaps it means nothing. Oh, well. PKD fans should consider purchasing this out of print title from Amazon Marketplace sellers or borrowing it from a public library, if the governor of your Land of Taxes has not shut it down yet, for the introduction alone, the introduction which, perhaps, may be used as a

template to understand the author's other works.

Kupidon

I typically like to have "complete works" collections with short stories, but I think that this one really works. Of his shorts, some of the best are in here; the title story "I Hope I Shall Arrive Soon" and "Explorers, We" really stand out. I would say that even if you have some of these, the introduction is worth it alone. Some very insightful commentary of his work, as well as a nice anecdote on the German translation errors in "Ubik," one of Dick's most celebrated novels, make this a nice one to have in the collection for a fan of Dick's work and thought process. Hard covers are great to have, and always worth the money for something with as much re-read value as this. I find it kind of a let down that to date, no film adaptation of any of Dick's books have done him justice at all. Not even close. Minority Report, Total Recall, and Blade Runner have all been pretty successful films, but absolutely not even close to the otherworldly quality of the space that Dick puts the reader into. He makes the staples of sci-fi like time travel, space exploration, and ESP seem completely reasonable. It is a true talent to allow the reader to suspend disbelief enough to chew through a story without once questioning the logic, to not sever that umbilical cord that the artist should build between you and the art. Though some of the stories here are definitely not some of Dick's more compelling reads, such as the story that kicks off the collection "The Short and Happy Life of the Brown Oxford," you will absolutely find that the majority here makes up for anything that might steer you away from shelling out the extra dough for a good, hard cover collection such as this.

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