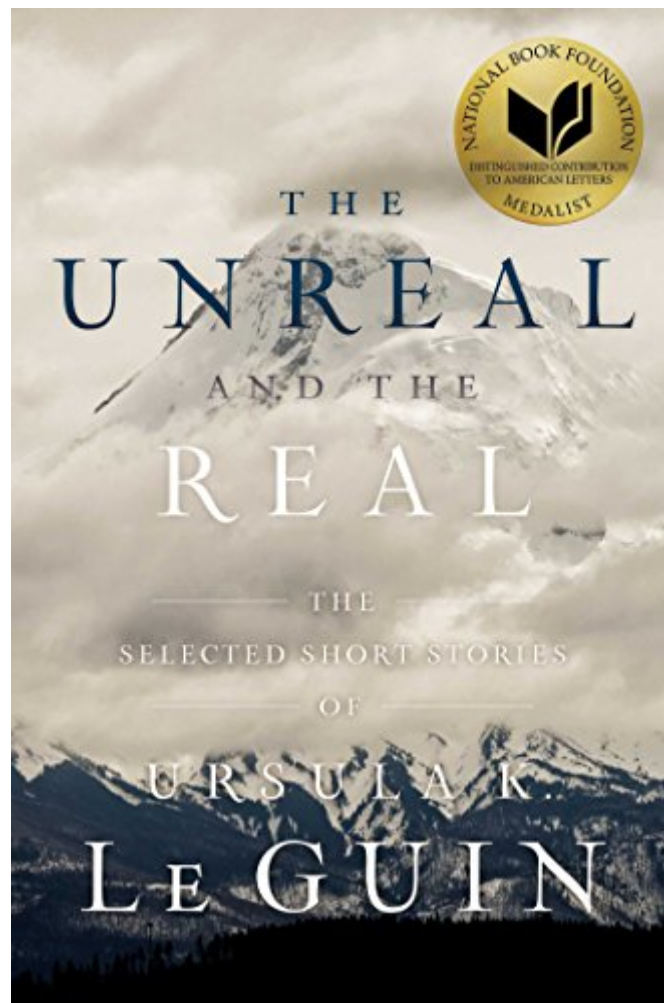




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# **The Unreal And The Real: The Selected Short Stories Of Ursula K. Le Guin**



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Many stories here are familiar, a few are new or so recent they seem barely read, all are absorbing and rewarding. Excellent choice.

I read the kindle version (which is a great buy) and had no problems with the ebook. While many of the stories are outstanding classics some are painful to get thru -- though I admit I am not a real fan of short stories so that may have colored my judgement. There is some overlap with (two stories)

with her recent novella collection. All in all I enjoyed the kindle version of this collection though I do think the collection was of mixed quality. Due to the ebook price and the selection including some very very good stories it is well worth reading and buying.

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Ursula K Le Guin is a unique author. Best known for her fantasy and science fiction, her works encompass many other genres from contemporary mainstream to historical fiction to unclassifiable. In each of these stories, her distinctive vision and voice come through. No one writes like her.

A great writer and a great anthology!!!

Delivered promptly, in good condition. Good book.

Disappointing Although the author has shown great poetry in her writing in the 70s, this collection does not live up to expectations anymore (mine anyways)

It has been YEARS since I submitted a review to . Imagine my surprise when I had to answer some pretty stupid questions before I was allowed to review this collection by UKL. That said: UKL deserves MUCH better treatment than this. The stories in this book were collected several years ago, in two volumes, by Small Beer Press. The selections and intros were wonderful.--Well, they still are, but the current publisher has combined the two previous volumes into one. The cost per book has gone up. The quality of paper has gone down. Further, no editing AT ALL has been done to the text of the Small Beer Press volumes, with the result that UKL's intros to the previous volumes are left intact. She wrote the intro to each book separately. Inexplicably, her intros to each book are kept intact--even though she refers (in each case) to the stories in "this volume," when she's talking about the Small Beer Press edition. It's kind of disorienting to get halfway through the current book and have UKL's intro for the "Small Beer Press" edition as if the reader weren't reading one single book. The Small Beer Press editions are still available. Yes, the two books will cost (slightly) more than this cheaply-produced thing, but they are SO much more beautifully composed and readable. Here's a link to Small Beer's site:[...] Please, please, please, buy UKL's stories from them. You will

not be disappointed. ON THE OTHER HAND: UKL's novellas are now available in one volume by HarperCollins (AKA "Saga Press"). As far as I know, this is the first time UKL's novellas have been collected. The production values are just as cheap--but, in this case, at least we get a single book for UKL's wonderful work in this form. Buy the one, but not the other.

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