AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Harry Harrison

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

65 books · 8 series · List updated November 15, 2026

Deathworld

Series · 3 books · 1960–1968

Read in publication order.

- ☐ 1960 *Deathworld*
  Book 1 · Novel
  His first novel; it earned a Hugo nomination.
- ☐ 1964 *Deathworld 2*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1968 *Deathworld 3*
  Book 3 · Novel

The Stainless Steel Rat

Series · 11 books · 1961–2010

Numbered in publication order; three later books, starting with A Stainless Steel Rat Is Born, go back to Jim diGriz's early life.

- ☐ 1961 *The Stainless Steel Rat*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1970 *The Stainless Steel Rat's Revenge*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1972 *The Stainless Steel Rat Saves the World*
  Book 3 · Novel
- ☐ 1978 *The Stainless Steel Rat Wants You!*
  Book 4 · Novel
- ☐ 1982 *The Stainless Steel Rat for President*
  Book 5 · Novel
- ☐ 1985 *A Stainless Steel Rat Is Born*
  Book 6 · Novel
- ☐ 1987 *The Stainless Steel Rat Gets Drafted*
  Book 7 · Novel
- ☐ 1994 *The Stainless Steel Rat Sings the Blues*
  Book 8 · Novel
- ☐ 1996 *The Stainless Steel Rat Goes to Hell*
  Book 9 · Novel

- [ ] 1999 *The Stainless Steel Rat Joins the Circus*
  Book 10 · Novel
- [ ] 2010 *The Stainless Steel Rat Returns*
  Book 11 · Novel
  His last novel.

Planet of the Damned

Series · 2 books · 1962–1981

Planet of No Return is the sequel.

- [ ] 1962 *Planet of the Damned*
  Book 1 · Novel
- [ ] 1981 *Planet of No Return*
  Book 2 · Novel

- [ ] 1962 *War with the Robots*
  Story collection

Bill, the Galactic Hero

Series · 7 books · 1965–1991

The first book is Harrison's own; the six sequels were written with other authors.

- [ ] 1965 *Bill, the Galactic Hero*
  Book 1 · Novel
- [ ] 1989 *Bill, the Galactic Hero on the Planet of Robot Slaves*
  Book 2 · Novel
- [ ] 1990 *Bill, the Galactic Hero on the Planet of Bottled Brains*
  Book 3 · Novel · with Robert Sheckley
- [ ] 1991 *Bill, the Galactic Hero on the Planet of Tasteless Pleasures*
  Book 4 · Novel · with David Bischoff
- [ ] 1991 *Bill, the Galactic Hero on the Planet of Zombie Vampires*
  Book 5 · Novel · with Jack C. Haldeman II
- [ ] 1991 *Bill, the Galactic Hero on the Planet of Ten Thousand Bars*
  Book 6 · Novel · with David Bischoff
- [ ] 1991 *Bill, the Galactic Hero: The Final Incoherent Adventure*
  Book 7 · Novel · with David Harris

- [ ] 1965 *Plague from Space*
  Novel
  Later expanded as The Jupiter Plague (1982).
- [ ] 1965 *Two Tales and Eight Tomorrows*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1966 *Make Room! Make Room!*
  Novel
  Basis for the film Soylent Green (1973).

- [ ] 1967 *The Technicolor Time Machine*
  Novel
- [ ] 1969 *Captive Universe*
  Novel
- [ ] 1970 *One Step from Earth*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1970 *Prime Number*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1970 *Spaceship Medic*
  Novel
- [ ] 1970 *The Daleth Effect*
  Novel
  Also published as In Our Hands, the Stars.
- [ ] 1972 *A Transatlantic Tunnel, Hurrah!*
  Novel
  Published in the US as Tunnel Through the Deeps.
- [ ] 1972 *Montezuma's Revenge*
  Novel
- [ ] 1972 *Stonehenge*
  Novel · with Leon Stover
- [ ] 1973 *Star Smashers of the Galaxy Rangers*
  Novel
- [ ] 1974 *Queen Victoria's Revenge*
  Novel
- [ ] 1974 *The Men from P.I.G. and R.O.B.O.T.*
  Story collection
  Two linked novellas.
- [ ] 1975 *The California Iceberg*
  Novel
- [ ] 1976 *Skyfall*
  Novel
- [ ] 1976 *The Best of Harry Harrison*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1976 *The Lifeship*
  Novel · with Gordon R. Dickson
- [ ] 1979 *Planet Story*
  Other
  Illustrated by Jim Burns.
- [ ] 1980 *The QE II Is Missing*
  Novel

To the Stars

Series · 3 books · 1980–1981

- ☐ 1980 *Homeworld*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1981 *Wheelworld*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1981 *Starworld*
  Book 3 · Novel

☐ 1982 *Invasion: Earth*
Novel

☐ 1983 *A Rebel in Time*
Novel

Eden

Series · 3 books · 1984–1988

- ☐ 1984 *West of Eden*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1986 *Winter in Eden*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1988 *Return to Eden*
  Book 3 · Novel

☐ 1985 *You Can Be the Stainless Steel Rat: An Interactive Game Book*
Other
An interactive gamebook.

☐ 1992 *The Turing Option*
Novel · with Marvin Minsky

☐ 1993 *Stainless Steel Visions*
Story collection

The Hammer and the Cross

Series · 3 books · 1993–1996

Written with Tom Shippey, credited as John Holm.

- ☐ 1993 *The Hammer and the Cross*
  Book 1 · Novel · with John Holm
- ☐ 1994 *One King's Way*
  Book 2 · Novel · with John Holm
- ☐ 1996 *King and Emperor*
  Book 3 · Novel · with John Holm

☐ 1994 *Galactic Dreams*
Story collection

Stars and Stripes

Series · 3 books · 1998–2002

- ☐ 1998 — *Stars and Stripes Forever*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 2000 — *Stars and Stripes in Peril*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 2002 — *Stars and Stripes Triumphant*
  Book 3 · Novel

- ☐ 2001 — *50 in 50*
  Story collection
  Fifty stories, one for each year of his career.
- ☐ 2014 — *Harry Harrison! Harry Harrison!: It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time*
  Memoir
  Completed shortly before his death and published afterward.