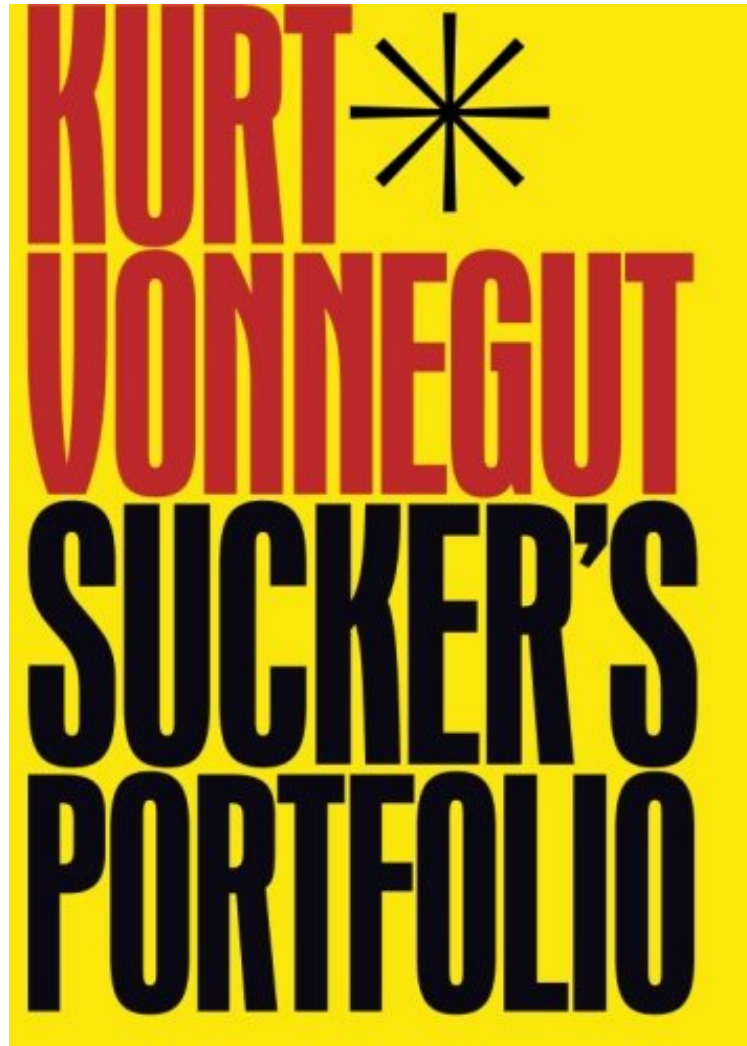


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from before Vonnegut peaked, and it's cool to read something from his early, formative years. But then these can't compare to his work at his peak, so they are more interesting in terms of watching (in hindsight) the author's growth. And it was tantalizing to read the unfinished sci-fi story fragment "Robotville and Mr. Caslow". I would have loved to see the author of "Player Piano" flesh that out. It's in the Appendix, where Kindle automatically stops you, so be sure not to miss that. The 'nonfiction essay' "The Last Tasmanian" is witty (or course) but rambles. It's a riff written like journal entries over the course of a number of days (or it almost seems like it was an exercise for him) and so Vonnegut tends to repeat himself. I would have preferred it if he had edited and distilled it into a long continuous essay. Yet, I enjoyed it. "Sucker's Portfolio" is a must read as a Kindle book. If I'd bought it as a hard cover at a hard cover price, I'd have felt cheated because it's a little thin, both literally and figuratively. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. May his waveform have found a suitable medium... By Holistic Mystic As a long time fan since before he mentioned how much he disliked fans in my age group in a Playboy article in the 70's. Having read pretty much everything he wrote... here is my take on the book. If you are like me then what you will find in this book are a number of stories that I would guess his publisher suggested he not push. You will find a story of a man who find religious salvation and another about a person who finds true love. Right? That is to say not your father's Vonnegut. That said... it was a totally satisfying journey; a lot like reading the Book of Judas after going to Baptist Sunday school your whole life; eye opening. (did you notice the semi-colon?)

Available to readers for the first time, Sucker's Portfolio showcases a collection of seven never before published works from Kurt Vonnegut, one of the greatest writers of the 20th century. Short, sardonic, and dark, these six brief fiction stories and one non-fiction piece are consummate Vonnegut with piercing satire and an eye for life's obscene inanity. Also available for the first time is an unfinished science-fiction short story, included in the appendix. These stories trace trivial human lives and mundane desires, which is precisely where Vonnegut's inimitable perspective as a humanist shines, illuminating his alternating hopeful and dismal outlook, although undoubtedly focusing on the latter. Here as in his greatest novels, Vonnegut's writing takes us to the darkest corners of the human soul and with wit and humor, manages to remind us of our potential to be something greater. Episode List This book was initially released in episodes as a Kindle Serial. All episodes are now available for immediate download as a complete book. Learn more about Kindle Serials

About the Author Kurt Vonnegut (1922-2007) is one of the most beloved American writers of the twentieth century. Vonnegut began his career as a science fiction writer, and his early novels – Player Piano and The Sirens of Titan – were categorized as such even as they appealed to an audience far beyond the reach of the category. In the 1960s, Vonnegut became closely associated with the Baby Boomer generation, a writer on that side, so to speak. Scholars believe that Vonnegut's reputation (like Mark Twain's) will grow steadily through the decades as his work continues to increase in relevance and new connections are formed, new insights made.