



# Ray Bradbury

Born August 22, 1920– June 5, 2012

# Additional Facts...

- ▶ Bradbury is a descendant of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to hang as a witch in Salem, MA in 1692.
- ▶ Bradbury \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ He tried to join the WWII effort but was rejected because of his poor eyesight.

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# Writing Career

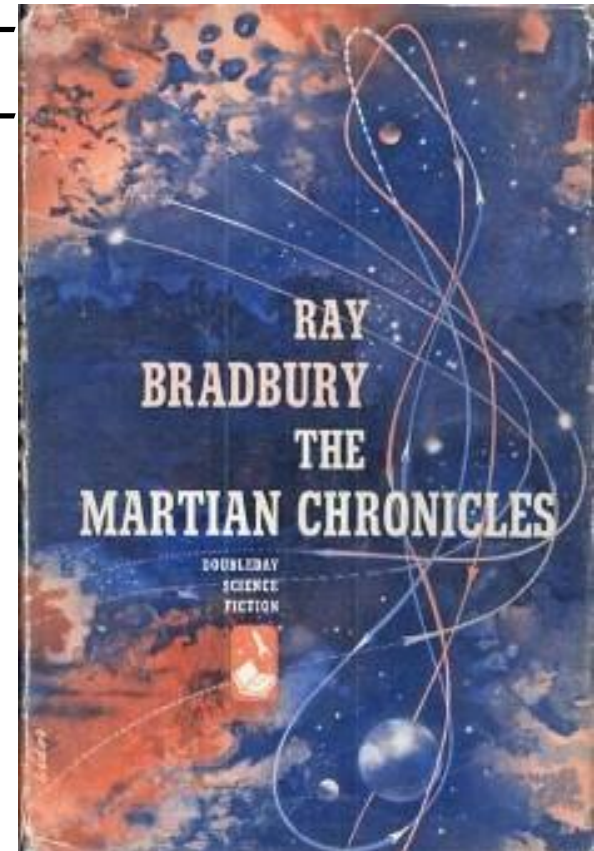
- ▶ Bradbury was inspired to write science fiction.

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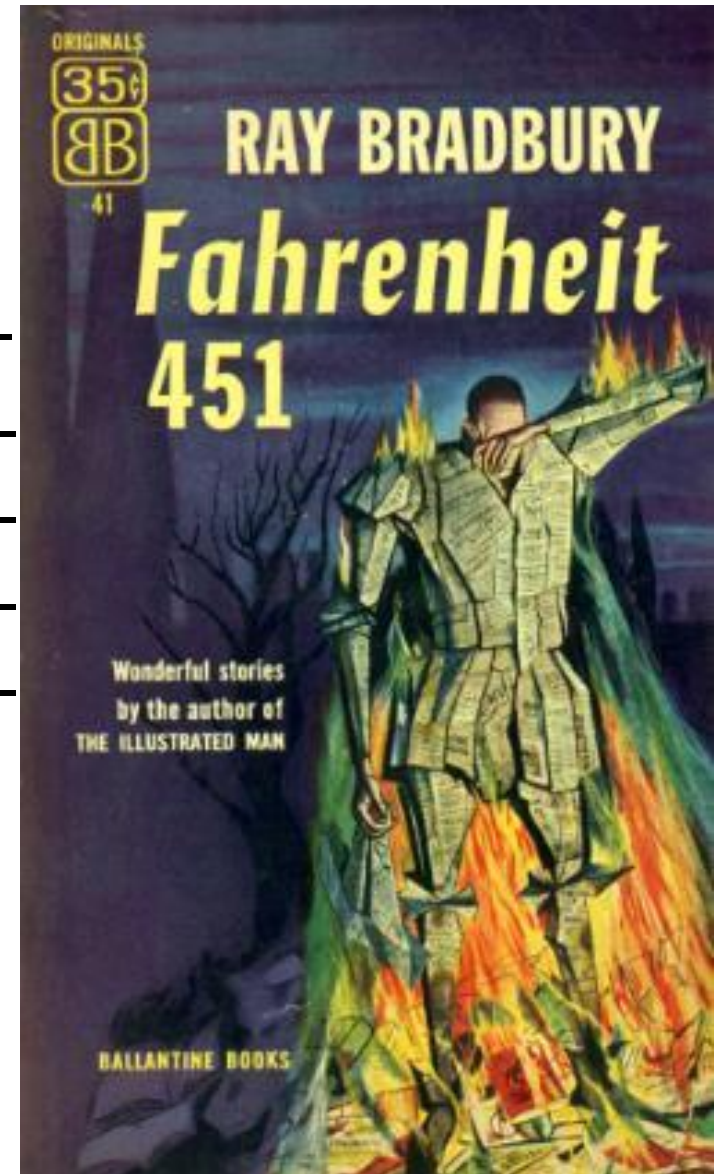
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- Published in 1950
- The story is about human beings fleeing Earth and colonizing Mars.



# *Fahrenheit 451*

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ The novel presents a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Bradbury states that the novel is not about censorship, but about how  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# What is a dystopia?



- ▶ First, start with UTOPIA. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ So, now, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
◦ *Fahrenheit 451* is considered a dystopic novel because the society presented in it has become \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_, but, as Montag discovers, it is not.



# Fun Facts about *Fahrenheit 451*

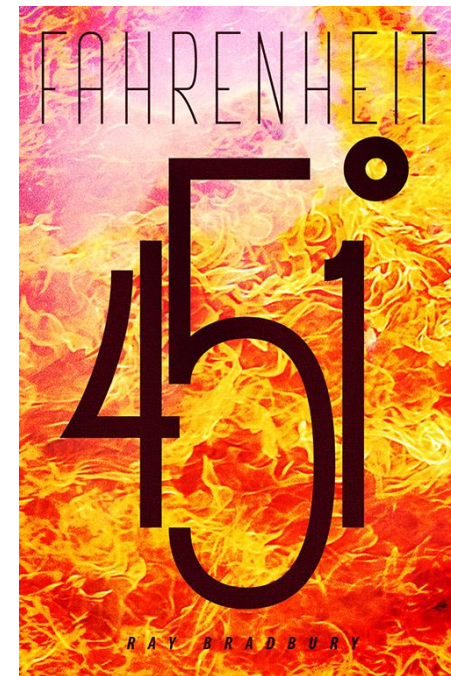
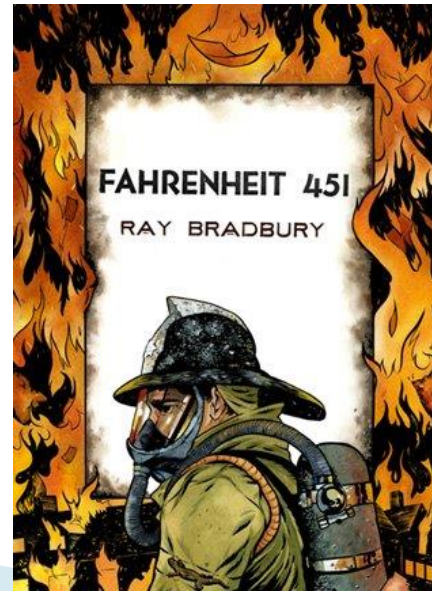
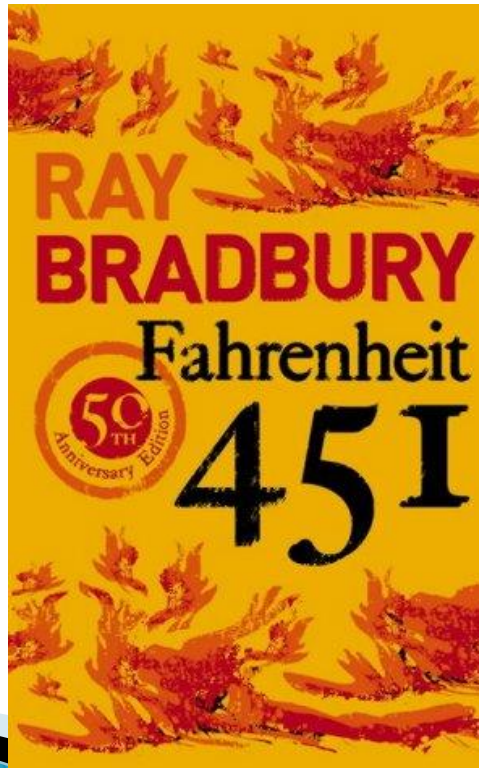
- ▶ Guy Montag was named after Guy Fawkes who plotted to blow up the English Parliament building on November 5, 1605. This is referenced in the movie *V for Vendetta*.
- ▶ Clarisse's name comes from clara, which is latin for 'bright.'
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- ▶ 451° is the temperature at which paper catches fire and burns.



# So what IS *Fahrenheit* about?

► Fahrenheit 451 was written in\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.



# Bradbury said this in 1960...

- ▶ “In writing the short novel *Fahrenheit 451* I thought I was describing a world that might evolve in four or five decades. But only a few weeks ago, in Beverly Hills one night, a husband and wife passed me, walking their dog. I stood staring after them, absolutely stunned. The woman held in one hand a small cigarette-package-sized radio, its antenna quivering. From this sprang tiny copper wires which ended in a dainty cone plugged into her right ear. There she was, oblivious to man and dog, listening to far winds and whispers and soap-opera cries, sleep-walking, helped up and down curbs by a husband who might just as well not have been there. This was not fiction.”



# THINK

- ▶ Now, knowing what you do, how do you think Bradbury would feel about today's society?
  - Consider how we interact with one another.
  - Consider how you spend your time.
- ▶ Make a few notes here about how he would feel:

