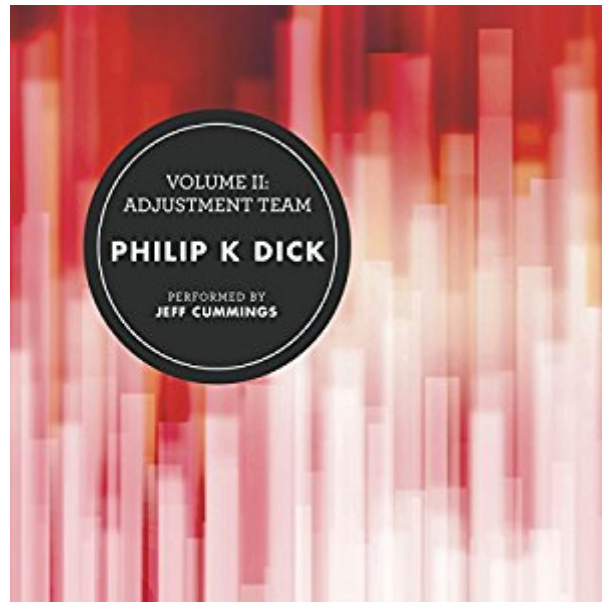


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# Volume II: Adjustment Team



## Synopsis

Philip K. Dick (1928-1982) was one of the seminal figures of 20th century science fiction. His many stories and novels, which include such classics as *The Man in the High Castle* and *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, reflect a deeply personal world view, exploring the fragile, multifarious nature of reality itself and examining those elements that make us - or fail to make us - fully human. He did as much as anyone to demolish the artificial barrier between genre fiction and "literature," and the best of his work has earned a permanent place in American popular culture. *Adjustment Team* is the second installment of a uniform, five-volume edition of *The Collected Stories of Philip K. Dick*. This wide-ranging collection contains 26 stories and novellas from the extraordinarily productive years of 1952 and 1953, along with extensive story notes. Included here are "The Cookie Lady," an account of a young boy whose relationship with a lonely widow results in a bizarre act of transformation, *Second Variety* (filmed in 1995 as *Screamers*), a novella that powerfully evokes a post-apocalyptic society overrun by all-too-human looking robots known as "Claws," and the title story, in which a small accident of timing leads real estate salesman Ed Fletcher to an unexpected confrontation with the malleable nature of a once familiar world. Like its predecessor, *The King of the Elves*, this new volume offers both an astonishing variety of narrative pleasures and a fascinating glimpse into the evolution of a major American artist.

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## Customer Reviews

I was fortunate enough to get passes to see *The Adjustment Bureau* tonight, which is loosely based

on Philip K. Dick's story "Adjustment Team." Five minutes before we were to leave for the theater, I read on IMDB that the movie was based on this story. I reached for my Kindle, and ran a search on for the movie title and found the Kindle version of the short story. I've read a number of PKD's stories in the past, but not this one. Like most movies based in PKD's stories (such as Blade Runner, Total Recall, Minority Report, etc.) there is usually very little in the original story that is identifiable in the movie. Adjustment Team/Bureau is no exception, but it's a pretty good read anyway. The story could be read easily in one setting, but while my wife drove us to the theater, I read half of the story out loud, and then finished it when we got back. The movie deals with bigger issues of personal destiny and God's sovereignty, but the story primarily focuses on the overarching plan of history that is kept in place by the Adjustment Team. The protagonist in the story is already married, unlike Matt Damon's character in the movie who is obsessed with a woman with whom he feels he is destined to be. This is not PKD's greatest story, but it is always interesting to see how a story such as this can spark an idea for a much more complex movie, such as The Adjustment Bureau. This will not be a long read, but at [...] cents, you're not out much, and the original story is fairly decent in it's own right--even if it does sport a talking dog!

If you have never read P. Dick this is a good start. One can see the fine line between madness and genius in his works. But I find his ability to tangle a story tremendous, READ THIS STORY!!!

Weird but in a sense a good weird. The author did great on the suspense because I had no idea where this was going. GREAT read.

I thought this was a very interesting short story, and I enjoyed it very much. The plot was intriguing and I found myself thinking about it after I'd finished it. ("What if there WERE a team working behind the scenes?") I rated it four stars instead of five because I felt it ended a bit abruptly and I was left with questions. This, I believe, was part of the author's plan rather than a flaw in the writing. I'd recommend it to anyone looking for a quick, easy to read story.

I'm not completely sure what to think here. I know that this is a short story and that it was only a basis for the movie, but it still doesn't feel quite complete to me. I still liked the story, just wish there was more.

This is a scifi classic. Must read for anyone seriously interested in the genre.

The short story was conceptually great but its shortness left one wanting more. The movie Adjustment Bureau fulfilled that requirement well but the film strayed from Dick's concept. For me it is the film that was rewarding and entertaining. Full marks to Dick for the concept.

P.K. Dick, had a really strange view of the world. This short story is one of his explanation of the process that keeps our world running smoothly.

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