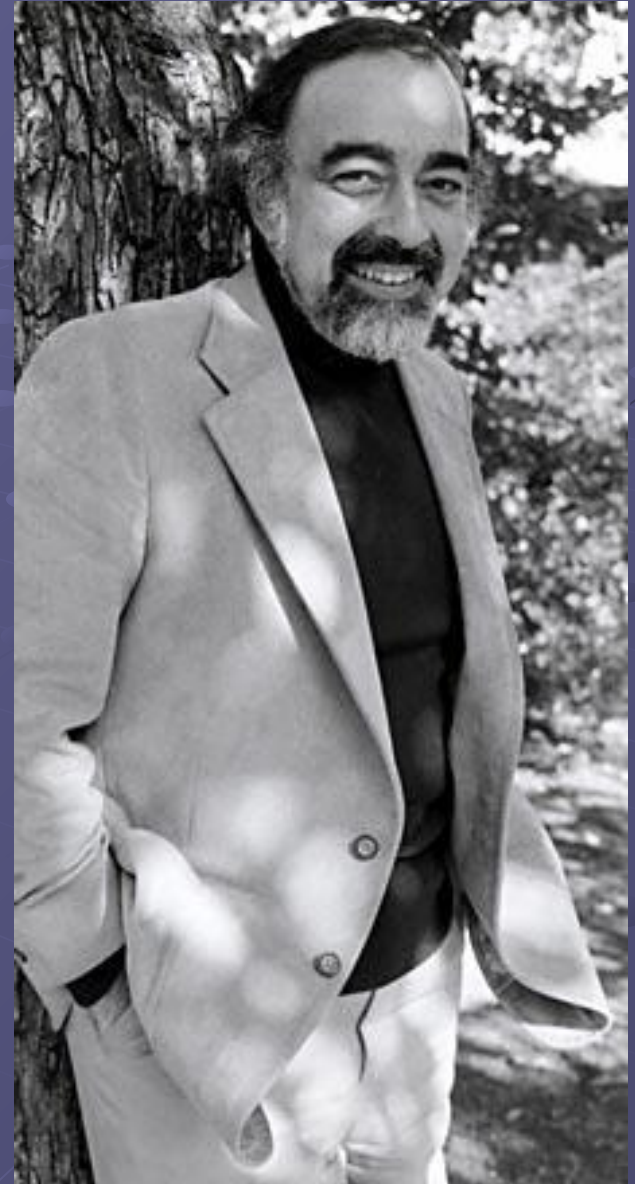


Ira Levin (1929 - 2007)



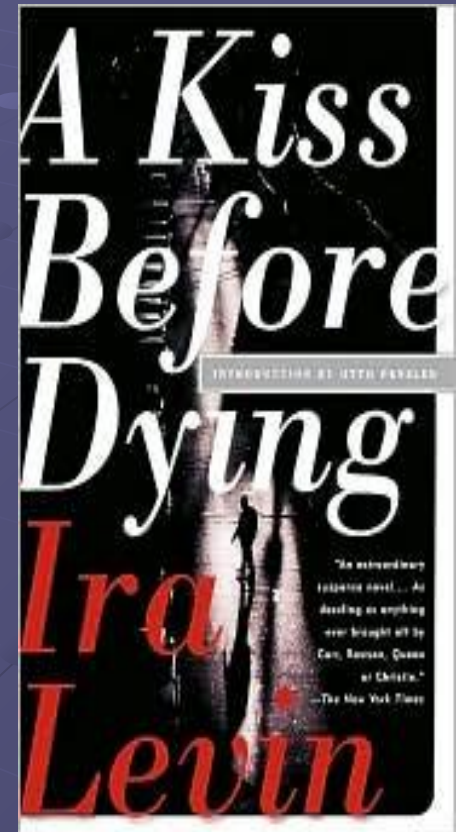
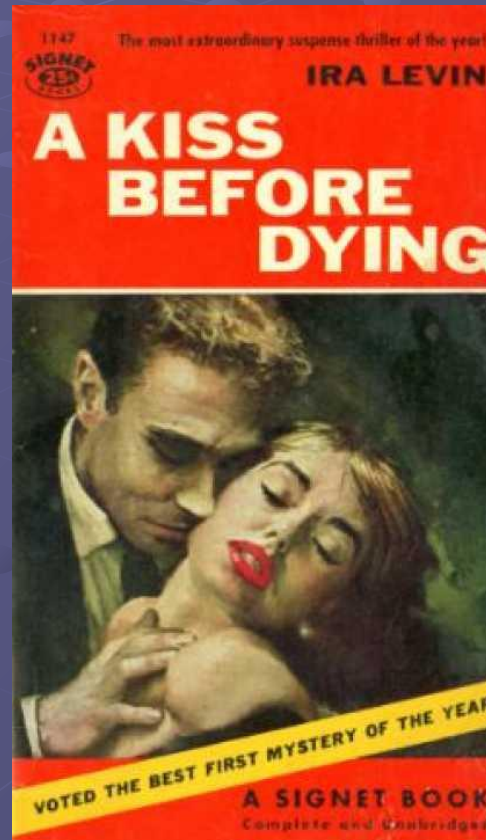
Levin was born in the Bronx. But his family relocated to the Upper West Side of Manhattan when he was 13.

He graduated New York University with a degree in English and philosophy in 1950. During his senior year in college, he took second place (\$200) in a screenwriting competition sponsored by CBS TV. Later the same script was bought by NBC for \$400.



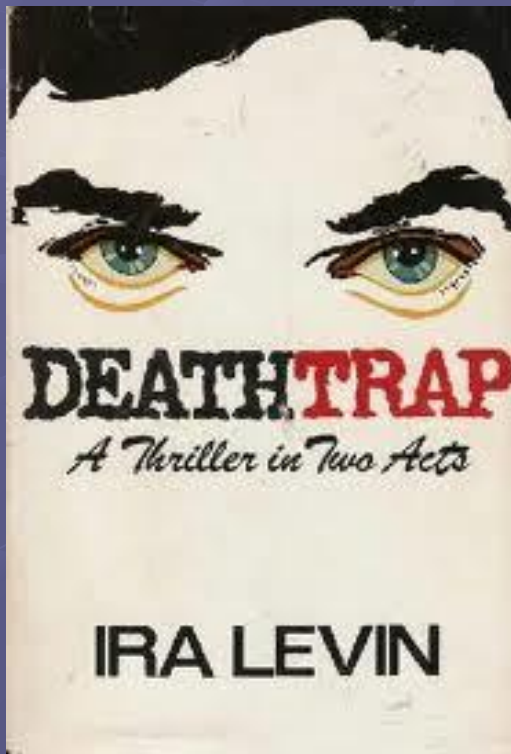
A Kiss Before Dying

Levin's first novel, *A Kiss Before Dying*, was well received, earning him the 1954 Edgar Award for Best First Novel. *A Kiss Before Dying* was turned into a movie twice, first in 1956, and again in 1991.



Deathtrap

Levin's best-known play is *Deathtrap*, the longest-running comedy-thriller on Broadway and it brought Levin his second Edgar Award. In 1982, it was also made into a film.



"An exceptionally well-made play."

"At least twice nearly jolted me out of my seat."

– *The Wall Street Journal*

"Deathtrap is about to be a hit all over again."

– *The Independent (London)*

"I came out of it in awe at the invention of Ira Levin – this is a brilliant mechanism, this play."

"Great fun – elements of farce, elements of sheer terror."

– *Front Row, BBC Radio*

"Screams of delighted terror."

"The definition of good old-fashioned entertainment."

– *Variety*

"A near-flawless revival."

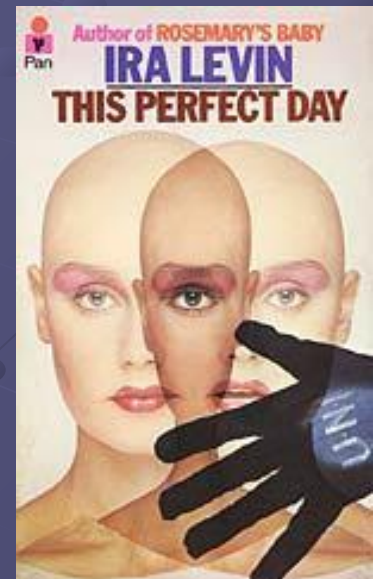
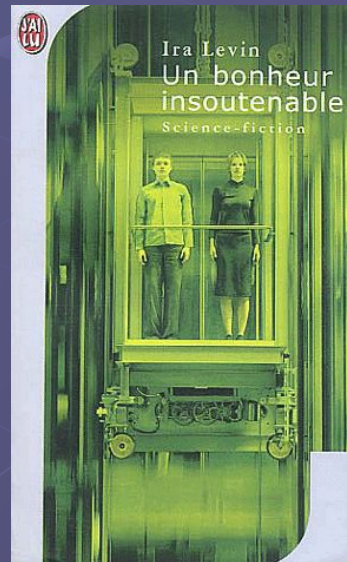
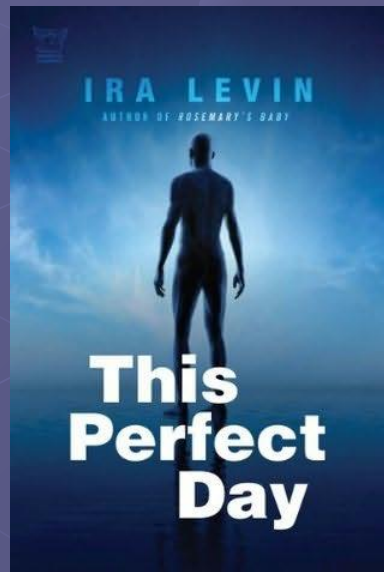
– *Theatermania.com*



This Perfect Day

This Perfect Day belongs to the genre of anti-utopian novels.

The action begins in the year 141 of the Unification - the establishment of global government, which finally led to consolidating all the world's super-computers into one colossal apparatus lodged deep below the Swiss Alps. UniComp knows everything; where you are, what you are doing, who you should marry, what sort of work you should do - everything!



UniComp's world

Everyone wears a bracelet. If you want to go somewhere, you hold your bracelet over a scanner and UniComp decides whether or not you will be admitted. UniComp decides whether or not you'll have children. But sometimes a person wants something that UniComp will not allow. These people are mentally ill but UniComp lovingly repairs their minds.



Chip is a maverick

We first see Li RM35M4419 as a child, nicknamed "Chip" by his nonconformist grandfather. Chip grows up and his career begins.

He is suddenly recruited by a group of secret resisters, who meet in the local pre-Unification museum and coach Chip into acting drugged to get his mind-altering treatments reduced. Chip is careless, and is discovered, and through him the whole group. Later Chip plans to destroy UniComp...



**Levin was married and divorced twice, and had three sons (from the first marriage) and four grandsons
Ira Levin died in Manhattan from a heart attack on November 12, 2007.**

