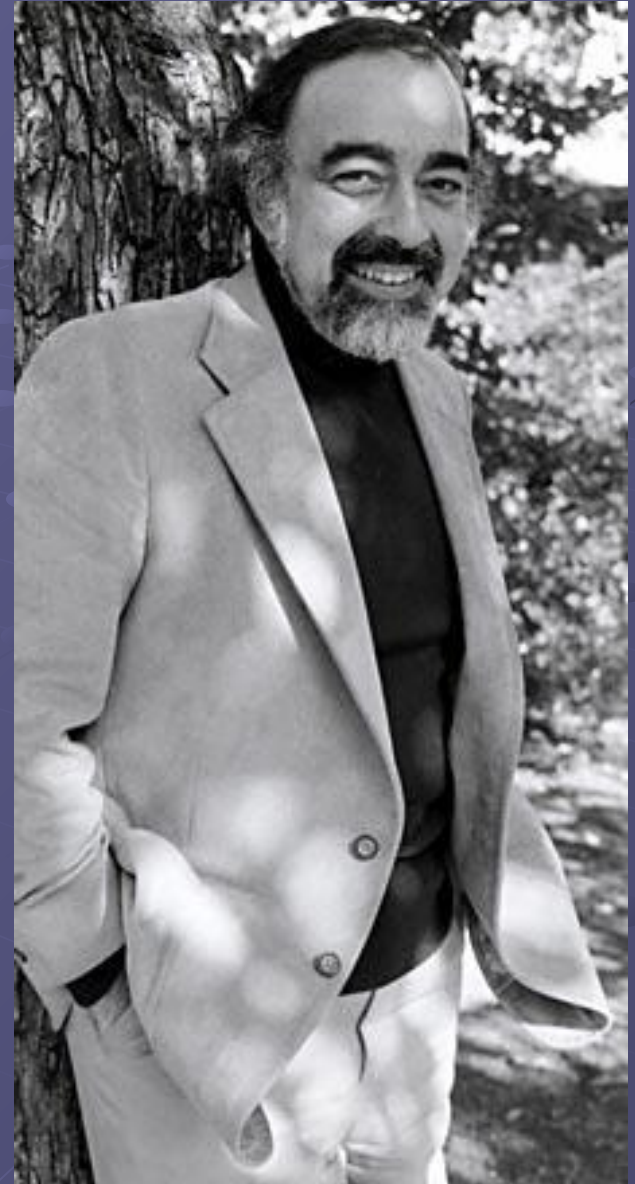


Ira Levin (1929 - 2007)



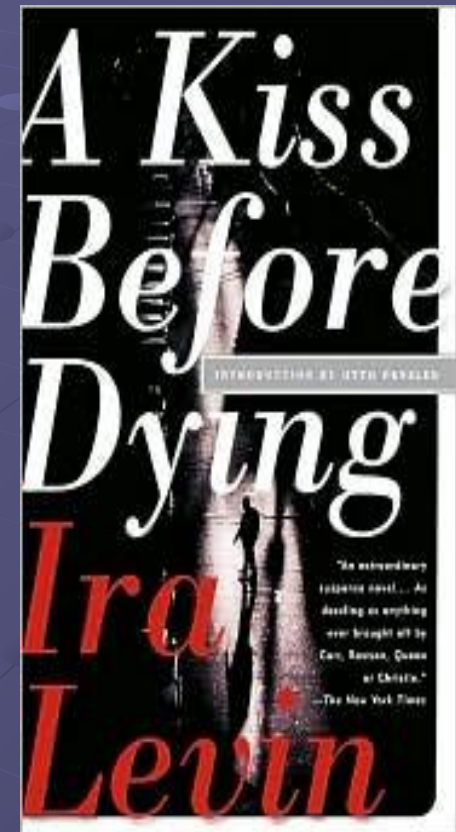
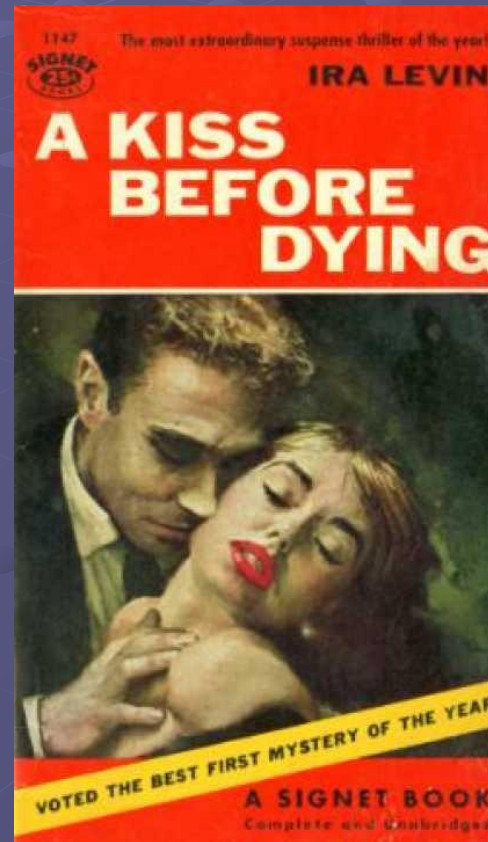
Levin was born in the Bronx. But his family relocated to the Upper West Side of Manhattan when he was 13.

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.



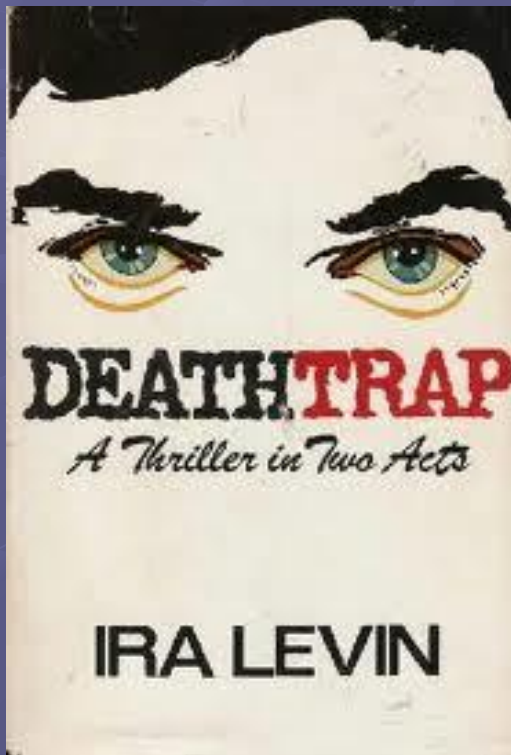
A Kiss Before Dying

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."

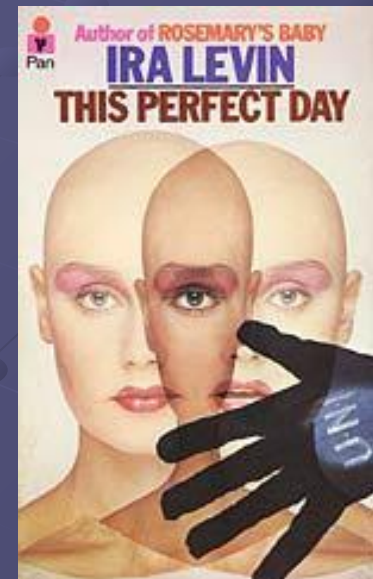
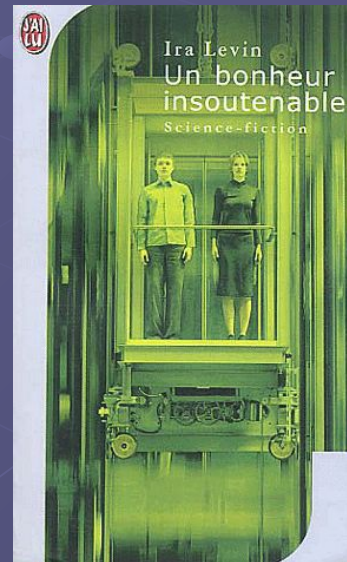
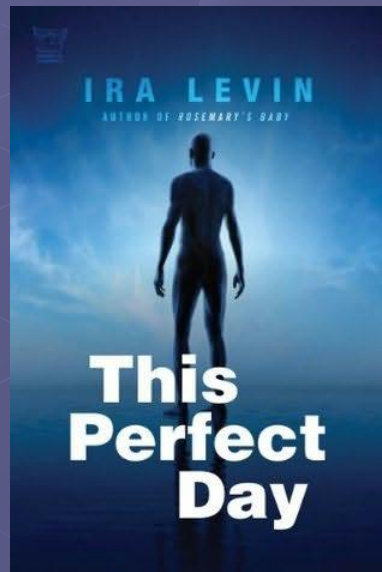
– *Theatermania.com*



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.

