

# Weird Tales



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## NOVELETTES

- NOTEBOOK FOUND IN A DESERTED HOUSE** . . . . . Robert Bloch 14  
*The boy knew all sorts of stories about witches and devils  
and bat men that suck your blood, and haunts . . . so  
he was sure things were moving in the wood.*
- THE KEEPER OF THE KEY** . . . . . August Derleth 52  
*Its altars suggestively low—as if made for creatures  
that crawled rather than went upright.*

## SHORT STORIES

- THE LAST GRAVE OF LILL WARRAN** . . . . . Manly Wade Wellman 28  
*For Lill—a hunter would leave his gun, a drinker would  
leave his bottle of stumphole whiskey, a farmer  
would leave his plough standing in the field.*
- THE ISLE OF THE SLEEPER** . . . . . Edmond Hamilton 42  
*If we ourselves are images in the dreams of some  
fantastic one who slumbers on a mystic island,  
what would happen if the Sleeper awoke?*
- THE CUCKOO CLOCK** . . . . . David Eynon 75  
*The Baron thought fooling with clocks a dull business.  
But is death a dull business?*
- THESE DOTH THE LORD HATE** . . . . . Gans T. Field 80  
*She said, "Go away a little, and I will quickly make it rain  
on whatever part of the garden you wish.*
- THE BRADLEY VAMPIRE** . . . . . Roger M. Thomas 84  
*Fifty years later to the day Great Grandfather's  
unopened box was turned over to me. . . .*

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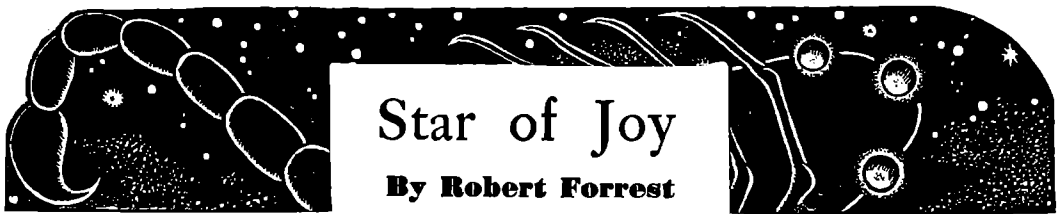
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## Star of Joy

By Robert Forrest

**T**HERE is no death in Kalenahr—  
 Wild music holds us here!  
 We live forever on our star,  
 To love, and dance, and cheer  
 Those tragic figures still of earth  
 Who not yet share our own rebirth  
 To Joyous Kalenahr.

There is no room in Kalenahr  
 For sadness, grief, or tears!  
 Nor does there rise up to our star  
 The umbrage of your fears.  
 Instead there wings in joyous flight  
 Your beauties through the cleansing Night  
 To bring us each a fresh delight  
 In Joyous Kalenahr.