

The Ever and After



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By Rachel Teagle

Theatre Pro Rata
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Performing at The Crane Theatre

The play

Moving through a post-apocalyptic wasteland, super-intelligent cockroach Thurston and his feral human ward Sheelar encounter what appears to be a robot woman named Ida. She is a “birth and companionship unit” who has become separated from what remains of civilization. Together these three, with the knowledge, stories, and dreams they still possess, attempt to determine what dangers and possibilities await them in a very uncertain and threat-filled world.

The playwright



Rachel Teagle is a playwright, librettist, and comedian who grew up in the Silicon Valley, moved around the country, and settled in Minnesota. She helped found the Atlanta Fringe Festival and the Twin Cities Playwright Cabal. She has written many successful adaptations of classic literature for Serenbe Playhouse's award-winning family play series, most recently *Robin Hood*. She was awarded the Leah Ryan's Fund for Emerging Women Writers prize for her play *The Ever and After*. She currently resides in St. Paul with her partner, two young daughters, and one old dog.

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Resources

Books

Franz Kafka, *Metamorphosis*

Margaret Atwood, *The Handmaid's Tale* (also a film and television series)

Ira Levin, *The Stepford Wives* (also the 1975 film adaptation)

Walter M. Miller, *A Canticle for Leibowitz*

Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*

More “Welcome to the apocalypse” reading for those who just can’t get enough

Alan Weisman, *The World without Us*

Karen Thompson Walker, *The Age of Miracles*

Meg Elison, *The Book of the Unnamed Midwife*

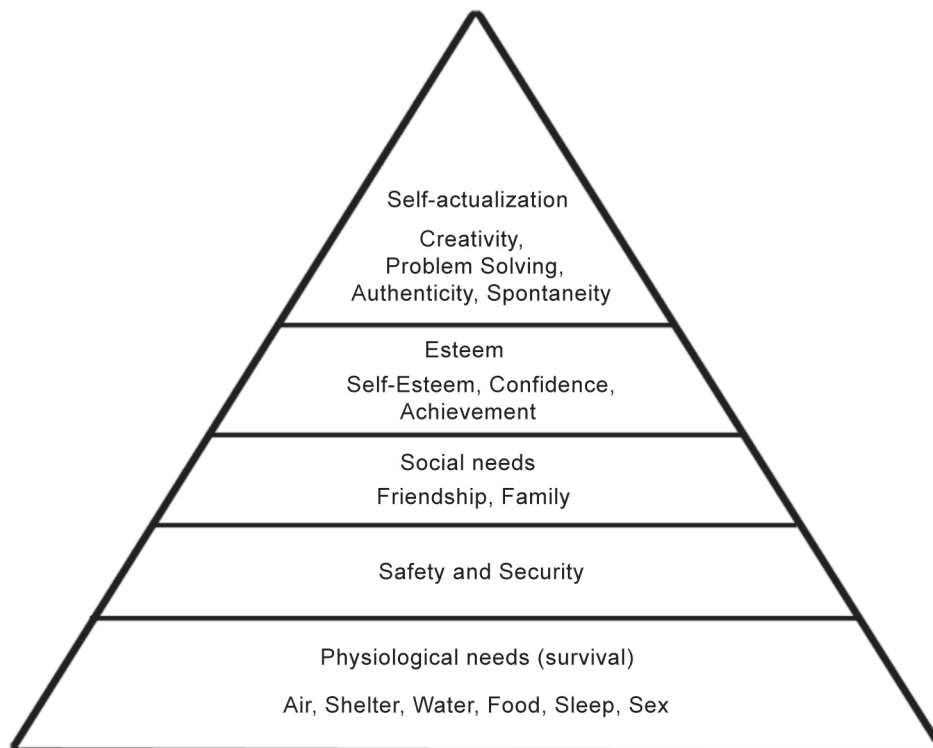
Paolo Bacigalupi, *The Wind-up Girl*

Other Reading

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maslow%27s_hierarchy_of_needs

<https://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Maslow/motivation.htm>



Wonder Woman

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wonder_Woman

Bluebeard, a fairy tale by Charles Perrault

<https://www.pitt.edu/~dash/perrault03.html>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bluebeard>

The Scientific Method

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_method

The Power of Brainwashing

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/true-story-brainwashing-and-how-it-shaped-america-180963400/>

Climate Change

<https://climate.nasa.gov/>

<https://www.ipcc.ch/>

Time magazine special issue: “2050: How Earth Survived” (September 23, 2019)