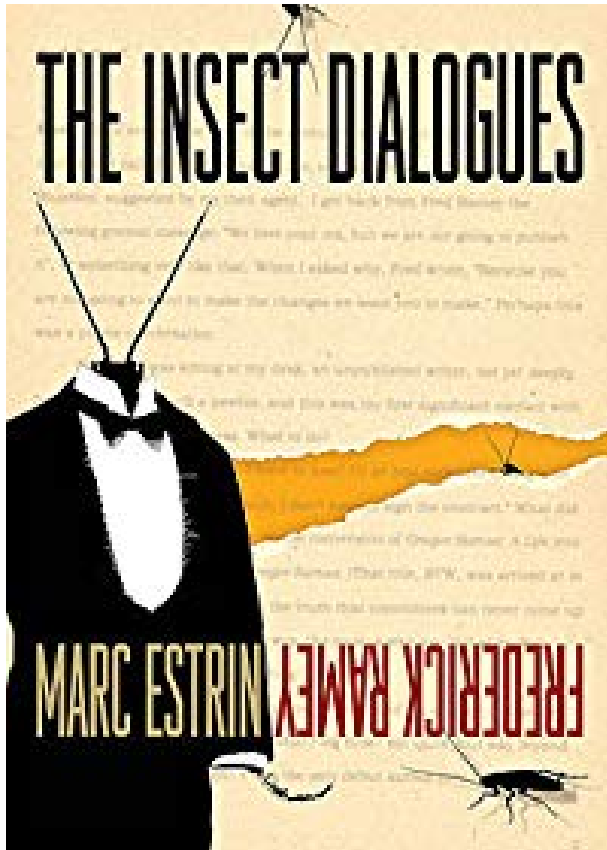


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In 2016, Marc Estrin decided to publish Kafka's *Roach*, the unedited version of the manuscript that a dozen years earlier Fred Ramey had acquired, edited, and published under the title *Insect Dreams: The Half Life of Gregor Samsa*. Estrin's decision raises questions about the editor's role in the life of a book, the trajectory of one author's career, and whether a published novel is a stable thing anymore. All of that is worth a wide discussion, and so Ramey asked his erstwhile author to engage in a colloquy. *The Insect Dialogues* is the record of the email conversation that ensued.