Shlomo and Shmulik Ponder, Talk, Act
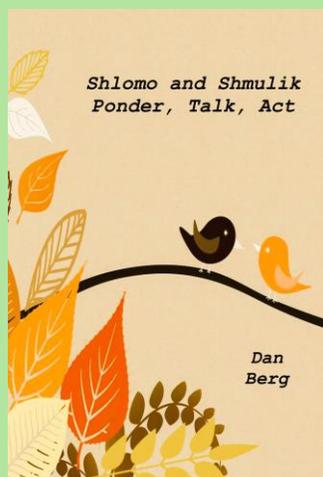
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The book includes four novels: "Well-Meaning Frankenstein", "Dialogues About Stones", "World of Acts", "Dreams". The same main characters act in all stories.

Well-Meaning Frankenstein. Shlomo suffers a great grief, for which he is himself to blame, but sincerely repentant. He knows the story of Frankenstein, an evil and vengeful monster created by the imagination of a writer. Shlomo intends to become someone like Frankenstein, but kind and well-meaning, in order to return himself and other unfortunates to happier times. He travels to England and meets the author of the famous novel. At the end of the story its hero consults Satan, who disappoints but in his own way consoles Shlomo.

Dialogues About Stones. Hasid Shlomo made a discovery in science: he found that stones can think and feel. In the home of his teacher, rabbi Yaakov, he recounts the scientific result he has obtained. His listeners, besides the rabbi himself, are Golda, the wife of Yaakov, and the young hasid Shmulik, his loyal friend. Shlomo's story is logical and convincing - so it seems to him. At the end of the conversation there is a hint of the grief in Shlomo's family.

World of Acts. The hasids gathered at the house of their mentor after a great deal of drinking on the holiday of Purim. Shlomo, the most educated hasid, expounds a theory he has invented, which he calls "The World of Acts". His opponents, among whom the young hasid Shmulik stands out, listen, express doubts, and criticize. On the whole, the story is a jocular imitation of Plato's work "The Symposium."

Dreams. Hasids Shlomo and Shmulik tell each other their dreams. Incredible adventures happen to the heroes of the narrative in their night visions. They were first in England, then on a distant star and always safely returned to their native Ukrainian town of Bozhin. The reader will find a funny and at the same time instructive story.

Readers will enjoy following the serious and humorous dialogues between the characters.