



# Norwescon 41

## Uncovering Mysteries

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### 2018 Philip K. Dick Award Nominees Announced!

The judges of the 2018 Philip K. Dick Award and the Philadelphia SF Society, along with the Philip K. Dick Trust, are pleased to announce the seven nominated works that comprise the final ballot for the award:

THE BOOK OF ETTA by Meg Elison (47North)  
SIX WAKES by Mur Lafferty (Orbit)  
AFTER THE FLARE by Deji Bryce Olukotun (The Unnamed Press)  
THE WRONG STARS by Tim Pratt (Angry Robot)  
REVENGER Alastair Reynolds (Orbit)  
BANNERLESS by Carrie Vaughn (Mariner/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)  
ALL SYSTEMS RED by Martha Wells (Tor.com)

First prize and any special citations will be announced on Friday, March 30, 2018 at Norwescon 41 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Seattle Airport, SeaTac, Washington.

The Philip K. Dick Award is presented annually with the support of the Philip K. Dick Trust for distinguished science fiction published in paperback original form in the United States during the previous calendar year. The award is sponsored by the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society and the Philip K. Dick Trust and the award ceremony is sponsored by the Northwest Science Fiction Society. Last year's winner was THE MERCY JOURNALS by Claudia Casper (Arsenal Press Publications) with a special citation to UNPRONOUNCEABLE by Susan DiRende (Aqueduct Press). The 2017 judges are Deborah J. Ross (chair),



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## Are You Ready to Sew?

The Single Pattern Contest is under way! This year's patterns are [Simplicity 8410](#) and [McCall's 7486](#), Misses' and Mens' Pokemon Trainer. The object of the competition is to create a one-of-a-kind garment, and one or more of the accessories, using this pattern. Some adjustments or changes to the accessories pattern are allowed as long as the end product reflects the original pattern.

Judging categories will be:

- Best of Show (workmanship) - both in the garment and the accessory-based pattern.
- Best Use of Convention Theme - "Uncovering Mysteries"
- Judges' Favorite
- People's Choice Award

No preregistration is required. Entries can be submitted at the judging session on Saturday. The time and location will be announced later.

- Along with your entry, please provide a short description of your costume, its inspiration, and any special techniques or materials used.
- The People's Choice Award will be decided and all winners will be announced at the Show and Share on Saturday.
- Awards will be presented during the Masquerade half-time.

The patterns can be purchased from Simplicity and McCall's, or at your local fabric store. (The McCall's pattern is on sale at Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store for \$1.99 through the 15th!)

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There are several open staff positions posted on the [website](#), including Registration Staff, Public Relations, Art Show Staff, Information Table Staff, Concerts Scheduler, Gaming Staff, Database Manager, Guest of Honor Liaison, and more! Please join us today and help get the convention up and running. You can also volunteer at-con by signing up ahead of time on the new Norwescon [volunteer's page](#)! This will trigger an email to be sent to you with more information as the convention approaches.

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## January's Norwescon Book Club!

Reminder: In January we will be reading one of the newer books by Norwescon 30 Guest of Honor, Kim Stanley Robinson. *2312* is a sci-fi book set in the future with a sequence of events that will force humanity to confront its past, its present, and its future! Join us on Sunday, January 28th at 6pm at Third Place Books in Lake Forest Park!