

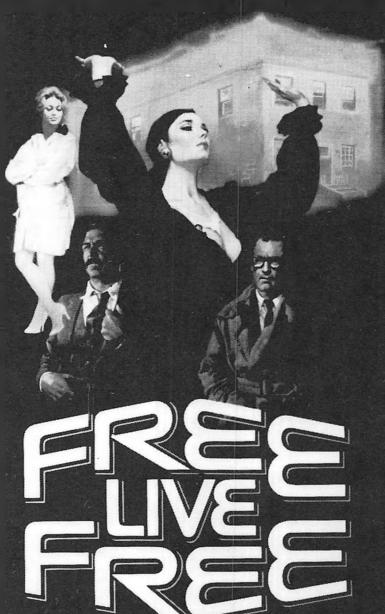


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The Aussiecon Two Convention Handbook — An Introduction

One of the most delightful things about the Australian language — and one of the most confusing things for non-Australians encountering it for the first time — is its widespread use of colourful phrases and colloquialism. Some of these phrases date back to convict days; others are as recent as the latest advertising campaign.

One such recent phrase which has been rapidly absorbed by all levels of Australian society came from an advertising campaign for a kind of non-alcoholic drink called Claytons — "the drink you have when you're not having a drink". This template phrase is now part of the Australian language.

All of this is merely to introduce the fact that this is what we Australians would call a "Claytons" Programme Book — that is, it's the Programme Book you have when you're not having a Programme Book.

Long ago, when the world was simpler and Worldcons were small, under-organised events, the convention programme book was just a simple little pocket guide to what was going to happen at the convention — that is, it contained the programme and not much else.

But Worldcons grew, and so did the programme books, until they contained far more than just the programme: biographies of the Guests of Honour, entertaining articles by Toastmasters, lists of past conventions and awards, advertising, even original short stories. They were increasingly illustrated by beautiful artwork, both inside and out.

And they took longer and longer to print. Which meant that increasingly the contents needed to be finalised earlier and earlier before the actual convention itself.

Now programming sub-committees are conservative beasts, and they know that last-minute changes to the programme are simply par for the course. So the programmes printed in the programme books became more and more out of touch with what the final programme at the convention actually turned out to be.

So a few years ago someone got the bright idea to issue at the last minute a simple little guide to what was actually going to happen at the convention, a sort of pocket programme guide . . .

And at last year's Worldcon in Los Angeles, the "Programme Book" somehow, well, omitted to actually include the programme as such.

We figured that we ought to make sense out of this, and abandon the phrase "Programme Book" for what you are reading now. Instead, we've called it the Convention Handbook. Certainly it contains a great deal that is useful and even important for attendees of the convention to read pretty much straight away; but the real heart of the Handbook lies in the articles about the Guests of Honour, the articles by them, the lists of past conventions and awards, the list of members, and all that sort of stuff, the kind of thing that people tend to read after the convention rather than during it — more than anything we've thought of it as a kind of souvenir of the convention.

There will be a separate Programme Guide, issued as close to the last minute as possible. I wanted this to be a very simple little thing, easy to produce and easy and quick to print. But now people on the committee want me to have a nicely illustrated cover for the Programme Guide, and someone suggested it should contain a few other things apart from the programme, and maybe it could carry advertising...

- David Grigg

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Chairman's Message

I think that there are only two things that it is really appropriate for the Chairperson of a Worldcon to say here in the Handbook/Programme Book.

The first is: Welcome.

The second is: Thanks!

Welcome to all of those of you who have come to **Aussiecon Two.** some of you from a very long way away. I hope you enjoy yourselves immensely. To those of you who could not make it, welcome to the Handbook, anyway. I hope you find it stimulating and entertaining and some substitute for not being able to attend the convention itself.

And thanks! Thanks to all of those scores and scores of people who have helped us in winning the bid for the convention and in putting it on. I can certainly say that without the enormous and unselfish efforts of everyone on the committee and dozens — maybe hundreds — of people who were not, then this

convention could not have been put on at all. In all of these vast efforts, the Chairman deserves only the least of thanks.

Special thanks should however go to Gene Wolfe and Ted White, for agreeing so readily to be our Guests of Honour and for putting up with the various demands that we have made on them; and to John Foyster, who initiated the Melbourne in 85 Worldcon bid, and was the first Chairman of Aussiecon Two.

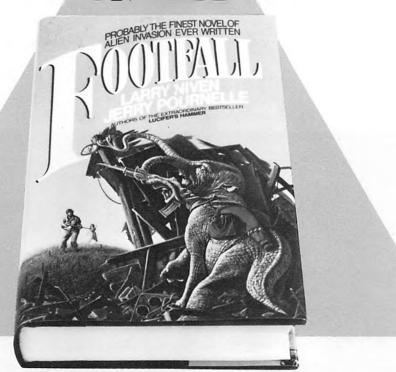
And thanks to the rest of you simply for joining Aussiecon Two. Without you science fiction fans, there would be no point to this event at all.

So to you all: welcome, and thanks.

David Grigg



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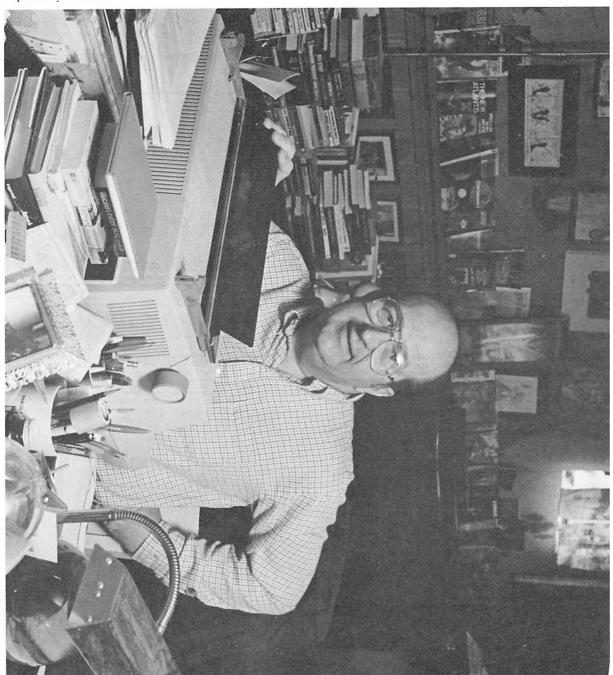
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Peace of My Min

y Gene Wolfe

My novel Peace has just been published in Britain by Chatto & Windus, and thus is likely now (I imagine) to be available in quantity in Australia for the first time. Colin Greenland has reviewed it kindly in the London Times Literary Supplement, but what we are doing here at Aussiecon Two strikes me as proving that I am right and he is wrong. Let me quote a bit of his review:

"Drawing on the energies of the past, he wanders through the house, whose rooms seem to change about him. Weer remembers designing it, and 'interspersing among the functional rooms of my home certain "museum rooms", 'duplicating or nearly duplicating certain well-remembered rooms whose furnishings had fallen to me by inheritance. The sheer Poe-like oddness of this contrivance is the metafictional trick."

Mr. Greenland supposes — in his review, at least — that to come across odd corners of one's past in odd corners of one's house (which is what Alden Dennis Weer does in Peace) is, as H. P. Lovecraft might have said, eldritch. Poe himself, whom Mr. Greenland invokes, would probably have said elfin; for in Poe's time the elves had not yet lost their atmosphere of a race puissant and strange, moribund and familiar, and become, as they are largely now, fat little men in caricature who bake cookies for an international conglomerate — a fate from which Professor Tolkien has rescued them only in part and, so one fears, temporarily.

For that word eldritch, with which Poe's great imitator made such play, means only "from elfriche, from fairyland, from the kingdom (riche) of the elves." And when the nameless narrator of "Ulalume — A Ballad" (who was surely Mr., or perhaps even Pvt., Edgar Poe, for despite all that has been said and printed, his stepfather's name, Allan, was never really a part of Poe's own name or of his spirit) roamed with Psyche "hard by the dim lake of Auber, in the ghoul-haunted woodland of Weir," it was on Elfriche, surely, that they walked, Elfriche that "sinfully scintillant planet from the Hell of the planetary souls."

And it seems to me that Mr. Greenland mistakes, as most of us are apt to, the warp and woof of human life.

Some years ago, psychologists (that is to say, those scientists who propose to analyze Mr. Poe's private companion) uncovered a process they call normalization. It is anything but normal — except in the sense that all of us practice it — and if it were not too late to change the nomenclature, I would suggest that it be called abnormalization instead. Let me give you an example.

When a psychologist takes a group of cab drivers, men and women who have driven around the city in which they work all day, every working day, for years, and asks them to draw a map of downtown, he finds that right-angle intersections are shown all maps as right angles. But he also finds that some streets that do not make right-angle intersections are shown crossing at right angles on some of the drivers' maps. And he finds that those maps that do not show those intersections as right-angled show them making angles nearer to right angles than they actually do.

That type of error is common — universal, in fact — but the street plans that result from it are not normal: it would probably be difficult to find a city anywhere on Earth in which all the streets intersect at or near right angles. (Manhattan comes close, but its best known street, Broadway, is diagonal for about half its length.)

In just the same way, it would be hard to find a house that did not preserve, most often in out-of-the-way places, parts of the lives of its inhabitants, and often precisely those parts which they believe they have put furthest behind them. In Peace Alden Weer (who perhaps bears a closer resemblance to me than reviewers are likely to realize or critics to permit), goes looking for his boyhood knife: "Just such a knife, I feel sure, as my grandfather would have selected for himself, though it bore the words 'Boy Scout' on that plate let into its side. Closed, it was longer then than my hand, and in addition to a huge spear blade that, once opened (I could not open it without his assistance), was held so by a leaf spring of brass, it had a corkscrew and a screwdriver, a bottle opener, a smaller blade which my grandfather warned me was very sharp, a leather punch, an instrument for removing pebbles from the hooves of horses — this last, I think, is called a stonehook. Unlike the blades of boys' knives to come, all these were of high-carbon steel and rusted if they were not kept oiled; but they would take and hold a good edge, as the bright and showy blades will not.'

A few nights ago, I went looking for a pocket knife myself. It was not a scout knife, as it happens, nor had it been given me by my maternal grandfather (though he had been successively a merchant seaman, a soldier, a circus performer, and a ship builder who raised fighting cocks and kept a pit dog, and was in short a man quite capable of giving a small boy a revolver, much less a pocket knife), but the paratroop knife once given me by Nick, my father's old partner, who had been a paratrooper — in fact, the first sergeant in a paratroop company — during the Second World War.

I have probably thrown it away; but there are times, or perhaps I should say I have a mood, in which I think I have not thrown it away. When that mood strikes, I go and look for it (or any of several other things) in a place where I have not looked before, if I can think of one. If I cannot, I look for it (or for the object of my current obsession, whatever it may be) in some place where I have looked before, on the grounds that I may misremember having looked, or that I may have overlooked what I seek. As far as I can remember, I have never found the object of my search. But I have found a hundred other things, all

of them interesting and some of them valuable. On that evening I mentioned, when I went looking for Nick's old paratroop knife, I found my mother's vanity set, pieces I remember displayed on her art deco vanity in my parents' sweltering bedroom in Houston, Texas. Small parts of these pieces are (or at least appear to be) bronze, and are really quite pretty. The rest, except for the blade of her nail file and the glass in her mirror, are celluloid, and some suffer from the kind of decay (not peculiar, I think, to celluloid) said to be caused by air pollution. Eventually someone will throw them away; but it will not be me.

Just a moment ago, inspired by this essay, I went looking again. I found the pipes I smoked back when I smoked pipes. I learned to smoke in the days when Nick and I shared a bedroom, by "borrowing" one of his and some of his tobacco when he and my father were at work; and so you see I'm getting a little closer to his knife, though I may never reach it.

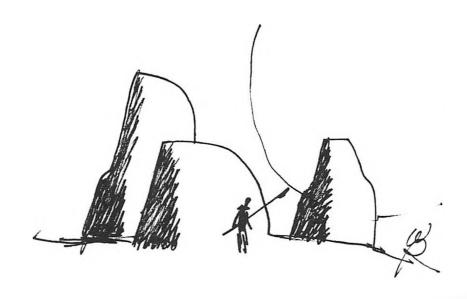
I think that all of us must live like this, like Weer in Peace whether we are willing to admit it ourselves or not. Those pipes have followed my wife and me through several moves. The pieces of her vanity set followed my mother from Houston to Logan when my father retired and returned, still vigorous, to the sleepy farm town, the brick and tile-mill town, where he had gone to high school, the town where we lived for a time during the depressed thirties when I was small, the town that is the principal mode for Cassionsville, where Alden Dennis Weer lives in Peace. And then they followed her, when my father was dead, from the house they had shared in Logan to her sister's house in Virginia Beach. My grandfather beat his children, who were variously nine, or eleven, or thirteen, as one was born or another died of scarlet fever or malaria; but he never beat Mary, later to be my mother, who was his favorite and thus unpopular with the rest. But she, when she returned from buggy rides and church socials, left the chocolates her beaux had brought her at the bedside of her sleeping little sister; fifty years later Emily still remembered.

When Emily died, I brought my mother and her belongings back to Logan, where she had made friends when she and my father lived there, and where she wanted to spend the remainder of her life. And when she was gone, we brought her belongings — or rather, some of her belongings — to Barrington, where I wrote this essay.

Normalization tells us that such things do not happen, that the past vanishes each night when we sleep, that reality is simple and straightforward. Like city maps, history, which is the map of our journey, says otherwise; says reality is sane instead. Christopher Columbus went looking for the world as sphere, which had been lost with Greece and Rome, and found the New World. Captain Cook sought the path of Venus across the sun and found Terra Australis, the fabled Southern Land of the Renaissance geographers. More discoveries than we are willing to admit have been made by dreamers searching for the Fountain of Youth, El Dorado the Man of Gold, and the Garden of Eden. For as psychologists have also discovered, those who do not dream are not sane.

Someday human beings will land on Mars. If they are, as I hope, of the English Reading Peoples, some will have come, though they may not admit it to the rest, to walk beside the canals of the haunted, sinfully scintillating Mars of The Martian Chronicles. They will have been sent by politicians who, though they would never admit it to the news media, hope before the end to see photographs of their grandchildren or their great grandchildren on the dead sea bottoms of Barsoom. And they will be applauded by journalists who will never admit to the public that they are cheering in part for Han Solo and Northwest Smith.

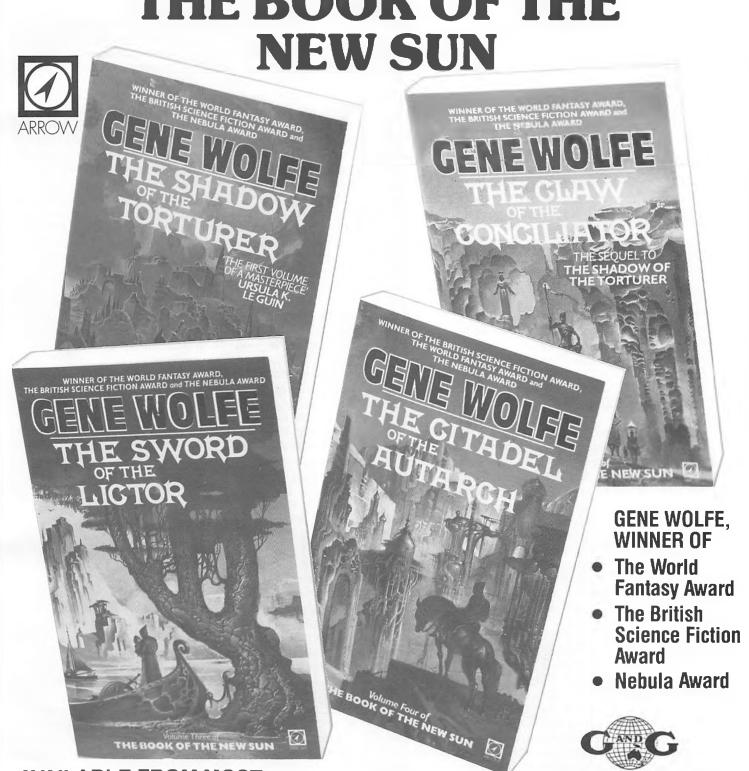
We go too in spirit; for we are gathered here in Melbourne, readers and writers, artists and editors, fans all, to celebrate the forging of the dreams that beckon them, having nothing on Earth better to do.



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THE BOOK OF THE NEW SUN

A world of books

Gene Wolfe — Shadow of the Torturer?

by John Clute

It is October 1983. You are about to meet Gene Wolfe for the first time. He is in London with his wife Rosemary at the behest of the paperback publishers of The Book of the New Sun. You drive a crepitating borrowed Volvo through the West End and park outside the squat, block-long hotel they've been booked into. It has the appearance, this hotel, of a building far more complex inside than out; and there could easily be a garden on the roof, with humid sod, flowering plants of an unusual complexity, several mirrored alcoves, a sense of dusk at midday. You are early. You sit in an anteroom of the hotel. Corridors launch twistedly into what might be a vast interior. It is almost time to meet Severian.

You are directed further inwards, down one of the corridors, past an utterly silent woman in a uniform and two kraters. You turn into a small chamber where Gene Wolfe sits. He is just completing an interview on tape with Colin Greenland, which will be published in some magazine. He stands to shake hands. He is in his early fifties, of at least medium height, stocky, bald, calm, competent, simultaneously bonhomous and reserved, candid and crafty; the small-town major with a touch of the magus. Or — it was an egregious thought, one immediately suppressed — Sergeant Bilko as Aslan.

But not Severian, or Dennis Alden Weer, or the unnamed narrator of the first part of The Fifth Head of Cerberus, whose name, it is possible to work out, is in fact Gene Wolfe. Tracing some lockjaw connection between the physical appearance and behaviour of an author, and the works he has given us, is, of course, both vulgar and inutile. Most of us have always known this, at some level. Most of us never stop trying. We know the work is entailed by the man; we can never stop hoping for the reverse as well. It is hard to stop hoping that the world makes as much sense as fiction, as though the Student who dreamt Severian could dream us.

With some authors, at dusk with the light behind them, it sometimes almost seems to work. At times, even in private, writers like Harlan Ellison or Michael Moorcock or Thomas M Disch or Jerry Pournelle seem to impersonate (or embody) the worlds of their fiction. Sometimes, for the reader, this is a soothing circumstance. There seems to exist some continuity between the words they speak and the ones they write that is not merely cosmetic. A starting place for the interpretation of the works seems — perhaps not wholly foolishly — to be established.

It may be no coincidence that in the case of Gene Wolfe, a man whose fiction offers more problems of interpretation than that of any other author in the field, there is no palpable connection whatsoever. In his introduction to Plan(e)t Engineering, Wolfe's most recent collection, David Hartwell makes the same point, though cagily he does not take responsibility for it. He records, by hearsay, "a complex and silly game played one night among the attendees of the famed Milford SF Writing Conference" in the early seventies; the game was to decide "the writer whose everyday personality seem(ed) to relate least to his written work." Wolfe won. Anyway, he stands and shakes hands. He is an extremely pleasant, very adult person. The Volvo has a traffic ticket. By a circumbendibus we all arrive, after some time, at the City Literary Institute off Drury Lane, where I've been teaching a weekly class in science fiction for some years.

In the class we have been reading The Book of the New Sun, whose availability in England Wolfe is in the country to promote. We have been studying the four volumes of his magnum opus for a couple of weeks. Again and again, we have become snarled in matters of interpretation — or better, decipherment. Decipherment is the word. We've hardly begun actually to interpret the book. Or maybe we've got it all back to front. Maybe we're seeing puzzles where puzzles, if they do exist, do not really matter. Have we been going in circles unnecessarily over the titles of the four books Severian borrows from the unmistakeably Borgesian library at the heart of the Citadel, the library whose labyrinthine underground corridors extend — it may be — to the House Absolute itself?

Does the Library, which the world contains, contain the world? And if it does contain the world, is it in a figurative sense only that this encompassing may be understood, as a kind of literary joke or assonance? Or must the paradox be understood metaphysically, which in Wolfe's world more or less means literally? Severian is borrowing the four books to give them to Thecla, the high-born ("exultant") prisoner in the Matachin Tower, where he is an apprentice torturer. As at least one member of the class is convinced that Thecla is Severian's mother, we most earnestly wish to know what books he is taking to her. But the text is unnervingly coy. Only one of them is named, The Book of the Wonders of Urth and Sky. The largest of the others seems to be a family history, probably of Thecla's own family. The smallest may be a book of prayers, perhaps some or all of them suitable for

addressing the Conciliator, whom we know (or think we know) to be an avatar of the Severian of this book, the Severian whose destiny as the New Sun seems determined in the very first paragraph of The Shadow of the Torturer, when, after his symbolic birth through near-drowing, he begins to have premonitions about his future. And the last book, which is never referred to directly. Could it, asks a member of the class, be The Book of the New Sun itself?

"Ha," says Gene Wolfe, and grins like Sergeant Bilko sitting on a full house. "You're not going to catch me that way."

This may be a hint, but it does not take us in the sf class much beyond the vertigo of decipherment. Some are of the opinion that, because of the nature of the Library, Severian must be in possession of the version of The Book of the New Sun that he claims only to conceive of writing when he talks to Master Palaemon at the end of volume four of the tetralogy; it would be this version that we, in this Earth, in 1983, have been reading. I'm of the opinion that such a conclusion would make Severian - who never forgets anything and who tells his own story as a form of confession or maybe advocacy - into a narrator so unreliable as to case every sentence of his story into unending doubt, doubt without egress. In 1983, I prefer to think that if the fourth book is The Book of the New Sun, then it must be the version written by the original Conciliator, in which Severian's ascension might be predicted, but not the details of his course.

Anybody who owns a copy of Plan(e)t Engineering may sense something pretty odd at this point. That book was published early in 1984, haveing been assembled sometime in 1983. It contains an essay, "Books in The Book of the New Sun," in which Gene Wolfe does actually reveal, after his own fashion, the title of that fourth book. it is, of course, The Book of the New Sun. But which version? ("Ha", says Gene Wolfe, "you're not going to catch me that way".) He says it is the collection of stories or parables put together by the Concilliator, the text Dr Talos has at hand when he composes the play which is presented at the House Absolute. He also refers to the book in terms which demand a more metaphysical reading: "For the library of master Uhlan is in The Book of the New Sun, and The Book of the New Sun is in his library. And you are the readers of that book.'

So have fun in Australia. Ask Gene a question or two. Expect anything. "Any more questions?" said Gene Wolfe at the end of the session in 1983, genial, eloquent, deeply imperturbable. A member of the class asked a question about The Fifth Head of Cerberus. Certain clues about the narrator's name seemed to lead in a particular direction, he said. Could the narrator's name be Gene Wolfe? Gene glanced at the student in mild surprise. Why of course, he said, as though he were the last person in the world to have a secret.

The truth, of course, is different. Gene Wolfe may

not be the finest writer the science fiction world has vet produced — though I myself do think he almost certainly is - but it is surely the case that he is the science fiction writer least easy to understand at a single reading, as the bemused gaffes of critics over the years have amply demonstrated. After two or three readings, it might seem very dumb to call The Book of the New Sun a picaresque novel — a novel, that is, in which an agile protagonist or picaro skips his way through a series of unconnected adventures — but take a look at some of the early reviews. It might not seem the brightest possible reading of Peace to describe that deeply ironic tale of death and corruption a nostalgic idyll; but look at the reviews. It might seem superficial to treat The Fifth Head of Cerberus as a series of three novellas only remotely connected to one another; but it wasn't until the Australian expatriate critic Peter Nicholls wrote an essay on the book for an American compendium that the plot and theme integrity of that savage novel began to come clear.

Perhaps what's necessary with Wolfe's work is to train ourselves in the kind of close critical reading of text that serious critics of the Modernist and Post-Modernist novel feel is absolutely mandatory, just to start with, because understanding comes later. In the sf class I taught in London, we also at one point read The Fifth Head of Cerberus; it was my second reading of the book. Between the two readings I'd tackled most of the later stuff. Being slightly more prepared, I found the joke about the initial narrator's name easily decipherable. By dint of close reading, I came to the conclusion that there was simply no reasonable doubt about what had happened to John V Marsch, the anthropologist; even the exact page - page 233 of the American first edition — where VRT assumes the dead human's identity seemed to come clear. It was the class's first try at Gene Wolfe. Nobody had noticed that incontrovertible shift from human to shape-changing alien, because nobody was initially prepared to read the text as though every word was intended to bear meaning. But after a few minutes of discussion, as I recollect it with a pride that might well distort the truth, the class came round, as though a door had opened. After that, no help was needed from me. And a few months later, they gave The Book of the New Sun the kind of preliminary reading I'm absolutely sure it both warrants and demands. Unless you are willing to take the book literally, it will never even begin to unfold into what may be its true exultant shape.

It's been noticed several times already in print — and it's surely a reasonable thing to notice — that most of Gene Wolfe's protagonists are children, and that the most significant of them tell their own stories, as "Gene Wolfe" does, and Den Weer, and Severian. To this observation should be added a significant rider. Most of these protagonists tell their stories from a vantage point years — perhaps many years — after the shaping events of their lives. Even a relatively simple character like Mark in The Devil in a Forest — or, if he is not exactly simple, then the third-person narrative that describes certain events

of his early life is comparatively straightforward—even Mark is seen at one point as remembering the rite de passage into morally complex adulthood from thirty years on; and notice how like Wolfe's other heroes young Mark is, in the absence of any clear parentage, in his cagy mendacity, in his powerful sexual drive, in the cold that burns when touched. As these characters are telling their stories

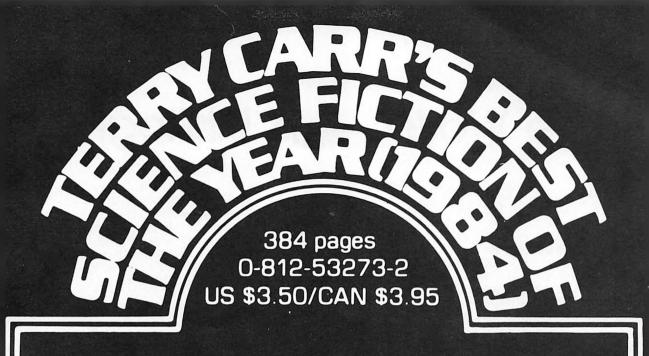


in the technical format of the confessions, it may not be surprising that none of their narratives are reliable. ("Ha", says Severian, "you're not going to catch me that way.") Their stories are not reliable because memory is not exact, certainly when emotions flood the synapses (except of course for Severian, who never forgets, but then Severian is a liar, as he several times admits); they're not reliable because they are arguments, advocacies as I said earlier, the summae of deeply wounded souls.

Though he tells tales whose plots and venues differ drastically from one another, at some levels of analysis Wolfe seems to be telling the same story again and again, the same rite. (Note, for instance, how similar to one another are the symbolic dwellings of Wolfe's three main protagonists to date: "Wolfe's" house with the garden on top; Weer's tomb; Severian's House Absolute, which is built underground so that the garden on top is just precisely the surface of the world. And note, for instance, the parallel structures of storytelling; and the concealed deaths; and the tales within the tales. And note, for instance, how stories and novels reflect one another, how "The Eyeflash Miracles" is a stab at the story of Severian; how Little Tib in "Eyeflash" is "really" Ozma in the same way that Severian is "really" Thecla. And so on, and so on.) But there's something more than repetition, at whatever level of analysis, something more going on. It might be described as a kind of escape from prison — you might call it the prison of the self, but that begs quite a few questions. Put it this way: if "Gene Wolfe" in The Fifth Head of Cerberus is what you might call a closed clone, because each cloned repetition of his line, which is himself, narrows the genetic and metaphysical freedom of each new bearer of the name; but Severian in The Book of the New Sun, who is the New Sun himself, who is an "earlier" Severian reborn or twice-told, Severian is what you might call an opened clone.

And in Gene Wolfe's lastest published novel, Free Live Free, which I've only read once and am therefore not going to try to describe, there is an odour of Eden in the title, though surely a threatened paradise, and in the vast movement of return in which the novel ends there is a distinctly prelapsarian air, though surely threatened ... It would be unwise to scant that air of threat, but something is opening in the heart of these later books. It is like the abysses of the cruel world; it can be likened to love, too.

"Ha", says Gene Wolfe.



THE BEST STORIES BY THE BEST
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Ted White — Giant Among Fans

by Avedon Carol

When I met Ted White he was editing Amazing and Fantastic and bearing up admirably in the face of what he assured me was a tough fight to produce a decent product in spite of a publisher whose priorities just didn't seem to be aimed in the same direction. Fortunately, after ten years of this pro-ish nonsense, Ted gave it up so that he could go back to more important fannish activities like letting me sit at his feet and learn about fandom. (Ted denies all of this, of course.) In due time I was told about such significant historic events as the NyCon, the publication of VOID, the 1964 Boondoggle, and on-stencil art. He also made me listen to his huge collection of records and tapes at top volume, but that's another story, having to do with his having been a jazz critic and unfannish stuff like that. Well, maybe not after all, CRAWDADDY was born in Ted's basement. or so I'm told. You never know what a fanzine is going to grow into . . .

It took me years of knowing Ted to realize that he really didn't think of himself as a Giant BNF. He'd been in fandom 20 years longer than I had, and everyone knew his name and whenever he wrote something people seemed to talk about it, and I thought he realized that he was supposed to be an Elder Statesman. Like most people, I perceived Ted as someone who spoke with a Great Big Voice, and I thought he could hear the reverberations just as the rest of us did. Oh, he knows he's been in fandom a long time and has some experience that he could share with aspiring fan-editors and con-runners, and I think he'd like to have us think of him as someone whose expertise would be useful to have. But in many ways, Ted still thinks of himself as just one fan among many who must shout to be heard. No matter how much time you spend in fandom, there is always a degree to which your fannish self-image is frozen in the moment when you first entered fandom. Some of us may think of him as Cranky Uncle Ted, but sometimes he's still just speaking as he was back in his own fannish childhood.

And Ted had what used to be a classic fannish child-hood. He was barely a teenager when he got into fandom in 1951, and he was already contributing to fanzines by '52. Two years away from Mundane, at the ripe old age of 15, he pubbed his first ish, a pocketzine called ZIP, which he won't say was a crudzine but admits was "certainly a neozine." The Elder Statesmen of Ted's fannish childhood — Walt Willis, Lee Hoffman, Bob Tucker, and Dean Grinnell, for example — were too remote for someone in Ted's cohort to aspire to be among. His own contemporaries were people like Terry Carr and Harlan Ellison, and they clearly saw themselves as

coming from a different generation, fannishly speaking. When someone divided fandom into generations, Willis, Hoffman, et all were placed in 6th fandom. Carr, Ellison, Silverberg and White were in 7th.

But when I met him, a couple of decades up the road, the idea of Ted White as a neo was inconceivable to me. Ted told me about fandom as I could never have known it, where he put out zines which could hardly be published today. In 1956, for example, he changed both the name and format of ZIP, and the resulting STELLAR, which published fanfiction (fiction about fans), was a successful zine of its time and is still highly regarded by fanhistorians and collectors. And eventually Ted joined the long list of co-editors - which started with the Benfords and included Pete Graham and Terry Carr — who produced VOID. It seemed like Ted had a piece of history everywhere, to me — why, even MINAC was produced by Les Gerber and Ted White, until the events surrounding the big fan feud of 1964 put an end to it. He was a founding member of the Cult, and he even had books published professionally about 17 by the time I met him. He's spent five years as an associate editor at F&SF, he was editing two prozines when I met him, and on top of that he's not only edited EGOBOO with John D. Berry in 1968 but he won a Hugo as Best Fanwriter at Baycon.

Ted White, just another fan? No way! This was the Ted White who informed us all in stentorious tones just what was wrong with all of our fanzines. This was Ted White who'd been in fandom for ever and knew we were just trying to re-invent the wheel because he'd been there when it was invented the first time. This is Cranky Uncle Ted with the Great Big Voice. And, I am quite sure, this Ted White was never a noe. Was he?

But I guess I knew better. I probably even knew it before the Westercon in 1979 where Dave Hartwell told Ted he'd recommended him as Editor of HEAVY METAL. I thought a guy like Ted, who had been in fandom for 30 years and edited several prozines as well as fanzines, would take it all as his due, look very jaded, and thank Dave politely. But Ted acted like he'd never had a gig before or something. He lit up like a Christmas tree when he realized he might actually be the editor of HEAVY METAL. That's the Ted White people never quite seem to expect to see — the little kid who is so delighted to get his hands on something really neat. Wow! Sensawonder.

Ted had lots of fun with HM and he still tells interesting stories about his tenure there, but the

trouble with HEAVY METAL is that I didn't get to see much of Ted during most of 1980. He was commuting back and forth between New York and Falls Church every week, and he was sleeping on people's floors when he was up in The City, and he was tired and he was fighting another uphill sort of battle with yet another publisher who Just Didn't Get It. After a year of it, Ted was back in Falls Church full-time, publishing PONG with Dan Steffan.

PONG (named after Tucker's Hoy Ping Pong) was my first chance to see Ted in action as it was happening. I'd heard a lot from Ted about what was wrong with fanzines and what fanzines ought to be, but I'd never had the opportunity to see Ted publishing a fanzine in the context of the times in which it was all really happening. I'd seen fanzines that were similar in format to PONG, but I'd never seen one that came out so frequently, and Ted's voice seemed to get bigger than ever. PONG came out so frequently that it came to be the forum for fandom to an unmatched degree. No matter what anyone else did, there was always a new issue of PONG to talk about and react to and I think that by sheer volume of words and issue numbers it, and its editors, began to loom inhumanly large in the fannish imagination.

But PONG really was important. Along with other members of the new generation of "ensmalled" fanzines, PONG was instrumental in rewakening the relationship with British fandom which had gone dormant during the '70s. Not only did contact with the newer generation of British fans increase, but a number of long-gafiated lights from the '50s and '60s revived interest in American fandom as well. Perhaps Ted and Dan can take a certain amount of credit for Walt Willis' new career as a fan photographer (he takes pictures and turns them into Postcards-of-Comment), along with the re-emergence of the exuberantly randy Chuck Harris.

Ted was also one of a number of fans who had complained during the early '80s that Australian fazines weren't as good as British and American fanzines, and eventually an Aussie faned called him on it and asked him to write an article explaining why he thought so. Oddly enough, that lengthy article caused less of a stir in Australia than it did elsewhere. Although the Aussies Ted had criticized generally felt that Ted's commentary was fair, a number of Americans seemed to feel he'd treated his subjects too harshly. All I know is that ever since Ted's article was published, Marc Ortlieb has become one of the best and funniest letterhacks fandom has seen in quite a while.

Towards the end of the PONG years Ted revived GAMBIT, the genzine he started in 1957 when he folded STELLAR, and eventually he also started producing EGOSCAN, a monthly personalzine. He also started playing a lot more saxophone, to my chagrin, but it wasn't until fandom got too noisy even for Ted during the latter half of 1984 that he let his publishing schedule slide while he wrote lots of letters and created a religion that played music once a week. There were moments there — moments, I

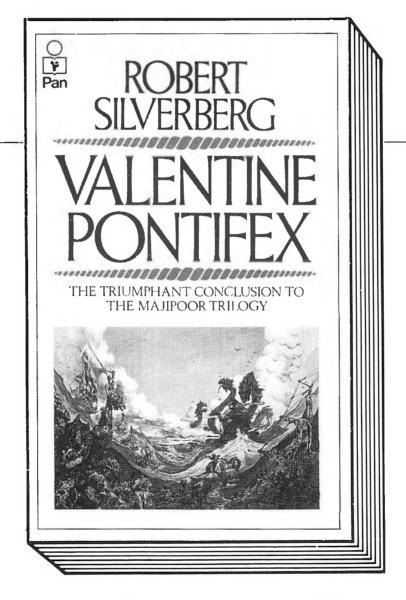


tell you — where Ted was very nearly gafiated. But he always bounces back to fandom. I think Ted's love affair with fandom has just gone on too long for him ever to give it up completely. Sooner or later he is going to mail out the latest issue of EGONSCAN, and he is going to finish the next GAMBIT together. I have faith. Besides, he has to — he's our very own Cranky Uncle Ted.

Ted White, whether he is prepared to admit it or not, is a Big Name Fan. When people want to disagree with Ted, they perceive that they are attempting to have a fist-fight with a mountain. When Ted disagrees with them, they perceive that they have been hit with a force of about seven on the Richter Scale. They do not know that Ted isn't really 15 feet tall. And Ted does not know that he is supposed to be 15 feet tall and he yells just as loud as he would if he were still a young insurgent neo trying to make his voice heard over the snoring of the Gods. Ted White does not know that he is supposed to be an Elder Statesman, and he doesn't act like one.

And most people seem to forget that Ted White is just another fan, a guy who likes to read fanzines and write things and get letters. He put out apazines and contributed to fanzines thoughout his professional career because fandom is important to him. He isn't trying to put out the perfect fanzine anymore — he just wants to communicate with other fans and enjoy himself and his favorite pastime in between compiling his giant music collection and raising his daughter and being Dr. Progresso (deejay and music critic) and all of the other things he does. He's an eccentric guy who knows a lot about a great many things and is a terrific father and a pretty good friend. He may not be right any more often than anyone else is, but he's done just about everything there is to do in fandom and a lot of other things besides, and he sure never leaves you guessing about what he really thinks.

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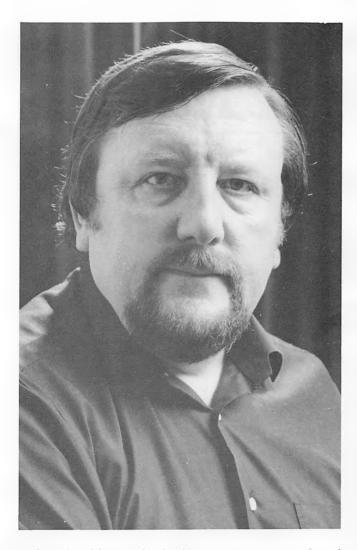


VALENTINE PONTIFEX, the third book in Robert Silverberg's Majipoor Chronicles, is being published in Pan paperback to coincide with Aussiecon Two.

We also welcome Bob Shaw, whose books OTHER DAYS OTHER EYES and A WREATH OF STARS are available in Pan paperback.

Bob Shaw — A Toast to Genius

by Marc Ortlieb



Why should people bother raising a couple of thousand dollars to bring Bob Shaw to Aussiecon Two? Well, it all has to do with Socialism. Under its current regime Britain has been rather lax in spreading its wealth around except when it comes to building luxury fortresses on insignificant islands, but ask Joseph Nicholas about that. Under a decent Socialist regime, Bob Shaw would have been sent to Australia at Her Majesty's Pleasure, on the principle that it's unfair to keep such wealth tied up at British Eastercons. The U.S. has already realized this and has, on several occasions, spirited Bob away to American Conventions. The 1986 World Convention in Atlanta — Confederation — has even had the sense to appoint Bob as their toastmaster.

"But what wealth?" you ask, and I'm glad that you did. It gives me right of reply. Bob Shaw is one of

those geniuses who regularly appear in Heinlein novels except that Bob is a touch more threedimensional. It was Bob Shaw who designed the beer-fueled spaceship, the Yurin-8, which, despite its nomenclature, would have been perfect for the Australian Space Force, had not wowsers intervened. Bob, not satisfied with writing about slow glass — a story which, I am assured, was inspired by the bar service at a long-forgotten Eastercon — then went on to examine the heat absorbing properties of glasshouse glass, which takes up heat, as opposed to the glass in house windows, which lets the heat out. In addition his value as a sniffer out of single malt whisky makes it a wonder that British Customs & Excise ever let him off the leash.

There is of course more to Bob Shaw than drinking. He's a bloody good writer, being half responsible for **The Enchanted Duplicator**, and being completely responsible for several of the most entertaining articles ever to grace a fanzine. People tell me that he also writes professionally, Christopher Nelson having gone so far as to compile a bibliography of his published fiction. I'll take Chris's word for that. I was so depressed by reading "Light of Other Days" that I've avoided any of Bob's other serious stuff. Not that it's a bad story mind you. Quite the reverse; it's an excellent story. It's just that it's depressing. Bob fan writing, on the other hand, entertains me, and I'm sure that his participation at **Aussiecon Two** will entertain others as well.

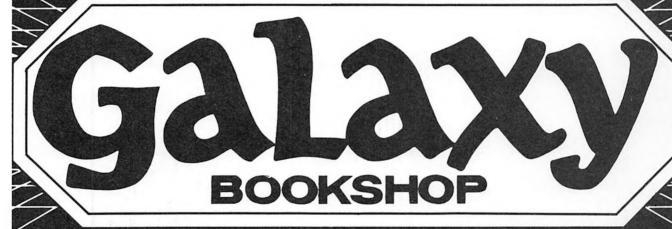
Included here is a photo of Bob, so that you can recognise him easily. Go up and say hello to him. Offer him a drink, and reassure him. Explain that it's only being upside down in Australia that makes the stuff go to his head so quickly.

I'll leave Bob with the last word, with reference to that photograph.

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Fans Across the Waters The Fan Funds

The concept of fan funds has been around now for some decades. The idea is that fans as a whole should band together to pay the cost of a deserving fan to make a trip from one country to another, and so to increase friendly contacts between the two countries involved.

Usually, the trip involved is timed to coincide with a major convention and the winner of the fan fund is naturally enough treated as something of a celebrity.

The first fan fund was one designed specifically to bring E.I. (Ted) Carnell, a prominent British fan, to the United States. American fans arranged what they called the Big Pond Fund to pay for Ted's visit.

Such a fund is what would be termed a "specific person" fund: there have been several others, including the Tucker Bag to bring Bob (Wilson) Tucker to Aussiecon One, and now the Shaw Fund to bring Bob Shaw to Aussiecon Two.

The other kind of fan fund is that exemplified by TAFF, GUFF, DUFF and FFANZ: they are "ballot" funds, in that a number of people may stand for the honour of winning the trip, and the winner is decided by a ballot in the two countries involved. As well as attending major conventions, the travelling fans visit with local fans, spread information about their own fandom and bring back information about the foreign fans. To facilitate the spread of this material, winners are generally expected to produce a trip report, which, by tradition, is sold for the benefit of the fund.

Funds are raised by requiring a donation from those people casting votes, from other donations, sales, and auctions at conventions.

TAFF (the Trans Atlantic Fan Fund), the oldest of these funds, does not affect Australia much, as it is a fund designed to transport fans between North America and Europe. Many Australian fans still find great interest in TAFF, however, and cast votes for

DUFF (the Down Under Fan Fund) was the first fund designed to bring fans to and from Australia, in its case between North America and Australia. It was established in 1972, and has proved extremely successful in promoting contact between the two areas, taking Australians to Worldcons or North American SF Conventions, and bringing Americans to Australia for our National Conventions.

The previous winners of DUFF are as follows:

USA to Australia

1972: Lesleigh Luttrell 1975: Rusty Hevelin 1977: Bill Rotsler 1979: Linda Lounsbury & 1978: Paul Stevens

Ken Fletcher 1981: Joyce Scrivner 1983: Jerry Kaufman 1985: Marty Cantor &

Robbie Bourget

Australia to USA

1974: Leigh Edmonds 1976: Christine McGowan (now Ashby)

1980: Keith Curtis 1982: Peter Toluzzi 1984: lack Herman

There are currently three DUFF Trip Reports in print: Lesleigh Luttrell's Adventures Down Under, Leigh Edmonds' Emu Tracks Over America, and Jack Herman's WAHF-Full Tracks. These and other interesting and relevant materal, are for sale from the DUFF Administrators, and will be available at the DUFF Sale Table at Aussiecon Two.



Any fan of a few years standing can run for and vote for DUFF. The race to find a DUFF delegate to attend Confederation, the 1986 World SF Convention, will take place at the end of 1985. Nominations will close on the last day of Aussiecon Two, and must include 3 Australian and 2 North American nominators, a 100-word platform and a \$10 bond to guarantee attendance at Confederation (in Atlanta). A ballot will then be distributed and any fan can bote.

GUFF (either the Get Up Fan Fund or the Go Under Fan Fund, depending on your point of view), is rather newer. It exchanges European and Australian fans. So far it has sent two Australians to Britain, and brought two Britons here. No trip reports have yet been seen, but Joseph Nicholas' visit to Australia did result in Judith Hanna leaving Australia and marrying Joseph.

The GUFF winners have been:

Australia to Europe

Europe to Australia

1979: John Foyster 1983: Justin Ackroyd 1981: Joseph Nicholas 1985: Eve Harvey

FFANZ (Fund Fund of Australia and New Zealand) is the newest of the Australian-oriented fan funds,

designed to promote fannish contact across the Tasman Sea.

So far, FFANZ has brought Tom Cardy to Australia in 1984, and it is bringing Nigel Rowe to Aussiecon

For more information, contact the respective fund administrators:

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Eve Harvey — Full of GUFF

This year's GUFF delegate is none other than Eve Harvey. Eve is a bundle of fun and is rarely without a smile on her face. She will talk to you on any topic, from the criticism of E.E. 'Doc' Smith to the latest fannish gossip. Eve has a few minor addictions, which include food, Southern Comfort, and John, her husband, who is accompanying her on her travels.

Some of you will know Eve through her fanwriting. Her first effort was Black Hole, the Leeds University SF Society's fanzine. After that Eve joined forces with John (pre wedding bells) and Carol Gregory to produce Ghas. Wallbanger, Eve's present fanzine, followed, at first edited by both John and Eve, but nowadays is a solo effort. Eve and John have also had a stint at editing Matrix for the BSFA, and Eve has more recetly been involved in a consortium which produced Shallow End, a fanzine produced to introduce and advise fans who had just entered the field.

Eve's other exploits include chairing an abortive bid for the 1978 British Eastercon, arranging the film programme for Skycon, running the Fan Room at Seacon, the 1979 Worldcon, and as a finale, chairing the 1982 Eastercon, Channellcon.

When asked if there was anything that Aussiecon Two and its members should know about herself, Eve replied. "God knows... No! I have to be seen in

person to be believed." I can only agree. Go out of your way to meet Eve (and John, of course). You won't regret it.



Marty Cantor and Robbie Bourget: the Duffers

BY: Alan Trimpi, Leigh Strother-Vien and Marc Schirmeister. EDITED: Bruce Pelz.



Marty was a foundling. As a toddler, he was frequently told by his parents to go out and play in the blizzard with the Abominable Snowman. Eventually he did so. Though he has never said what happened, the Snowman was never seen again and Marty has hated snow bitterly ever since.

On Marty's first day in Grade School he was sent home to get a haircut. He didn't come back until it was time for him to enter Pasadena City College. In the interim he hung out in front of a newsstand, where he learned to fondle mint copies of Amazing Wonder Stories and 37 kinds of cigarette butts. He became quite an expert on the contents of at least one out of the two subjects.

On graduation from Pasadena City College with a null-A grade point average, Marty experienced the draft for one month, but finally figured out how to close his bedroom window.

During his heyday on the Barbary North Shore of Frisco, Marty hung out in bars abandoned by Jack Kerouac, Ferlinghetti, and Mark Spoelstra, who left Marty his guitar. (Marty learned to play it well enough to empty a bar before they threw him out.)

Marty responded to the call of duty one summer by joining a foreign service exchange, where he accepted foreign currency from foreigners to sell them foreign tobaccos in California. A Professor Arthur Conan Challenger and Dr. Watson left a monograph on tobaccos on the counter one day. When they returned for it, Marty had made marginal notes, and his best skills came to be noticed by them

and Mycroft Holmes (a tobacconist and secret APA founder).

Before finding fandom, Marty was obsessed with tobacco and its paraphernalia. He took a dislike to the visual media when he discovered that "snuff films" weren't about tobacco. After finding fandom, Marty was obsessed with tobacco, its paraphernalia and with fanzines — thus balancing his interests between a substance that shouldn't be burned by any civilized person and one that should. His fanzines almost got a Hugo nomination in 1982 when he circulated ballots at the same LASFS meeting that the HOGU ballots were being filled out, and the LASFS got the two sets confused.

Robbie Bourget Cantor seems to be a normal human woman. (This will help those of you who are unable to tell who is who from the names or the haircuts or the pipe smoking habits.) Robbie does carefully avoid any extensive medical examinations, to conceal what she claims is her double heartbeat.

People have been trying to come up with something else on Robbie for years, but she refuses to change into any secret identity in a public phone booth where people can watch her. She simply steps into a blue police call box and it and she promptly disappear. A tall, curly-haired weirdo, in a long striped scarf and an overcoat (along with some friends of his), has put out a reward for information on her whereabouts. Little good that has done.

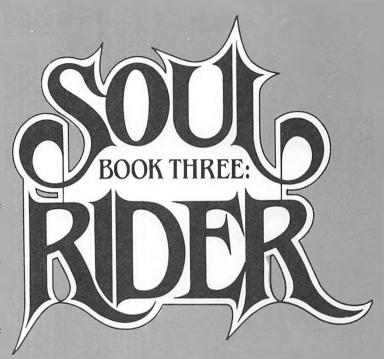
Robbie currently serves as a Canadian undercover agent working under *HTT*'s covers (which is sometimes uncomfortable) and out of the Canadian Consultate in Los Angeles. The smog of Los Angeles is proving inimical to her Canadian system. As a result, a converted BP tank car, double-lined to protect it from corrosion, makes the Ottawa-to-North Hollywood run each month to deliver her imported Coke (the liquid variety) which is used as a restorative.

Robbie first set eyes on Marty at Chicon IV (setting the police or the dog on him might have been better, but...). Unable to believe her eyes, she reached out and touched him. And found herself stuck as though to a nicotine-and-tar baby.

When the smoke had settled, they were married, spliced, and otherwise mated forever after. After includes now.

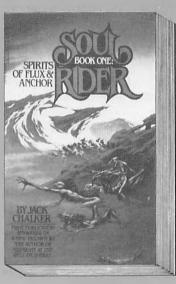
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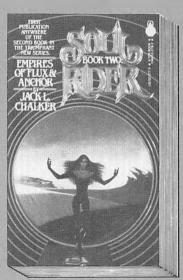
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[Van Ikin has edited the first historical anthology of Australian sf: Australian Science Fiction (University of Queensland Press, Portable Australian Authors series, \$12.95). He is also the editor of one of Australia's best sf review magazines, Science Fiction.]

To the earliest Australian settlers, Australia was a frightening place. The dry stunted landscape was an affront to eyes accustomed to English green, the presence of Aborigines was a reminder that this was an "uncivilized" land inhabited by "savages", and — above all — the sheer size of the new continent was deeply unsettling. Anything could be lurking just over the horizon. . . .

Not surprisingly, some early writers turned to sf as a way of reflecting and coping with this anguish. Putting their hopes and nightmares onto the page, they looked over the horizon and found lost races, secret civilizations, and monsters. (The monsters were infrequent, though, and one of the most interesting aspects of Australian sf is its tendency to avoid the lurid and sensational.) G. Firth Scott's romance, The Last Lemurian (18981), is probably the best of these early works. It builds upon the belief that Australia was actually the remnant of the lost mythical continent of Lemuria (an idea strongly in vogue in the 1890s) and creates a fiction around fabulous gold deposits guarded by a yellow-skinned Lemurian giantess and her slave-pygmies. One chapter is devoted to an encounter with the bunyip: "the head was that of a man, with huge shining teeth, . . . the eyes green and phosphorescent . . . the hands shaped like the forefeet of a kangaroo . . . ".

Although the new continent incited fear, it also generated great excitment. As The Last Lemurian suggests, Australia was seen as a land of opportunities for growing wealthy, and this view was reinforced by the great goldrushes of the 1850s. The earliest known example of Australian sf — a brief newspaper piece called "The Monster Mine" — is little short of a hymn to the cash-flow generated by a future mining-industry, and in another early piece called "'Oo-a-deen'; or, the Mysteries of the Interior Unveiled" (1847) the narrator stumbles upon a lost civilization whilst hunting some lost horses, but remains more interested in finding his horses than in exploring the inland mysteries which he has unveiled.

Such crass materialism is still a feature of Australian life, as demonstrated by our Nobel-prize winning novelist, Patrick White, by the historian Manning Clark, and (some would say) by the Australian political crisis of 1975².

But the crass materialism is only one element of the national character. Strange as it may seem, the materialism exists side-by-side with some lofty (yet not impractical) political idealism. The 1890s was a time of utopian fervour in Australia, with writers fiercely asserting the nation's independence and even more fiercely insisting that Australia should learn from the social mistakes of the old world (Britain) and not repeat them. I will be discussing this matter in some detail in my academic paper at Aussiecon, but the gist of it is that Australia's sf writers devised elaborate and often impressive utopias (in the manner of Wells and Bellamy and Butler) whilst the mainstream writers were content to deal only with more timid and down-to-earth matters. Catherin Helen Spence's Handfasted (1879) was so "hot" for its time that it did not see publication for over a century3 — and all because she dared to advocate a system of trial marriage. In A Visit to Topos (1897), William Little speculates about the social miracles that might be worked by controlled application of "the science of heredity"; W.H. Galier's A Visit to Blestland (1896) sees the key to utopia lying in the rejection of all religion (the name "Blestland" being ironic); and G. Read Murphy's Beyond the Ice (1894) puts its faith in technology, marriage, and "scientific" thinking about social problems.

Murphy does not put his faith in the female mind, arguing strenuously that married women should not vote. Many other writers — some of them male — held very different views.

In Anno Domini 2000; or, Woman's Destiny (1889) Sir Julius Vogel portrays a future society living happily and prosperously under the rule of female politicians; Henrietta Dugdale's A Few Hours in a Far-Off Age (1883) sees female emancipation as the path to the truly just society; and in A Woman of Mars (1901) Mary Ann Moore-Bentley portrays a red planet which sees women's rights as "the bedrock foundation upon which a statesman [sic] must seek to establish a happy, progressive, social State". Appalled at the chauvinistic injustice of Earthly society, the Martians send a woman to Earth to set us straight. The French resist feminism to the end, but the happy-go-lucky Aussies decide to give it a go. (According to Moore-Bentley, the chief opponents of female emancipation are the clergy and the medical profession.)

The feminist utopias seem to have attracted no concerted literary opposition. (A 1933 novel called

Amazon Island offered a sour view of all-woman community — but the author hid behind the penname "Hamer"⁴, and was thirty years late in entering the debate.) By contrast, the more general utopian novels ran into flak. Noting that most utopian works tended toward socialism, Sydney writer Harold Johnston set out to write the definitive anti-socialist romance. The Electric Gun (1911) shows the socialist dream turning into an inept and oppressively bureaucratic nightmare, with things becoming so bad that even the founder of Australian socialism turns against the brave new world he created.

Despite the silliness of some of the ideas expressed, the utopian period seems to me to represent the crest of a wave in our sf history. Unfortunately, the trough soon followed.

Ever since the 1850s goldrush, Australians had become nervous about Asia — and Asians. Anti-Chinese feeling led to repressive racial legislation, and fear of "the yellow peril" was abroad in the land. A long straggling succession of novels followed, some of them merely cashing in on racial fears, others expressing genuine patriotic anguish. A list of titles and dates gives the story in outline: The Yellow Wave (1895), The Coloured Conquest (1904), The Australian Crisis (1909)⁵ Fool's Harvest (1939), The Invasian (1968).

It was a wedding of the racial and utopian themes that gave rise to what is commonly regarded as the first "classic" of Australian sf, Erle Cox's Out of the Silence (1925). Digging in his backyard, an average Aussie named Alan Dundas discovers a huge buried dome housing (in suspended animation) the body of a beautiful 4-million-year-old survivor of a technologically superior ancient civilization. Dundas revives the woman and falls in love with her. But it is not just her Playboy body that attracts him; he also admires her utopian social philosophy, which argues that the world can be set right if the coloured races are painlessly put to death.

Whilst Erle Cox was writing thrillers based upon his vision, Adolf Hitler was looking toward practical applications. World War II engulfed Australia and war-time paper restrictions put publishing in the doldrums.

Yet 1946 saw the first publication of what is still the premier product of Australian sf — M. Barnard Eldershaw's Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow? The novel is set in the twenty-fourth century, but concerns a character writing a book about life in the twentieth century (covering the period from 1920 to 1940 — The Eldershaw "present" — and then looking a few decades further into the immediate Eldershaw "future"). The complexities of this structure allow the writers to look closely at political realities and utopian aspirations, and the result is a novel that deserves international acclaim: a work of sf which amasses the courage to look unflinchingly at the hard social issues

Just as monsters had never been of interest to our writers, so the romance of outer space had been largely unappealing. (A book like A Woman of Mars, for example, itches to get its characters down to Earth and pitch into socio-political debate. The splendours of space hold no attraction.) The only exception to the rule had been J.M. Walsh's Vandals of the Void (1931), which — Earth grading to the blurb on the 1976 American academic re-issue:

established for the first time the now classic theme of an interplanetary civilization, composed of different world governments and strange peoples, living in uneasy equilibrium....

This may be true, but I feel that Walsh's greatest achievement is the creation of an interplanetary "James Bond" figure twenty eyars beofre the first Bond book (Casino Royale, in 1953). Walsh's hero, Mr Sanders, shares all Bond's traits except that of womanizing; he is even number 723 in the crack Interplanetary Guard!

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Despite the amazing Mr Sanders, Australian sf did not really "discover" outer space until the 1950s — which means that we waited for Sputnik to make it a reality before we dared to let our imagainations roam. To make matters worse, it would probably have been better if these writers had left their imaginations tethered: to put it mildly, publications like Thrills Incorporated (1950–52) and Scientific Thriller (1948–52) did not seek or achieve high fictional standards.9

Yet the 1950s saw the emergence of two important Australian sf writers. One of them was A. Bertram Chandler, the man who was to become the most prolific and best-known Australian sf writer. The other was Frank Bryning, a man whose work was never to "catch on" as Chandler's did — and yet it must be said (without disrespect to Chandler) that Bryning's work is more important and worthwhile.

As I mentioned at the outset, many early settlers saw the Australian Aborigines as "savages" (and Australians are only just beginning to face up to the extent to which those early pioneers used genocide as a tool to clear the land). The racial novels, curiously enough, tended to ignore the Aborigines altogether, and though Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow treated them as people and saw that they had a worthwhile culture, Frank Bryning was the first Australian sf writer to make a consistent attempt to draw upon Aboriginal myth and culture. Bryning also had the courage to present a female lead-character in a number of his stories, and he consistently clung to the principle that there should be science in "science fiction".

But the sf of the sixties was moving away from "hard science". The New Wave produced only one "avantgard" writer — John Baxter — but it opened up markets and created greater literary freedom for a number of aspiring young writers, and by 1968 the interest in homegrown sf was sufficiently great — and the quality of the product sufficiently good — for John Baxter to "showcase" Aussie writers' work in Australian Science Fiction 1 (1968) and Australian Science Fiction 2 (1971). The success of these books was immense: both are still in print, and it would be fascinating to know the sales figures.

The first Aussiecon was held in Melbourne in 1975, and that is when Australian sf really cut loose. Or, to use the more enlightened term favoured by myself and others, that is when the current "renaissance" in Australian sf began. 10 (But it should be added that the other crucial factor was — and still is! — the support of the Literature Board of the Australia council.)

At this point, historical description must stop. I doubt if anyone could yet write a history of the last ten years of Australian sf, successfully detecting and interpreting trends and influences. Instead, let me attempt a brief survey of the Aussie sf field as I see it in 1985 — and then let me end with a note of doom and gloom. (Those seeking a quirkier, more person-

alized guide to the current Aussie scene should consult the readers' poll in the special Aussiecon II issue of Science Fiction.)

The three big names in the field are George Turner, Lee Harding, and Damien Broderick. I've listed their names in reverse-alphabetical order, but the listing has a deeper significance. Turner's writing has its roots in the "social-relevance" branch of the literary mainstream. He argues that sf should meet the usual literary standards (not special-plead its way out onto a literary limb), and he believes passionately that it is the job of sf to deal squarely with the world's problems, not waffle into the sugary fairyland of fantasy. Such views, of course, are currently Out Of Favour — but Turner's recent non-fiction book, the Hugo-nominated In the Heart or in the Head, argues a powerful and compelling case for a return to hardhitting social relevance. Turner's sf oeuvre consists of three linked novels — Beloved Son, Vaneglory, and Yesterday's Men - which chart the Reconstruction of human society after nuclear/biological holocaust. I once described these books as being similar to Brave New World and 1984, but better. I would now say "but much better".

Lee Harding's work has its roots in the mainstream, too (though both Turner and Harding were sf readers from way back), but where Turner responds to "social relevance", Harding responds to "characterization" (and is wary of the idea that literature has a "social purpose"). Harding is a story-teller, and in an age which prizes complexity and convolution and sneers at narrative, he has had the good sense compromise or dilute his talent. Characterization is his trade-mark: not heavy sombre psychologizing, but the quick deft sketching of remarkably plausible, realistic characters. And his prose style is clear and elegant, with an eye to the cinematic visual image. Harding is currently bestknown for the highly successful Displaced Person (an urban fantasy set in Melbourne) and his latest novel, Waiting for the End of the World (which presents his finest characterization yet). But two of his early works also hold my affection (partly because I'd like to have written them!): A World of Shadows and The Weeping Sky.

And then there is the inimitable Damien Broderick, Australia's most individualistic of writer. Broderick, I believe, has his roots in sf (as well as in "fringe" or "avant-gard" areas of the mainstream). He believes, like Turner, in "social relevance" — but he does not share the Turner visision of what is relevant (or why). And he believes in characterization (as does Turner), but is highly suspicious of conventional methods of rendering "character" on the printed page. The Broderick vision is excitingly varied, ranging from feminism to structuralism to aspects of "hard science" — and then running on to ESP, the Aborigines, and the social dynamics of fandom. (His latest novel Transmitters is actually about sf fandom.) The Dreaming Dragons is Broderick's attemt to concoct a new creation myth (using Ayers Rock, the Aborigines, NASA, and the Nixon tapes); The Judas Mandala is a highly intellectual

ontological thriller with a bisexual karate-chopping heroine; and Valencies (written with Rory Barnes) is an attempt to show Isaac Asimov what a future galactic empire would really be like. Broderick is Australia's most challenging and provocative sf writer, and would rate highly on an international list of stirrers. . . .

Fans of Queensland writer David Lake would broaden my Big Three scenario to Four. A man who writes to entertain (but to do the job well, and never mindlessly), Lake has produced a series of sf/fantasy novels (The Fourth Hemisphere, The Gods of Xuma, and Warlords of Xuma), a number of arrestingly distinctive short stories, and a lovely little novella called The Man Who Loved Morlocks, which is a superb (and lovingly careful) sequel to The Time Machine.

Other successfuly novelists also deserve mention. Wynne Whiteford writes sf adventure-thrillers to showcase the ways in which science might re-shape our bodies, psychologies, and future, Jack Wodhams tries his hand at all manner of sf themes (even attempting an sf comedy in Ryn) and caused a mild sensation with "One Clay Foot", his long story of realistic "dog-fight" combat in outer space; and Cherry Wilder (whose work others admire, though I do not) has created her own fantasy/sf realm, commencing with The Luck of Brin's Five.

Two other sets of writers should also be mentioned. First of all, there are those who write on the very fringe of sf (or is it on the very fringe of the mainstream?) - writers whose overseas equivalents would be Lem or Disch or Vonnegut. Peter Carey's short stories (The Fat Man in History and War Crimes) have had phenomenal success, proving that Australians are eager for a cool, hip vision of the contemporary social madhouse. But Carey does not yet realize that a certain Gerald Murnane is also loose in the same territory, having produced an unsettling novella called The Plains, which posits an alternative Australia with cultural and historical patterns that are the reverse of those we know. Murnane's latest, Landscape with Landscape, should confirm this fine writer's success.

The other writers who deserve mention are the upand-coming — though of course one takes a risk in predicting who will Last the Distance. Philippa Maddern produced a number of excellent stories, but then fell silent, and it's sad that we haven't seen more work from Bruce Gillespie. Leanne Frahm emerges as the front-runner, I think. and Paul Collins is also a name to watch — but there are numerous others jostling to enter the race: Russell Blackford, Terry Dowling, David King, Kevin McKay, Lucy Sussex . . .

If you judge the scene by the number of hopefuls, Australian sf is in a healthy state.

But you don't judge the scene that way; you have to be hard-headed and look at certain crucial facts. On of these is Literature Board support, and many writers and publishers see current indications that the Literature Board is backing away from support for Australian sf. If they read this trend correctly, and if it continues ... well, maybe there'll be another "renaissance" in 2075... but that's of little comfort to me.

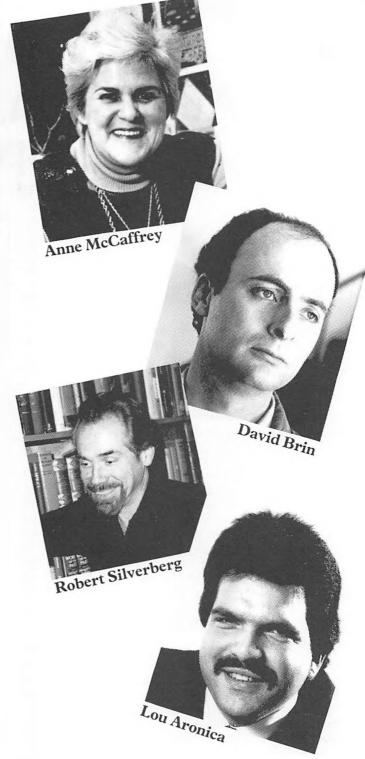
You also judge the scene by the level and healthiness of critical commentary, and here too there are dark clouds on the horizon. Bruce Gillespie's SF Commentary was Australia's premier magazine of sf review, but it folded (chiefly for financial reasons) in 1983. The mantle then passed to my own magazine, Science Fiction, but it has not (and probably will not) recreate the glory of "SFC" and now it is faced with financial hardships too.

Just like all those early writers, the Australian sf community of today can only wonder what lies just over the horizon. . . .

NOTES

- As with many of the works discussed in this article, a more detailed commentary — and sometimes an excerpt from the work — can be found in my anthology, Australian Science Fiction.
- According to convicted spy Chris Boyce, the 1975 crisis was brought about by nasty CIA interference in Aussie affairs, not by nasty materialism. You pay your money and you choose your viewpoint . . .
- 3. A slightly abridged version was finally published by Penguin Books in 1984.
- Nan Bowman Albinski's unpublished Ph.D. thesis, The Well-Ordered Paradise, gives the author's real names as Harold Mercer.
- 5. Written by journalist C.H., Kirmess, this is probably the "best" of these novels. The author is obviously sincere in his racial fears, his novel is well-researched, and his plotting is ingenious.
- Cox's novel is a "classic" in the sentimental/nostalgic sense of the word, but I would argue strongly that some of the earlier works also deserve that tag.
- 7. Though when the book first appeared, it was one "Tomorrow" short: the title was then Tomorrow and Tomorrow, and censorship saw the deletion of certain passages critical of jingoistic nationalism. The full uncensored text with the full unwieldy title was finally published by Virago in 1983.
- 8. "Writers" because M. Barnard Eldersaw was the pen-name of Marjorie Barnard and Flora Eldershaw. Literary lore has it that this novel was written by Barnard alone, but the ageing Ms Barnard fervently denies this.
- Writing about the sf of this period, George Turner quotes an amazingly inept piece of hack-work-at-its-pulpiest. See "Australian SF, 1950-1980" in Science Fiction ≥13, (1983), pp. 4-11.
- 10. George Turner has provided a detailed outline of the impact of Aussiecon I in Science Fiction ≥13, emphasizing the role of Guest of Honour Ursula Le Guin (and the writers workshops which she conducted).





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Aussiecon One — A Retrospective

by Christine Ashby

They say of childbirth that you forget what the really unpleasant parts were like, which is why women are willing to go through it more than once. The same thing must be true of running science fiction conventions, since at least some of the people who brought you the first **Aussiecon** are labouring again. Of course there are committee members, especially those who weren't around at the time, who look back on 1975 with misconceived nostalgia. The rest of us are timing the contractions and wondering it it's too soon to ask for an anaesthetic . . .

We held **Aussiecon** at the Southern Cross Hotel. The facilities were smaller then, but adequate for single-track programming and 600 attendees. I'm not sure that any of us really knew what we were doing—certainly I had never before been on a convention committee, let alone been a treasurer. I prefer not to think how often I was all alone in the CQ Room with thousands of dollars in cash. It wouldn't have been necessary to mug me; it would have been sufficient just to reach over my shoulder and snatch. I used to tape the money into a biscuit tin and carry it around on my lap until I got to the hotel desk to deposit it in the safe. (For the record, this time I know what I'm doing, and any biscuit tin you may see about my person will contain only biscuits.)

This time we're hiring a van. In 1975 I was one of the few committee members to own a car, and I spent the whole of the Thursday morning driving Paul Stevens around in my little Mazda 1300 collecting the films. Paul was upset about something Robin had said, and his disposition was not improved by the fact that the films were heavy — the Mazda's suspension was never the same thereafter — or not ready to be collected or still in Nauru. I was not aware at the stage that the person who organized the projector had forgotten the anamorphic lens.

One of the other car-owners was Peter Darling, and he spent a lot of time running to and from the printer in Wonthaggi, which is a very considerable distance from Melbourne. Imagine our horror when the first shipment of Programme Books was found to be defective. They had blank pages, and they fell apart! I still have one, but I don't think it's rare enough to be worth much at auction.

We kicked things off with a cocktail party paid for by some of the publishers. Most of the real fans went off to Degraves (which is another story altogether), and this function was populated by a lot of people I had never seen before, all wearing three-piece suits or little black dresses. One of them was a talk-back radio personality who sent her teenage son off to

play "Star Trek" on the Wangs (at the time a most tremendous novelty) and who then spent the evening talking to a few of the aforesaid people whom she obviously had seen before. The next morning she informed the listeners of where she had been, and claimed she was amazed at how normal everyone looked. Perhaps she was disappointed, as we didn't see her again.

Did I mention Wang? To this day I go into offices where the word-processing staff are referred to as "Wang girls" and I have to keep a straight face. It seems that Wang felt that there should be supervisors to keep an eye on their microcomputers, ensuring that the users formed an orderly queue and so on; to this end they hired a team of silver-lame-clad female persons from an escort agency. This was totally unnecessary. The Wang girls themselves were the first to realise it, and they soon disappeared from the computer room, but not the hotel premises

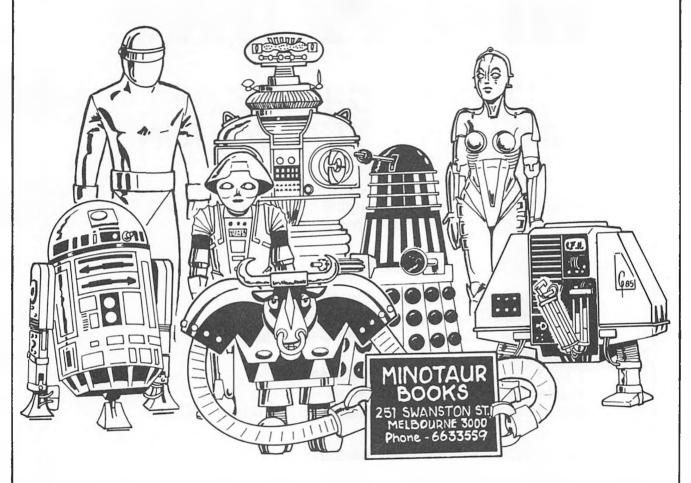
We had violence as well. It is absolutely untrue that Bob Tucker threw a local fan known as Short and Loathsome out of a window, but there is no denying the reality of the Vikings. They put on a display of armed combat during the masquerade where one of their number was knocked unconscious and one of the fetchingly undressed female extras was, we discovered later when viewing the video-tape, almost decapitated.

I suppose that by now all of our respectable middle-class members, especially those with children in two, are thinking of asking for their money back. I hasten to assure them that in 1975 we also had Ursula Le Guin's wonderful Guest of Honour speech, and Lindsay Rodda's audio-visual presentations. We had the intellectual stimulation of "The Role of Sheep in Science Fiction" and the moral uplift of Robert Silverberg reading from his own works — or should I have that the other way around?

And apart from the wear and tear on the convention committee — at one stage the Chairman, Robin Johnson, found himself in a sort of trance walking down the tram tracks in the middle of Bourke Street! — almost everyone who attended the first Aussiecon seems to have had a tremendously good time. At least, so they said in convention report after convention report.

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Science Fiction Fandom in Australia is currently pretty healthy, and, if you're interested in following up your experiences at Aussiecon Two with further Encounters of the Fannish Kind, then there are several alternatives open to you. The following is a necessarily incomplete list of clubs, apas and fanzines in Australia. Hopefully it will at least touch upon your interests, and, if it doesn't, then why not write to one of the clubs/fanzines/apas that does come close to your interest, and ask them if they know of any group more closely fitting your needs. (If the worst comes to the worst you can always start up a club/fanzine/apa to cater to your interests. One of the established groups might be able to give you some hints on how to go about that.)

Most clubs and fanzine editors are happy to answer questions about their club and/or fanzine, though it is polite to send a stamped self-addressed envelope with any request for information. They will then be able to send your further details about their activities, joining fees etc. Several fanzines are available for what is called "the usual". This means that, rather than send money, you respond in kind, either by trading your fanzine, or by sending letters, articles, or artwork. If you've never seen a fanzine before, try wandering along to the Fan Lounge in The Victoria Hotel. There'll be several there, and you'll get the chance to natter to some of the editors too.

You might also attend the panel Where Do We Go From Here, in the Southern Cross, where representatives of several of these groups will be speaking and soliciting memberships/subscriptions/ whatever. Talk to the people involved. It's a great way to make new friends and to get to enjoy the convention. The good thing about science fiction and fantasy fandom is that it always welcomes new blood. (Just make sure that you avoid the characters with pointed canines... Those dog breeders will get in anywhere ...)

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The Story of the Nova Mob

by Bruce Gillespie

The Nova Mob began in early August 1970, when large numbers of people gathered at the South Yarra flat of Myfanwy and Tony Thomas. The object of the group was to talk about science fiction, but the first meeting didn't. It spent the whole time deciding its own name. (One of the rejected alternatives, "The Demolished Men", will be familiar to readers of Damien Broderick's novel, Transmitters.) In this way the Nova Mob began its rickety career, which has so far involved three debuts, two closures, and a lot of talk on how to supply and pay for aftermeeting refreshments.

In 1970, Melbourne sf fans already met weekly — at the Degraves Tavern (which might then have still been called Jenny's Cellar). Nobody talked about sf at such meetings. Somebody decided that the same group of fans could be transformed into savants if they were all rounded up and led to a monthly meeting whose purpose was to "talk about sf". Each



month's meeting would be at the residence of a different fan, and each meeting would be led by a different speaker.

Sometimes the aims have been carried out, and sometimes they haven't. The first run of Nova Mobs fizzled out in a series of badly attended monthly parties in early 1972. The second run began in 1974, and again fizzled out at the end of 1978. The problem seemed to be the practice of moving from house to house for each meeting. If you missed a meeting, you could find it difficult to find the location of the one after. John Foyster and Jenny Bryce solved this problem in late 1981, when the Nova Mob made yet another debut. Jenny and John offered their vast living-room in St. Kilda for meetings, and also provided after-meeting refreshments. The premeeting dinner was at the Danube Restaurant in Acland Street. At the beginning of 1985 Jenny and Russell Blackford offered their living-room in Port Melbourne. Dinner (6 p.m.) is at the Rose and Crown bistro, Bay Street, Port Melbourne.

What keeps the Nova Mob going? Sociability and good speakers. A shared feeling that some sf and fantasy can be talked about in a non-trivial way. The opportunity to meet some people who are rarely seen otherwise. The ability to recruit interesting people into sf circles. A good excuse for a premeeting nosh-up and booze-up. Take your pick. You're welcome to the 4 September meeting (if that's the first one you've heard of): a "Worldcon Mop-up". Details from: Cathy Kerrigan, 819 1982 (at home).



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The Programme

If you're looking in here to find out where and when Volsted Gridban is doing his talk about the influence of height and weight on the works of Harlan Ellison and Isaac Asimov, then we apologise. You're in the wrong place. What you want is the Programme Guide, not this Handbook. Have a look at the Introduction to this Handbook for a bit of an explanation.

The Programme Guide will give you details of what is on and when. Any necessary changes to the programme will be chronicled in the daily Convention news-sheets. Please read both carefully. There's nothing worse than discovering that the item you most wanted to see started ten minutes ago in the Sheraton Hotel, especially if you're in the Victoria at the time, and the lifts aren't working properly.

About Programme Streams

It's very difficult to fit everything that should occur at a World SF Convention into the five days available, barring the discovery of a working time machine.

So in the best science fiction tradition, we have sort of folded the programme through the fourth dimension, so that it now forms a number of parallel streams of programming. Sadly (unless you happen to have the patents on that working time machine and can appear in several places at once), this means you won't be able to attend every event. You'll have to exercise some discretion about what you want to see.

However, please don't limit yourself to the one stream of programme with which you feel comfortable. Look at all of the items offered, and try something different from time to time. You might find that you like it.

The General Stream

This incorporates items from the other streams which seem to be of general interest. Among items you might expect in this stream are the two Guests of Honour speeches; the Hugo Awards Ceremony; general nattering about science fiction; an item on different science fiction clubs around Australia; and information about conventions and how to enjoy them. We hope to have audio-visual items connected with the general stream, including pieces from Brainworks and from Transfinite Audio Visuals.

General stream items will be found in the larger function rooms of the Southern Cross Hotel.

The Academic Stream

This stream aims to look very closely at science fiction as a form of literature. There are plans to publish the papers presented as part of this stream. This is perhaps a chance to think a little more closely

about science fiction than you've been doing up until now. One item that might whet your appetite is a paper on Christianity and Australian Science Fiction Writers, presented by John Baxter.

Academic stream items will generally be found in the smaller function rooms of the Southern Cross Hotel.

The Science Stream

This stream examines a little of the science upon which writers build their flights of fancy. People often ask writers where they get their crazy ideas. If you think some of the writers have crazy ideas, try listening to some of the scientists! Those of you who enjoyed Robert L. Forward's The Flight of the Dragonfly might be interested in the talk on Light Sails As a Means of Propulsion.

Science stream items will be found in the Southern Cross Hotel.

The Education Stream

If you are worried about the sort of things kids are being taught in schools, or if you are a teacher and want to know a little more about how science fiction can be a part of schools, then attend a few of these sessions. We will have educators talking about science fiction in schools, and writers talking about the particular difficulties and rewards associated with writing science fiction for younger readers.

The Education stream will be located in the Southern Cross.

The Media Stream

This stream will allow you the opportunity to compare your favourite film and television science fiction and fantasy, and to listen to people discuss characterisation and special effects in media science fiction. You might even get to participate in a discussion of which universe is the best yet created on the big and small screens. If you are interested in aspects of custuming, or in setting up a fan club based on a particular TV series or film, then this would be a good place to start.

The Media stream will be found in the Sheraton Hotel.

The Gaming Stream

Although Aussiecon Two is not a gaming convention as such, we will be looking at how gaming and science fiction interact. You will get the chance to talk to other gamers and to compare the experiences you have had with science fiction gaming.

The Gaming stream will be found in the Sheraton Hotel.

The Fannish Stream

This is for those of you who want to get more involved in the peculiar sub-culture that has grown

up around science fiction, the sub-culture called Fandom. If you are interested in putting out your own fanzine, or if you want to get involved in running conventions, or if you simply want to join in with a group of people who like sitting around and gossiping about authors, critics and any other science fiction fan who doesn't happen to be in the room at the time, then this is the stream for you.

The Fannish stream will be found in the Fan Lounge at the Victoria Hotel.

Special Interest Groups

Several special interest groups will be holding meetings at the convention. At present these include The Friends of Pern; H.A.M.I.L.L.S., Christian Fandom, Midgard, and the Georgette Heyer Tea. For further information about where and when these groups will meet, consult the Programme Guide. All such meetings are open to all **Aussiecon Two** members, the only limitation being space.

Other Events

Naturally, in addition to all of this there are items such as the Masquerade, the Banquet, the Huckster Room, the Business Sessions, Auctions, the Art Show, and the Film Programme. You will find information about all of these in this Handbook and in the Programme Guide. In the latter you will also find details about autograph sessions and individual author readings.

Please do remember that this convention is being run so that people can enjoy themselves. If you find yourself confused, which is bound to happen at a convention of this size, please do ask a committee member — preferably one sitting at any information desk. We're pretty friendly, and none of us bites with the possible exception of Phil Ware, and even he doesn't have rabies.

Please do feel free to natter to people at the convention too. We're all here because we're intersted in some aspect of fantasy and science fiction — just like you.

The Programme exists to facilitate interactions, but, to slightly paraphrase Tom Lehrer: a convention is like a sewer; what you get out of it depends on what you put into it.

W.S.F.S. Business Matters

The Business Meetings of the World Science Fiction Society will be held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and if needed, Monday, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Check the Programme Guide for the location of these meetings.

The Friday meeting has been designated as a Preliminary Business Meeting, where the agenda for the Main business Meeting will be set, and time limits for debates determined.

The Sunday Meeting has been desginated as the Site Selection Meeting, when the results of the site selection for the 1987 Worldcon will be made known, and procedures for selection of the North American SF Convention (NASFiC), if needed, will be announced.

All members of **Aussiecon Two** are members of the W.S.F.S. and are entitled to participate in and vote at the Business Meetings. All new business must be submitted to Jack Herman before noon on Thursday to receive a place on the Agenda.

Elsewhere in this Handbook will be found copies of the W.S.F.S. Constitution, the Standing Rules of the Business Meetings and the Business Passed On to Aussiecon Two.

Below are the proposed Standing Orders for Aussiecon Two Business Meetings.

Standing Orders for the Aussiecon Two Business Sessions

 Notwithstanding any other provision, the mover of the substantive motion will have a right of reply at the conclusion of a debate, immediately before the motion (and all amendments thereto) is put to the vote. Time for the reply will be considered additional to the time for debate as allowed for in standing rule 7. 2. The motions, to 'object to consideration', to 'table', to 'divide the question'. to 'postpone' or to 'refer to committee' shall be considered only after the mover has spoken to the substantive motion and before any other speech is called. It may be foreshadowed before the mover speaks.

3. Amendments to the substantive motion must be in writing and can be moved at any time during the discussion of the

substantive motion.

Foreshadowed motions to the substantive motion must be in writing and may be moved at any time during the discussion of the substantive motion.

At the conclusion of the debate, motions will be put in this order: amendments, the substantive motion (as amended), foreshadowed motions.

If the substantive motion carries, all foreshadowed motions shall lapse.

 Speeches to any motion during the Business Meetings shall be of the following maximum length:

Mover of the substantive motion -5 minutes; all other speakers in the debate -3 minutes.

Right of reply to the mover of a substantive motion — 4 minutes. During the Site Selection Meeting, one speaker on behalf of each bid may speak for up to 10 minutes, to be followed by a question time of 10 minutes. In any debate concerning site selection, speeches will be limited to 3 minutes.

5. Procedural motions will take precedence at all times, except that the Chair may reject the motion 'that the motion be now put' if he considers that there has been insufficient debate.

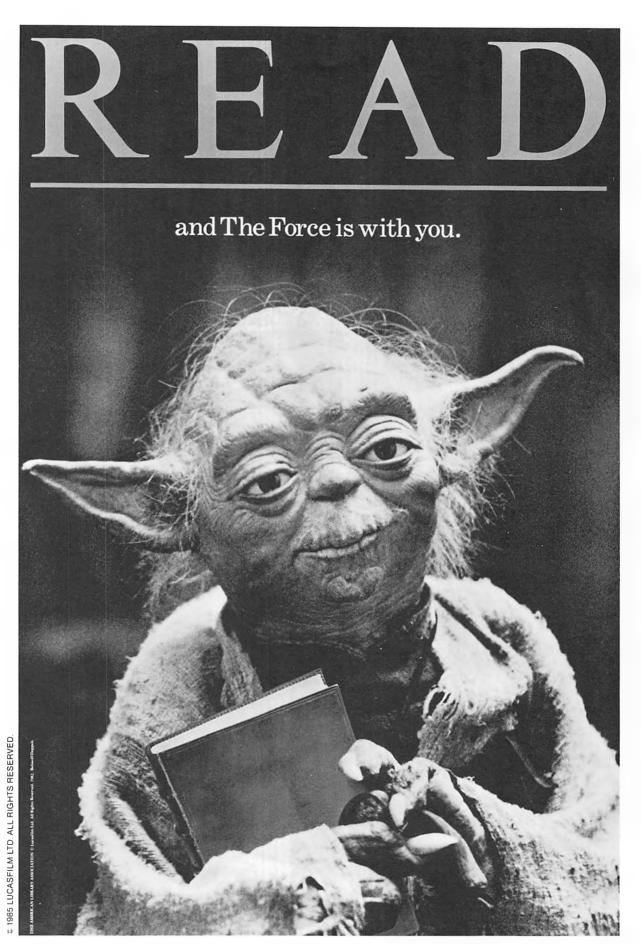
- 6. On the receipt of the motion 'that the Chair's ruling be dissented from', the Chair will vacate the Chair and appoint an acting Chair. The mover of the motion will then speak to his/her dissent for no more than 3 minutes and the Chair being dissented from will speak for up to 3 minutes. The question will then be put in the form 'that the Chair's ruling be upheld'.
- Except for the question in Rule 6, all other procedural motions shall be put without debate.

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Film Programme

It is hard to know how to describe the film programme: it is the largest single stream of programming at Aussiecon Two, or could it be regarded as an extension of other streams of programming?

There are films for those whose major interests are in general sf, media sf, education, or the academic stream, and it is hoped that you will partake in at least some of the offerings. The selection of the 80 hours of films has been designed to meet the interests of all attendees of the convention, and no matter what attracted you to this convention there is a film or two for you. I must apologise, in advance, if there are no films for the fannish fans — we are having difficulty finding the people who have souvenired the *Anti-Fan* films.

In comparing our film programme with those of recent Worldcons it is easy to see that the same philosophy has been used in selecting films this year: that of providing the best of the past year in film science fiction and fantasy, and a balanced selection from the history of sf and fantasy films. We've used the nominations for the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo as a guide for the films from 1984; and I can certainly say we've covered the history of the genre in film. Our films range from George Melies' A Trip to the Moon, made in 1902 and arguably the first sf film, through to sneak previews of some forthcoming productions.

The last decade or so has seen the re-emergence of the Australian Film Industry, to the point where the third Mad Max film is tipped to go into the top five of the all-time money-earning films. In keeping with the overall tone of the convention, a large selection of the film programme is being devoted to presenting Australian fantasy and sf films.

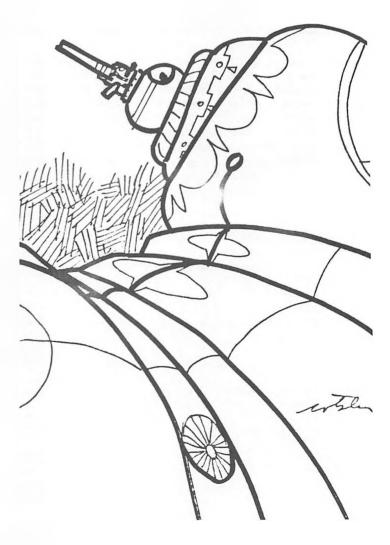
In addition we are screening a wide selection of short films as a complement to the feature films. Shorts are often neglected, and understandably so in view of the fact that most cinema managements these days prefer to show films about canoeing in Venice's canals and the gondolas of Canada's wild river system. It is hoped that this selection will provide a much-needed contrast to the better-known mind-numbing variety of short film, and that these will amuse, delight, inform or enthral you as much as any good feature film.

At the time the Handbook went to the printers it was not possible to provide a full list of films, but by late May the following had been booked for screening at **Aussiecon Two**:

Plains of Heaven Picnic at Hanging Rock The Last Wave Twilight Zone Patrick Psvcho Psvcho II 1984 Gremlins Ghostbusters Forbidden Planet THX 1138 Fatty Fin Dune Shirley Thompson vs the Aliens Dead of Night It's a Wonderful Life Little Shop of Horrors Razorback Star Wars The Empire Strikes Back Return of the Jedi.

For a full list of films and screening times please refer to the Programme Guide, and for full film notes please pick up a copy of the Film Programme Notes.

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Any weapons purchased from hucksters must be securely wrapped and taken away.

The Committee reserves the right to decide what constitutes a weapon, and the right to impound such weapons for the duration of the convention.

We appreciated that many — even most — people who would like to carry display weapons are sensible, decent and careful individuals, but the risk of weapons causing accident or distress is too great, and the safety of convention members has to be our overriding consideration.

Fan Lounge

The Fan Lounge is in the Old Coffee Shop at the Victoria Hotel. It will be dedicated entirely to fannish activities including fannish panels, fanzine production, admiration or castigation of various BNFs, and a general aura of things fannish and wonderful.

Leigh Edmonds and Jean Weber will be Fans In Residence.

Art Show

The Art Show will be held at the Victoria Hotel, and will open officially at 12 noon on Friday 23rd August. It is an official convention activity and is open only to members.

All art which is for sale will have attached bid sheets marked with the minimum sale price. Convention members interested in purchasing a piece write a bid on the sheet and include their name and number. If no more than three bids are received, and the highest is for at least the minimum sale price, the piece is considered sold to the highest bidder. If four or more bids are received, the piece will go to auction. This system ensures that auction time is spent on pieces in which there is a reasonable level of interest.

There will be an auction held on Sunday morning. We will accept payment by cash, travellers cheques, Bankcard, Mastercard and Visa, and personal cheques drawn on Australian banks.

No artwork is sold with rights to publication — this must be negotiated directly between the purchaser and the artist. Cameras may not be brought into the Arl Show.

In conjunction with the Art Show there is a competition for the best piece in any medium illustrating the work of Gene Wolf. The winner will be announced at the Awards ceremony.

Smoking Policy

Smoking these days is a subject many people become emotional about. While some people have called on us to implement a total ban on smoking at Aussiecon Two, we feel that this is unrealistic, and would result in many people, including some of our guests and speakers, staying away from the convention altogether. On the other hand, non-smokers have a perfect right to avoid the hazards and discomforts of cigarette smoke if at all possible.

Our policy, then is this:

- * Smoking during programme items will be permitted only in designated areas. These will be set aside at the Banquet and in large function rooms seating more than 100 people.
- * No smoking will be permitted in small function seating 100 or less.
- * No smoking will be permitted at films, because Victorian Health Regulations prohibit this.

We would ask all smokers to pay heed to this policy, and to consider the health and comfort of other convention attendees.

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BRITAIN'S BID FOR THE 45th WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION 27 August - 2 September 1987

WHY 1987?

Opinions differ on when the first science fiction convention took place. Sam Moskowitz says it was when a group of New York fans met a group of Philadelphia fans in 1936. Everyone else agrees that it was in January 1937, when fans from all over England converged on the Theosophical Hall, Leeds; among the twenty attendees were such names as Eric Frank Russell and Arthur C Clarke. In 1987, then, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first British convention, and the first real convention in world history! We'll also be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the first British Worldcon, held in London in 1957. But anniversaries aren't the only reason why we want to bring the 1987 Worldcon to Britain, we also have a committee bursting for the chance to work its fingers to the bone, and a fandom which has been deprived of the heady delights of a worldcon for too long already.

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

We have a strong general idea of what we are trying to achieve. We estimate that a 1987 Worldcon in Britain will attract 4,000-4,500 people, based on Seacon 79 attendance of 3,200 and the subsequent growth of British and European fandom. We are prepared to accommodate at least a thousand more than our higher estimate, if our prediction proves conservative. That's a lot of people, from a lot of different countries (the Seacon 79 crowd included attendees from 29 different countries; we certainly don't expect our convention to be any less cosmopolitan). We aim to provide for those people the best entertainment we possibly can: a wide range of programming with an international flavour; interesting and unusual exhibits, including a truly spectacular art show; and a friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

THE VENUE

Brighton's unrivalled facilities made it inevitable that, like our predecessors in 1979, we should choose it as our site. Brighton is ideally suited for travellers from all over the world. London's second airport, Gatwick, is only 25 miles away, with a fast rail connection running 24 hours a day. London itself is less than an hour by rail. Brighton is one of Britain's most attractive seaside towns, famous for its unique Royal Pavilion. Its compact centre is packed with shops and restaurants — all within easy strolling distance of the seafront and our convention hotels and facilities.

SITE AND FACILITIES

Those of you who attended Seacon 79 will be familiar with some, but by no means all, of the facilities we are planning to use in 1987. Once again we will be making full use of the Brighton Metropole's exhibition halls and conference rooms. The nine exhibition halls offer a total of 80,000 sq.ft. of floor space. The largest halls can seat up to 2,000 conference—style. The others provide smaller meeting rooms (capacity 300-350) plus exhibit space which will comfortably accommodate the largest conceivable dealers room, art show and other exhibits without the sense of being lost in an aircraft hangar. The hotel itself has a large hall which can seat 850 for a banquet, and there are fifteen smaller meeting rooms, and bars, restaurants and lounges. We'll also be making use of the Brighton Conference Centre, a few yards walk down the seafront from the Metropole. The main feature of this ultra-modern, highly-equipped conference facility is an arena which can seat up to 5,000 people; it is here that major programme events will be held. All the facilities of the Brighton Centre and the Metropole have been reserved for the 1987 Worldcon, with prices agreed and guaranteed.

THE HOTELS

Our three main hotels will be the same ones used in 1979 — the Metropole, the Bedford and the Old Ship. Between them, these three hotels provide 1,200 beds, all with private bath-room, and all within a couple of minutes' walk of our conference facilities. There is a wide variety of additional overflow accommodation within walking distance of the Metropole and the Brighton Centre, ranging from cheap bed-&-breakfast houses to expensive and luxurious hotels. We have already agreed room rates with the Metropole and Bedford hotels, subject only to increases based on changes in the retail price index between now and late 1986. These rates are: single room £23.00 (\$44 Australian, \$29 US) per night, double or twin room £16.50 (\$31 Australian, \$21 US) per person per night. Prices include breakfast, service and value added tax.

THE COMMITTEE

The current bidding committee will metamorphose into a steering committee after the bid and will consist of Malcolm Edwards (Cnair/Publications), Colin Fine (Secretary), John Steward (Treasurer), Chris Atkinson (Exhibitions/Dealers), Paul Oldroyd and Chris Donaldson (Programme), Jan Huxley (Operations) Linda Pickersgill (Fan Programme/Events) and Chris Hughes (Publicity). Between us we have been involved in the organisation of no fewer than 45 regional, national, European and world conventions and have been active members of fandom for more than 90 years! Eight of us will be attending Aussiecon II, and we intend to use all manner of fiendish British persuasions to get you to vote for us in the site selection ballot — we may even buy you a drink! We hope that you'll enjoy Aussiecon II and that we'll have the honour of playing hosts to you in two years time. Vote Britain in '87!



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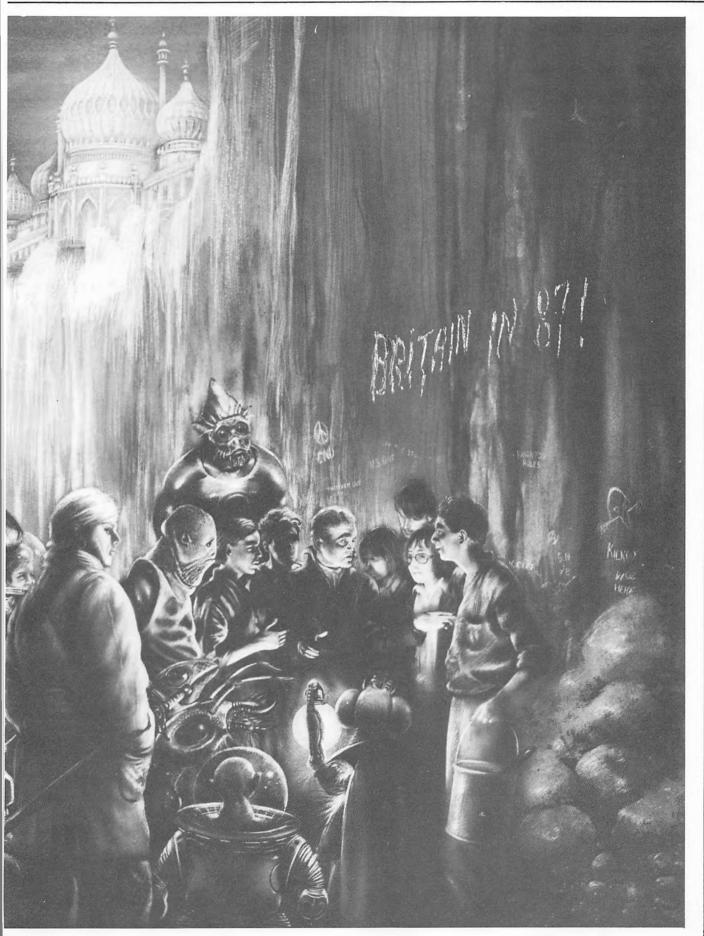
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CONSTITUTION

of the World Science Fiction Society, October 1984

ARTICLE I - Name, Objectives, Membership, and Organization

- **SECTION 1:** The name of this organization shall be the World Science Fiction Society, hereinafter referred to as WSFS.
- **SECTION 2:** WSFS is an unincorporated literary society whose functions are:
 - A. To choose the recipients of the annual Science Fiction Achievement Awards (the Hugo Awards),
 - B. To choose the locations and Committees for the annual World Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as Worldcons),
 - C. To attend those Worldcons, and
 - D. To perform such other activities as may be necessary or incidental to the above purposes.
- **SECTION 3:** The Membership of WSFS shall consist of all people who have paid membership dues to the Committee of the current Worldcon.
- SECTION 4: Members of WSFS paying the minimum fee towards membership with their site-selection ballots shall be members of the selected Worldcon with the right to receive all generally distributed publications. Such members may convert to members with the right of general attendance at the selected Worldcon and its Business Meeting by paying, within ninety (90) days of site selection, an additional fee, set by the selected Worldcon Committee, of not more than the minimum voting fee and not more than the difference between the voting fee and the attending fee for new members.
- **SECTION 5:** Authority and responsibility for all matters concerning the Worldcon, except those reserved herein to WSFS, shall rest with the Worldcon Committee, which shall act in its own name and not in that of WSFS.
- SECTION 6: Every Worldcon Committee shall include the following notice in each of its publications:

 "World Science Fiction Society", "WSFS", "World Science Fiction Convention", "Worldcon",

 "Science Fiction Achievement Award", and "Hugo Award" are service marks of the World
 Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.
- SECTION 7: Each Worldcon Committee should dispose of surplus funds remaining after accounts are settled for the current Worldcon for the benefit of WSFS as a whole. Each Worldcon Committee shall retain an independent accountant at least a year before their Worldcon and shall publish a financial statement prepared by said accountant within ninety (90) days after their Worldcon and a final financial statement within a year.

ARTICLE II — Science Fiction Achievement Awards (the Hugo Awards)

- **SECTION 1:** Selection of the Science Fiction Achievement Awards, known as the Hugo Awards, shall be made as follows in the subsequent Sections of this Article.
- SECTION 2: Best Novel: A science fiction or fantasy story of forty thousand (40,000) words or more appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year. A work originally appearing in a language other than English shall also be eligible in the year in which it is first issued in English translation. A story, once it has appeared in English, may thus be eligible only once. Publication date, or cover date in the case of a dated periodical, takes precedence over copyright date. A serial takes its appearance to be the date of the last installment. Individual stories appearing as a series are eligible only as individual stories and are not eligible taken together under the title of the series. An author may withdraw a version of a work from consideration if the author feels that the version is not representative of what said author wrote. The Worldcon Committee may relocate a story into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the story is within five thousand (5,000) words of the new category limits.
- **SECTION 3:** Best Novella: The rules shall be the same as those for Best Novel, with length between seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) and forty thousand (40,000) words.
- **SECTION 4:** Best Novelette: The rules shall be the same as those for Best Novel, with length between seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) words.
- **SECTION 5:** Best Short Story: The rules shall be the same as those for Best Novel, with length less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) words.
- **SECTION 6:** Best Non-Fiction Book: Any non-fictional work relating to the field of science fiction or fantasy appearing for the first time in book form during the previous calendar year.
- **SECTION 7:** Best Dramatic Presentation: Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction or fantasy which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year. In the case

of individual programs presented as a series, each program is individually eligible, but the series as a whole is not eligible; however, a sequence of installments constituting a single dramatic unit may be considered as a single program (eligible in the year of the final installment).

- **SECTION 8:** Best Professional Editor: The editor of any professional publication devoted primarily to science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year. A professional publication is one which had an average press run of at least ten thousand (10,000) copies per issue.
- **SECTION 9:** Best Professional Artist: An illustrator whose work has appeared in a professional publication in the field of science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year.
- SECTION 10: Best Semiprozine: Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction or fantasy which has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which in the previous calendar year met at least two (2) of the following criteria: (1) had an average press run of at least one thousand (1000) copies per issue, (2) paid its contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publication, (3) provided at least half the income of any one person, (4) had at least fifteen percent (15%) of its total space occupied by advertising, or (5) announced itself to be a semiprozine.
- **SECTION 11:** Best Fanzine: Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects which has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which does not qualify as a semiprozine.
- SECTION 12: Best Fan Writer: Any person whose writing has appeared in semiprozines or fanzines.
- SECTION 13: Best Fan Artist: An artist or cartoonist whose work has appeared through publication in semiprozines or fanzines or through other public display during the previous calendar year. Any person whose name appears on the final Hugo Awards ballot for a given year under the Professional Artist category shall not be eligible in the Fan Artist category for that year.
- **SECTION 14:** Extended Eligibility: In the event that a potential Hugo Award nominee receives extremely limited distribution in the year of its first publication or presentation, its eligibility may be extended for an additional year by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the intervening Business Meeting of WSFS.
- SECTION 15: Additional Category: Not more than one special category may be created by the current Worldcon Committee with nomination and voting to be the same as for the permanent categories. The Worldcon Committee is not required to create any such category; such action by a Worldcon Committee should be under exceptional circumstances only; and the special category created by one Worldcon Committee shall not be binding on following Committees. Awards created under this Section shall be considered to be Science Fiction Achievement Awards, or Hugo Awards.
- SECTION 16: Name and Design: The Hugo Award shall continue to be standardized on the rocket ship design of Jack McKnight and Ben Jason. Each Worldcon Committee may select its own choice of base design. The name (Hugo Award) and the design shall not be extended to any other award.
- SECTION 17: No Award: At the discretion of an individual Worldcon Committee, if the lack of nominations or final votes in a specific category shows a marked lack of interest in that category on the part of the voters, the Award in that category shall be cancelled for that year. In addition, the entry "No Award" shall be mandatory in each category of Hugo Award on the final ballot. In any event, No Award shall be given whenever the total number of valid ballots cast for a specific category is less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of final Award ballots (excluding those cast for No Award) received.
- SECTION 18: Nominations: Selection of nominees for the final Award voting shall be done by a poll conducted by the Worldcon Committee, in which each WSFS member shall be allowed to make five (5) equally weighted nominations in every category. Nominations shall be solicited for, and the final Award ballot shall list, only the Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award for Best New Writer. Assignment to the proper category of nominees nominated in more than one category, and eligibility of nominees, shall be determined by the Worldcon Committee. No nominee shall appear on the final Award ballot if it received fewer nominations than the lesser of either: five percent (5%) of the number of nomination ballots cast in that category, or the number of nominations received by the third-place nominee in that category.
- SECTION 19: Voting: Final Award voting shall be by mail, with ballots sent only to WSFS members. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter. Final Award ballots shall standardize nominees given in each category to not more than five (5) (six (6) in the case of tie votes) plus "No Award." The Committee shall, on or with the final ballot, designate, for each nominee in the printed fiction categories, one or more books, anthologies, or magazines in which the nominee appeared (including the book publisher or magazine issue date(s)). Voters shall indicate the order of their preference for the nominees in each category.
- SECTION 20: Tallying: Counting of all votes shall be the responsibility of the Worldcon Committee, which is responsible for all matters concerning the Awards. In each category, votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then obtained, the nominee who places last in the initial tallying shall be eliminated and the ballots listing it as first choice shall be redistributed on the basis of those ballots' second choices. This process shall be repeated until a majority-vote winner is obtained. The complete numerical vote totals, including all preliminary tallies for first, second, ... places, shall be made public by the Worldcon Committee within ninety (90) days after the Worldcon.
- SECTION 21: Exclusions: No member of the current Worldcon Committee nor any publications closely connected with a member of the Committee shall be eligible for an Award. However, should the Committee delegate all authority under this Article to a Subcommittee whose decisions are irrevocable by the Worldcon Committee, then this exclusion shall apply to members of the Subcommittee only.

ARTICLE III — Future Worldcon Selection

SECTION 1:

WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held three (3) years from the date of the current Worldcon. Voting shall be by mail or ballot cast at the current Worldcon with run-off ballot as described in Article II, Section 20, and shall be limited to WSFS members who have paid at least ten dollars (\$10.00) towards membership in the Worldcon whose site is being selected. The current Worldcon Committee shall administer the mail balloting, collect the advance membership fees, and turn over those funds to the winning Committee before the end of the current Worldcon. The minimum voting fee can be modified for a particular year by unanimous agreement of the current Worldcon Committee and all bidding Committees who have filed before the deadline. The site-selection voting totals shall be announced at the Business Meeting and published in the first or second Progress Report of the winning Committee, with the by-mail and at-convention votes distinguished.

PROVIDED THAT the three-years-in-advance selection shall not take effect until the 1986 Worldcon, at which both the 1988 and 1989 Worldcons shall be selected. (Under the old rule, the 1987 Worldcon will be selected in 1985.)

SECTION 2:

Site-selection ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter. Each site-selection ballot shall list the options "None of the above" and "No preference" after the bidders and with equal prominence. The minimum fee in force shall be listed on all site-selection ballots.

SECTION 3:

The name and address information shall be separated from the ballots and the ballots counted only at the Worldcon with two (2) witnesses from each bidding committee allowed to observe. Each bidding committee may make a record of the name and address of every voter. A ballot voted with first or only choice for "No preference" shall be ignored for site selection. A ballot voted with lower than first choice for "No preference" shall be ignored if all higher choices on the ballot have been eliminated in preferential tallying. "None of the above" shall be treated as a bid for tallying. If it wins, the duty of site selection shall devolve on the Business Meeting of the current Worldcon. If the Business Meeting is unable to decide by the end of the Worldcon, the Committee for the following Worldcon shall make the selection without undue delay. When a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee, they are not restricted by region or other qualifications and the choice of an out-of-rotation site shall not affect the regional rotation for subsequent years. If no bids qualify to be on the ballot, the selection shall proceed as though "None of the above" had won.

SECTION 4:

The deadline for filing bids for prospective Committees to be included on the ballot, as well as all information needed for filing such bids, shall be published by the current Committee and sent to all members of WSFS at least four (4) months before the deadline for such bids. (Publication in a Progress Report prior to the date specified shall meet this requirement.)

SECTION 5:

Bids from prospective Committees shall be allowed on the ballot by the current Worldcon Committee only upon presentation of adequate evidence of an agreement with the proposed sites' facilities, such as a conditional contract or a letter of agreement. To be eligible for site selection, a bidding committee must state the rules under which the Worldcon Committee will operate, including a specification of the term of office of their chief executive officer or officers and the conditions and procedures for the selection and replacement of such officer or officers. Written copies of these rules must be made available by the bidding committee to any member of WSFS on request. The aforementioned rules and agreements, along with an announcement of intent to bid, must be filed with the Worldcon Committee that will administer the voting no later than the close of the previous Worldcon for a Worldcon bid, and no later than the end of the calendar year before the voting for a prospective Continental Convention bid.

PROVIDED THAT the deadlines in the last sentence do not apply to bidders for 1987.

SECTION 6:

To ensure equitable distribution of sites, North America is divided into three (3) regions as follows: Western: Baja California, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and all states and provinces westward; Central: Central America, Mexico (except as above), and all states and provinces between Western and Eastern regions; and Eastern: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Quebec, and all states and provinces eastward. Worldcon sites shall rotate in the order Western, Central, Eastern region. A site shall be ineligible if it is within sixty (60) miles of the site at which selection occurs.

PROVIDED THAT a bid for New York in 1989 is exempt from the restriction in the last sentence.

SECTION 7:

A Worldcon site outside of North America may be selected by a majority vote at any Worldcon. In the event of such outside Worldcon being selected, there shall be an interim Continental Convention in the region whose turn it would have normally been, to be held in the same year as the overseas Worldcon, with rotation skipping that region the following year. Selection of the Continental Convention shall be by the identical procedure to the Worldcon selection except as provided below or elsewhere in this Constitution: (1) voting shall be only by written ballot at the current Worldcon taken after the Worldcon selection is complete; (2) bids are restricted to sites in the appropriate zone; and (3) the proposed Continental Convention voting fee can be set by unanimous agreement of the prospective candidates that file with the current Worldcon Committee before the calendar year in which selection occurs.

SECTION 8:

Each Worldcon Committee shall provide a reasonable opportunity for bona fide bidding committees for the Worldcon to be selected one year hence to make presentations.

SECTION 9:

With sites being selected three (3) years in advance, there are at least three selected current or future Worldcon Committees at all times. If one of these should be unable to perform its duties, the other selected current or future Worldcon Committee whose site is closest to the site of the one unable to perform its duties shall determine what action to take, by consulting the Business Meeting or by mail poll of WSFS if there is sufficient time, or by decision of the Committee if there is not sufficient time.

PROVIDED THAT until the 1986 Worldcon the old rule shall apply, under which such determinations would be made by the single surviving Worldcon Committee.

ARTICLE IV — Constitution and Powers of the Business Meeting

- Any proposal to amend the Constitution of WSFS shall require for passage a majority of all the votes cast on the question at the Business Meeting of WSFS at which it is first debated, and also ratification by a simple majority vote of those members present and voting at a Business Meeting of WSFS held at the Worldcon immediately following that at which the amendment was first approved. Failure to ratify in the manner described shall void the proposed amendment.
- SECTION 2: Any change to the Constitution of WSFS shall take effect at the end of the Worldcon at which such change is ratified, except that no change imposing additional costs or financial obligations upon Worldcon Committees shall be binding upon any Committee already selected at the time when it takes effect.
- **SECTION 3:** The conduct of the affairs of WSFS shall be determined by this Constitution together with all ratified amendments hereto and such Standing Rules as the Business Meeting shall adopt for its own governance.
- **SECTION 4:** Business Meetings of WSFS shall be held at advertised times at each Worldcon. The current Worldcon Committee shall provide the Presiding Officer and Staff for each Meeting. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, the Standing Rules, and such other rules as may be published by the Committee in advance.
- SECTION 5: There shall be a Standing Committee of WSFS. The Standing Committee shall consist of one (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected Worldcon Committee and each of the two (2) immediately preceding Worldcon Committees, and nine (9) members elected three (3) each year to staggered three-year terms by the Business Meeting. Elected members serve until their successors are elected. If vacancies occur in elected memberships in the committee, the remainder of the position's term may be filled by the Business Meeting, and until then temporarily filled by the committee. There will be a meeting of the Standing Committee at each Worldcon, at a time and place announced at the Business Meeting. The Standing Committee shall determine and elect its own officers.
- **SECTION 6:** The Standing Committee shall be responsible for registration and protection of the marks used by or under the authority of WSFS.
- **SECTION 7:** Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, any committee or other position created by a Business Meeting shall lapse at the end of the next following Business Meeting that does not vote to continue it.
- SECTION 8: The Constitution of WSFS, together with an explanation of proposed changes approved but not yet ratified, and the Standing Rules shall be printed by the current Worldcon Committee, distributed with the Hugo nomination ballots, and printed in the Worldcon Program Book, if there is one.

The above copy of the WSFS Constitution is hereby Certified to be True, Correct, and Complete:

George P. Flynn, Secretary L.A.con II Business Meeting

George P. Flynn

1984/10/30

Standing Rules for the Governance of the Worldcon Business Meeting

- Business of the Annual Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society shall be transacted in one or more sessions called Preliminary Business Meetings and one or more Main Business Meetings. The first session shall be designated as a Preliminary Business Meeting. At least eighteen (18) hours shall elapse between the final Preliminary Business Meeting and the one or more Main Business Meetings. One Business Meeting session shall also be designated the Site-Selection Meeting where site-selection business shall be the special order of business.
- RULE 2: The Preliminary Business Meetings may not pass, reject, or ratify amendments to the Constitution, but the motions to "object to consideration", to "table", to "divide the question", to "postpone" to a later part of the Preliminary Business Meetings, and to "refer" to a committee to report later in the same Annual Business Meeting are in order when allowed by Robert's Rules. The Preliminary Business Meetings may alter or suspend any of the rules of debate included in these Standing Rules. Motions may be amended or consolidated at these Meetings with the consent of the original maker. Absence from these Meetings of the original maker shall

constitute consent to amendment and to such interpretations of the intent of the motion as the Presiding Officer or the Parliamentarian may in good faith attempt.

Nominations from the floor for election to the Standing Committee shall be allowed at each Preliminary Business Meeting. All nominees must be members of the Society and give their consent in writing, which consent shall be submitted to the Presiding Officer. Elections to the Standing Committee shall be a special order of business at a Main Business Meeting. Voting shall be by written preferential ballot with write-ins allowed. The winning candidate shall be elected to the longest-term remaining vacancy and the ballots shall be recounted, with the winning candidate eliminated, if there are further vacancies. This process of selection and elimination shall be repeated until all vacancies are filled. Tied candidates shall all be considered elected if there are enough vacancies of the same length to accommodate them. Other ties shall be settled by drawing lots.

The deadline for the submission of non-privileged new business shall be two hours after the official opening of the Worldcon or eighteen hours before the first Preliminary Business Meeting, whichever is later.

Six (6) identical, legible copies of all proposals requiring a vote shall be submitted to the Presiding Officer before the deadline given in Rule 4 above. All proposals or motions of more than seventy-five (75) words shall be accompanied by at least one hundred (100) additional identical, legible copies for distribution to and intelligent discussion by the Meeting attendees unless they have actually been distributed to the attendees at the Worldcon by the Worldcon Committee. All proposals or motions shall be legibly signed by the maker and at least one seconder. The Presiding Officer may accept otherwise qualified motions submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall be placed at the end of the agenda. The Presiding Officer will reject as out of order any proposal or motion which is obviously illegal or hopelessly incoherent in a grammatical sense.

RULE 6: Any main motion presented to a Business Meeting shall contain a short title.

Debate on all motions of less than fifty (50) words shall be limited to six (6) minutes. Debate on all other motions shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes; if a question is divided, these size criteria and time limits shall be applied to each section. Time shall be allotted equally to both sides of a question. Time spent on points of order or other neutral matters arising from a motion shall be charged one half to each side. The Preliminary Business Meeting may alter these limits for a particular motion by a majority vote.

RULE 8: Debate on all amendments to main motions shall be limited to five (5) minutes, to be divided as above.

Whiles it is an amendment by substitution, an amendment to a main motion may be changed only under those provisions allowing modification through the consent of the maker of the amendment, i.e., second-order amendments are not allowed except in the case of a substitute as the first-order amendment.

A person speaking to a motion may not immediately offer a motion to close debate or to refer to a committee. Motions to close debate will not be accepted until at least one speaker from each side of the question has been heard, nor will they be accepted within one minute of the expiration of the time allotted for debate on that motion. The motion to table shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption.\$PL140

RULE 11: In keeping with the intent of the limitations on debate time, the motion to postpone indefinitely shall not be allowed.

RULE 12: A request for a division of the house (an exact count of the voting) will be honored only when requested by at least ten percent (10%) of those present in the house.

RULE 13: Motions, other than Constitutional amendments awaiting ratification, may be carried forward from one year to the next only by being postponed definitely or by being referred to a committee.

RULE 14: These Standing Rules, and any others adopted by a Preliminary Business Meeting, may be suspended for an individual item of business by a two-thirds majority vote.

The sole purpose of a request for a "point of information" is to ask the Presiding Officer or the Parliamentarian for his opinion of the effect of a motion or for his guidance as to the correct procedure to follow. Attempts to circumvent the rules of debate under the guise of "points of information" or "points of order" will be dealt with as "dilatory motions" as specified in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Citations to Articles, Sections, or specific sentences of the Society Constitution or Standing Rules are for the sake of easy reference only. They do not form a part of the substantive area of a motion. Correct enumeration of Articles, Sections, and Rules and correct insertions and deletions will be provided by the Secretary of the Business Meeting when the Constitution and Standing Rules are certified to the next Worldcon. Therefore, motions from the floor to renumber or correct citations will not be in order. The Secretary will also adjust any other Section of the Constitution equally affected by an amendment unless otherwise ordered by the Business Meeting. Any correction of fact to the Minutes or to the Constitution or Standing Rules as published should be brought to the attention of the Secretary and to that of the next available Business Meeting as soon as they are discovered.

At all sessions of the Business Meeting, the hall will be divided into smoking and non-smoking sections by the Presiding Officer of the Meeting.

The World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting is a mass meeting of the Society's membership which the Worldcon is required to sponsor in accordance with the WSFS Constitution and these Standing Rules. Therefore, (1) the quorum is the number of people present and (2) the decisions of the Chair as to who is entitled to the floor are not subject to appeal. The motion to adjourn the Main Meeting will be in order after the amendments to the Constitution proposed at the last Worldcon Business Meeting for ratification at the current Business Meeting have been acted upon.

RULE 19: If time permits at the Site-Selection Meeting, bidders for the convention one year beyond the date of the Worldcon being voted upon will be allotted five (5) minutes each to make such presentations as they may wish.

RULE 20:

These Standing Rules shall continue in effect until altered, suspended, or rescinded by the action of any Business Meeting. Amendment, suspension, or rescission of these Standing Rules may be done in the form of a motion from the floor of any Business Meeting made by any member of the Business Meeting, and such action will become effective immediately after the end of the Business Meeting at which it was passed.

The above copy of the Standing Rules for the Governance of the Worldcon Business Meeting is hereby Certified to be True, Correct, and Complete.

George P. Flynn

George P. Flynn, Secretary L.A.con II Business Meeting 1984/10/30

Business Passed on to Aussiecon Two

Items 1 through 6 below have been given first passage, and will become part of the Constitution if ratified at Aussiecon.

ITEM 1:

MOVED, to amend Article III, Section 2, of the WSFS Constitution to add the words "and provide for write-in votes" before the word "after", and to insert a new third sentence:

For votes for a write-in to be counted, the prospective committee must present the documents required in Section 5.

This would require that write-in votes be allowed on the site-selection ballot (as was not done in 1984).

ITEM 2:

MOVED, to amend Article III, Section 1, of the WSFS Constitution by replacing "ten dollars (\$10.00)" with "twenty U.S. dollars (U.S.\$20.00) or the equivalent".

This would double the default site-selection voting fee (i.e., the fee to be charged unless there is agreement on another amount).

ITEM 3:

MOVED, to amend Article III, Section 7, of the WSFS Constitution by changing clause (1) of the last sentence to read:

(1) voting shall be by written ballot administered in the following year by the then current Worldcon, if there is no Continental Convention that year, or by the Continental Convention, if there is one, with ballots cast either by mail or at the administering convention, and with only members of the administering convention allowed to vote;

PROVIDED THAT if passed this motion would take effect at the same time as the three-years-in-advance Worldcon selection, i.e., it would first apply to a possible 1989 NASFiC.

This motion provides that NASFiC site selection take place in the year following that in which an overseas Worldcon is selected, i.e., two years before the date of the NASFiC in question; and that the voting be administered by that year's NASFiC if there happens to be one.

ITEM 4:

MOVED, to amend Article IV, Section 4, of the WSFS Constitution by adding, after the words"... Newly Revised":

(or the equivalent Meeting Rules authority in the country of the current Worldcon, provided that such authority must be specified when a site-selection bid is filed)

This would allow substitutes for Robert's Rules to be used for Business Meetings held outside the U.S.

ITEM 5:

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

A) Replace all occurrences of "interim Continental Convention" and "Continental Convention" with "NASFiC", except for the first occurrence, which shall be replaced with "North American Science Fiction Convention (hereinafter referred to as NASFiC)".

B) Insert the following item in Article I, Section 2, after item C:

To choose the locations and committees for the occasional North American Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as NASFiCs).

C) Insert "and NASFiC" after the second word in Article I, Section 6, and insert "NASFiC" into the list of marks in the notice whose publication is required by said section.

This would regularize the references to the NASFiC in the Constitution, and provide for entering "NASFiC" as a service mark. Section B above would be the first occurrence in the Constitution, and would thus render unnecessary the "first occurrence" clause of Section A. Note that if both items pass, the appropriate changes should also be made in Item 3 above.

ITEM 6:

MOVED, to amend Article III, Section 1, of the WSFS Constitution by inserting the following at the end of the third sentence:

except for five percent (5%) of the default voting fee per voter, which shall be turned over to the Standing Committee.

This would provide for automatic funding of the Standing Committee out of site-selection voting fees. Thus if Item 2 above passes the Standing Committee would receive \$1.00 per voter.

ITEM 7: Report of the WSFS Standing Committee: cf. WSFS Constitution, Article IV, Sections 5 and 6.

Current membership: elected till Aussiecon Two: Kent Bloom, Jim Gilpatrick, Ben Yalow; elected till Confederation: Don Eastlake (Chair), Leslie Turek, George Flynn; elected till 1987 Worldcon: Rick Katze, Willie Siros, Ross Pavlac; Worldcon Committee appointees: Peggy Rae Pavlat (1983), Craig Miller (1984), Jack Herman (1985), Penny Frierson (1986). Mailing address: P.O. Box 1270, Kendall Sq. Station, Cambridge, MA 02142, USA.

ITEM 8: Report of Special Committee on Worldcon Site Selection and Rotation.

Membership: Ross Pavlac (Chair), Craig Miller, Bob Hillis, Jack Herman, Ben Yalow, Tony Lewis, Malcolm Edwards pro tem (may nominate a replacement). Mailing address: Ross Pavlac, P.O. Box A3120, Chicago, IL 60690, USA.

ITEM 9: This motion has not been passed, but was referred to the Special Committee, to be reported back at Aussiecon Two. The Secretary has edited it to conform to the current style of the Constitution.

MOVED, to amend the WSFS Constitution as follows:

A) Replace the first two sentences of Article III, Section 6, with the following:

To ensure equitable distribution of Worldcon sites, the world is divided into two (2) zones as follows: Western, Manitoba, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mexico, Central America, and all territories west to sixty (60) degrees East of Greenwich; Eastern, Ontario, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, the West Indies, South America, and all territories east to sixty (60) degrees East of Greenwich. Worldcon sites shall alternate between the two zones.

B) Delete the first sentence of Article III, Section 7, and change the second sentence to read:

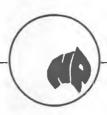
In the event of a Worldcon site outside of North America being selected, there shall be an interim Continental Convention in the North American portion of the zone whose turn it is, to be held in the same year as the overseas Worldcon.

PROVIDED THAT this plan, if adopted, will take effect with the 1987 selection of the 1990 (Western zone) Worldcon site.

As it now stands, this motion would (1) divide North America into two zones rather than the current three, with the division roughly along the Mississippi River; (2) extend these zones to cover the entire world, so that overseas bidders would no longer be free to bid in any year.

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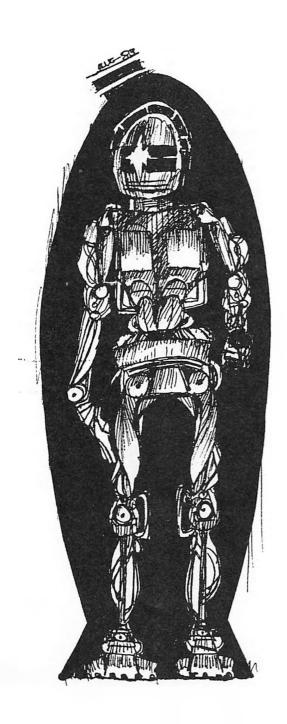
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The Hugo Awards and Others

The Hugo Awards are now such a part of science fiction tradition, and even more so, a part of the tradition of World Science Fiction Conventions, that it is hard to remember that Worldcons and Hugos haven't always gone together. The first Science Fiction Achievement Awards were not given (it says here) until the 11th World SF Convention, in Philadelphia in 1953.



What did those early Worldcons do without the Hugo Awards? Without the careful labour of issuing nomination forms and and voting ballots? Without the secretive agony of counting the votes? Without the sweat and nerves of the actual presentation ceremony? The worrying over which authors and fans would actually be there to pick up the awards, and who would need to nominate others to pick up the things for them? Without the hilarious embarrassment of having to shout out "Anyone here from Oregon?"

It's hard to imagine. Perhaps we should ask Forry Ackerman, one of the very first people to be given a Hugo.

But enough of this nonsense. Down to business. What are the Hugos?

The Hugos are the Annual Science Fiction Achievement Awards, named affectionately after Hugo Gernsback, who turned sfinto a popular genre in the 1920s. They are awarded by popular vote of the current members of the World Science Fiction Society — that is, the members of the current World SF Convention. Since 1959, nominations for the final ballot have also been by popular vote. Categories have varied over the years, but are determined by the World SF Society Constitution (printed elsewhere in this Handbook). Special Awards have also been awarded from time to time by convention committees to those thought particularly deserving.

The award is in the shape of a silver rocket ship, mounted on a base whose design is determined by the current Worldcon Committee.

Since 1973, Worldcon members have also voted for the John W. Campbell Award for the year's most outstanding new writer. The award commemorates the late John W. Campbell, arguably the greatest magazine editor the genre has produced, and someone renowned for his encouragement of new writers.

Following is a list of all the Hugo Awards and Campbell Awards that have been presented at Worldcons over the years, followed by a list of this year's nominees. The Hugo Awards this year will be presented at a special ceremony on Sunday night.

1953

Novel: The Demolished Man by Alfred Bester

Professional Magazine: Galaxy and Astounding (tie)

Excellence in Fact Articles: Willy Ley

Cover Artist: Ed Emshwiller and Hannes Bok (tie)

Interior Illustrator: Virgil Finlay New SF Author: Philip José Farmer

Number 1 Fan Personality: Forrest J Ackerman

1954

(No Awards Given)

1955

Novel: They'd Rather Be Right by Mark Clifton and

Frank Riley

Novelette: "The Darfsteller" by Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Short Story: "Allamagoosa" by Eric Frank Russell

Magazine: Astounding
Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Fan Magazine: Fantasy Times (James V. Taurasi, Sr.

and Ray Van Houten, eds.)

Special Award: Sam Moskowitz as "Mystery Guest"

and for his work on past conventions

1956

Novel: Double Star by Robert A. Heinlein

Novelette: "Exploration Team" by Murray Leinster

Short Story: "The Star" by Arthur C. Clarke

Feature Writer: Willy Ley
Magazine: Astounding
Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Fanzine: Inside & Science Fiction Advertiser

(Ron Smith ed.)

Most Promising New Author: Robert Silverberg

Book Reviewer: Damon Knight

1957

American Professional Magazine: Astounding

British Professional Magazine: New Worlds

Fan Magazine: Science-Fiction Times (James V. Taurasi,

Ray Van Houten, and Frank Prieto, eds.)

1958

Novel or Novelette: The Big Time by Fritz Leiber

Short Story: "Or All the Seas With Oysters" by Avram

Davidson

Outstanding Movie: The Incredible Shrinking Man

Magazine: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Outstanding Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Outstanding Actifan: Walter A. Willis

1959

Novel: A Case of Conscience by James Blish

Novelette: "The Big Front Yard" by Clifford D. Simak

Short Story: "That Hell-Bound Train" by Robert Bloch

SF or Fantasy Movie: No Award

Professional Magazine: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Amateur Magazine: Fanac (Ron Ellik

and Terry Carr, eds.)

New Author of 1958: No Award (Brian W. Aldiss

received a plaque as runner-up)

1960

Novel: Starship Troopers by Robert A. Heinlein

Short Fiction: "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes

Dramatic Presentation: The Twilight Zone

Professional Magazine: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Professional Artist: Ed Emshwiller

Fanzine: Cry of the Nameless (F. M. and Elinor Busby,

Burnett Toskey, and Wally Weber, eds.)

Special Award: Hugo Gernsback as "The Father of Magazine Science Fiction"

1961

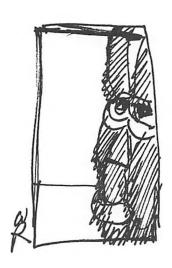
Novel: A Canticle for Leibowitz by Walter M. Miller, Jr.

Short Fiction: "The Longest Voyage" by Poul Anderson

Dramatic Presentation: The Twilight Zone Professional Magazine: Astounding/Analog

Professional Artist: Ed Emshwiller

Fanzine: Who Killed Science Fiction? (Earl Kemp, ed.)



1962

Novel: Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein

Short Fiction: the "Hothouse" series by Brian W. Aldiss

Dramatic Presentation: The Twilight Zone

Professional Magazine: Analog Professional Artist: Ed Emshwiller

Fanzine: Warhoon (Richard Bergeron, ed.)

Special Awards:

Cele Goldsmith for editing Amazing and Fantastic

Donald H. Tuck for The Handbook of Science Fiction and Fantasy

Fritz Leiber and the Hoffman Electronic Corp. for the use of science fiction in advertisements

1963

Novel: The Man in the High Castle by Philip K. Dick

Short Fiction: "The Dragon Masters" by Jack Vance

Dramatic Presentation: No Award

Professional Magazine: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Professional Artist: Roy G. Krenkel

Amateur Magazine: Xero (Richard and Pat Lupoff, eds.)

Special Awards:

P. Schuyler Miller for book reviews in Analog Isaac Asmiov for science articles in Fantasy & Science Fiction

1964

Novel: Way Station by Clifford D. Simak

Short Fiction: "No Truce With Kings" by Poul

Anderson

Professional Magazine: Analog
Professional Artist: Ed Emshwiller
SF Book Publisher: Ace Books

Amateur Magazine: Amra (George Scithers, ed.)

1965

Novel: The Wanderer by Fritz Leiber

Short Story: "Soldier, Ask Not" by Gordon R. Dickson

Special Drama: Dr. Strangelove

Magazine: Analog
Artist: John Schoenherr
Publisher: Ballantine

Fanzine: Yandro (Robert and Juanita Coulson, eds.)

1966

Novel: . . . And Call Me Conrad by Roger Zelazny, and Dune by Frank Herbert (tie)

Short Fiction: "'Repent, Harlequin!' Said the Ticktockman" by Harlan Ellison

Professional Magazine: If

Professional Artist: Frank Frazetta

Amateur Magazine: ERB-dom (Camille Cazedessus,

Jr., ed.

Best All-Time Series: the "Foundation" series by Isaac

Asimov

1967

Novel: The Moon is a Harsh Mistress by Robert A. Heinlein

Novelette: "The Last Castle" by Jack Vance Short Story: "Neutron Star" by Larry Niven

Dramatic Presentation: "The Menagerie" (Star Trek)

Professional Magazine: If

Professional Artist: Jack Gaughan

Fanzine: Niekas (Ed Meskys and Felice Rolfe, eds.)

Fan Writer: Alexei Panshin Fan Artist: Jack Gaughan

Special Award: CBS Television for 21st Century

1968

Novel: Lord of Light by Roger Zelazny

Novella: "Weyr Search" by Anne McCaffrey, and "Riders of the Purple Wage" by Philip Jose Farmer (tie)

Novelette: "Gonna Roll the Bones" by Fritz Leiber

Short Story: "I Have No Mouth, and I Must Scream" by Harlan Ellison

Dramatic Presentation: "City on the Edge of Forever" (Star Trek)

Professional Magazine: If

Professional Artist: Jack Gaughan
Fanzine: Amra (George Scithers, ed.)

Fan Writer: Ted White Fan Artist: George Barr

Special Awards:

Harlan Ellison for Dangerous Visions Gene Roddenberry for Star Trek

1969

Novel: Stand on Zanzibar by John Brunner Novella: "Nightwings" by Robert Silverberg

Novelette: "The Sharing of Flesh" by Poul Anderson

Short Story: "The Beast That Shouted Love at the Heart

of the World" by Harlan Ellison

Dramatic Presentation: 2001: A Space Odyssey
Professional Magazine: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Professional Artist: Jack Gaughan

Fanzine: Science Fiction Review (Richard E. Geis, ed.)

Fan Writer: Harry Warner, Jr.

Fan Artist: George Barr

Special Award: Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, and Michael Collins for "The Best Moon Landing

Ever"

1970

Novel: The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula K. Le Guin

Novella: "Ship of Shadows" by Fritz Leiber

Short Story: "Time Considered as a Helix of Semi-Precious Stones" by Samuel R. Delany

Dramatic Presentation: news coverage of Apollo XI Professional Magazine: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Fanzine: Science Fiction Review (Richard E. Geis, ed.)

Fan Writer: Bob Tucker Fan Artist: Tim Kirk

1971

Novel: Ringworld by Larry Niven

Novella: "Ill Met in Lankhmar" by Fritz Leiber

Short Story: "Slow Sculpture" by Theodore Sturgeon

Dramatic Presentation: No Award

Professional Magazine: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Professional Artist: Leo and Diane Dillon

Fanzine: Locus (Charlie and Dena Brown, eds.)

Fan Writer: Richard E. Geis Fan Artist: Alicia Austin

1972

Novel: To Your Scattered Bodies Go by Philip José Farmer

Novella: "The Queen of Air and Darkness" by Poul Anderson

Short Story: "Inconstant Moon" by Larry Niven

Dramatic Presentation: A Clockwork Orange

Professional Magazine: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Amateur Magazine: Locus (Charlie and Dena Brown, eds.)

Fan Writer: Harry Warner, Jr.

Fan Artist: Tim Kirk

Special Awards:

Harlan Ellison for excellence in anthologizing (Again, Dangerous Visions)

Club du Livre d'Anticipation (France) for excellence in book production

Nueva Dimension (Spain) for excellence in

magazine production



1973

Novel: The Gods Themselves by Isaac Asimov

Novella: "The Word for World Is Forest" by

Ursula K. Le Guin

Novelette: "Goat Song" by Poul Anderson

Short Story: "Eurema's Dam" by R. A. Lafferty and

"The Meeting" by Frederik Pohl and C. M. Kornbluth (tie)

Dramatic Presentation: Slaughterhouse-Five

Professional Editor: Ben Boya

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Amateur Magazine: Energumen (Mike Glicksohn

and Susan Wood Glicksohn, eds.)

Fan Writer: Terry Carr Fan Artist: Tim Kirk

Campbell Award: Jerry Pournelle

Special Award: Pierre Versins for L'Encylopedie de

l'Utopie et de la science fiction

1974

Novel: Rendezvous with Rama by Arthur C. Clarke

Novella: "The Girl Who Was Plugged In" by James Tiptree, Jr.

Novelette: "The Deathbird" by Harlan Ellison

Short Story: "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas"

by Úrsula K. Le Guin

Dramatic Presentation: Sleeper **Professional Editor:** Ben Bova

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Amateur Magazine: Algol (Andy Porter, ed.) and The Alien Critic (Richard E. Geis, ed.) (tie)

Fan Writer: Susan Wood Fan Artist: Tim Kirk

Campbell Award: Spider Robinson and Lisa Tuttle (tie)

Special Award: Chesley Bonestell for his illustrations

1975

Novel: The Dispossessed by Ursula K. Le Guin

Novella: "A Song for Lya" by George R. R. Martin

Novelette: "Adrift Just Off the Islets of Langerhans" by

Harlan Ellison

Short Story: "The Hole Man" by Larry Niven Dramatic Presentation: Young Frankenstein

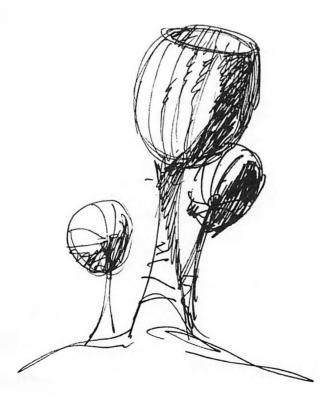
Professional Editor: Ben Bova

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Amateur Magazine: The Alien Critic

(Richard E. Geis, ed.)
Fan Writer: Richard E. Geis

Fan Artist: Bill Rotsler



Campbell Award: P. J. Plauger

Special Awards:

Donald A. Wollheim as "the fan who has done

everything"

Walt Lee for Reference Guide to Fantastic Films

1976

Novel: The Forever War by Joe Haldeman

Novella: "Home is the Hangman" by Roger Zelazny Novelette: "The Borderland of Sol" by Larry Niven Short Story: "Catch That Zeppelin!" by Fritz Leiber

Dramatic Presentation: A Boy and His Dog

Professional Editor: Ben Bova

Professional Artist: Frank Kelly Freas

Fanzine: Locus (Charlie and Dena Brown, eds.)

Fan Writer: Richard E. Geis

Fan Artist: Tim Kirk

Campbell Award: Tom Reamy

Special Award: James E. Gunn for Alternate Worlds, The Illustrated History of Science Fiction

1977

Novel: Where Late the Sweet Birds Sang by Kate Wilhelm

Novella: "By Any Other Name" by Spider Robinson, and "Houston, Houston, Do You Read?" by James Tiptree, Jr. (tie)

Novelette: "The Bicentennial Man" by Isaac Asimov

Short Story: "Tricentennial" by Joe Haldeman

Dramatic Presentation: No Award
Professional Editor: Ben Bova
Professional Artist: Rick Sternbach

Amateur Magazine: Science Fiction Review (Richard E.

Geis, ed.)

Fan Writer: Susan Wood and Richard E. Geis (tie)

Fan Artist: Phil Foglio

Campbell Award: C. J. Cherryh

Special Award: George Lucas for Star Wars

1978

Novel: Gateway by Frederik Pohl

Novella: "Stardance" by Spider and Jeanne Robinson

Novelette: "Eyes of Amber" by Joan D. Vinge Short Story: "Jeffty Is Five" by Harlan Ellison

Dramatic Presentation: Star Wars
Professional Editor: George H. Scithers
Professional Artist: Rick Sternbach

Amateur Magazine: Locus (Charlie and Dena Brown,

eds.)

Fan Writer: Richard E. Geis

Fan Artist: Phil Foglio

Campbell Award: Orson Scott Card

1979

Novel: Dreamsnake by Vonda McIntyre

Novella: "The Persistence of Vision" by John Varley

Novelette: "Hunter's Moon" by Poul Anderson

Short Story: "Cassandra" by C. J. Cherryh

Dramatic Presentation: Superman
Professional Editor: Ben Bova
Professional Artist: Vincent Dil'ate

Amateur Magazine: Science Fiction Review (Richard E.

Geis, ed.)

Fan Writer: Bob Shaw
Fan Artist: Bill Rotsler

Campbell Award: Stephen R. Donaldson

1980

Novel: The Fountains of Paradise by Arthur C. Clarke

Novella: "Enemy Mine" by Barry B. Longyear

Novelette: "Sandkings" by George R. R. Martin

Short Story: "The Way of Cross and Dragon" by George

R. R. Martin

Non-Fiction Book: The Science Fiction Encyclopedia

(Peter Nicholls, ed.)

Dramatic Presentation: Alien

Professional Editor: George H. Scithers

Professional Artist: Michael Whelan

Amateur Magazine: Locus (Charlie Brown. ed.)

Fan Writer: Bob Shaw
Fan Artist: Alexis Gilliland

Campbell Award: Barry B. Longyear

1981

Novel: The Snow Queen by Joan Vinge

Novella: "Lost Dorsai" by Gordon R. Dickson

Novelette: "The Cloak and the Staff" by

Gordon R. Dickson

Short Story: "Grotto of the Dancing Deer" by Clifford

D. Simak

Non-Fiction Book: Cosmos by Carl Sagan

Dramatic Presentation: The Empire Strikes Back

Professional Editor: Edward L. Ferman Professional Artist: Michael Whelan

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Amateur Magazine: Locus (Charlie Brown, ed.)

Fan Writer: Susan Wood
Fan Artist: Victoria Poyser

Campbell Award: Somtow Sucharitkul

1982

Novel: Downbelow Station by C. J. Cherryh

Novalla: "The Saturn Game" by Poul Anderson

Novelette: "Unicorn Variation" by Roger Zelazny

Short Story: "The Pusher" by John Varley

Non-Fiction Book: Danse Macabre by Stephen King

Dramatic Presentation: Raiders of the Lost Ark

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Amateur Magazine: Locus (Charlie Brown, ed.)

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Campbell Award: Alexis Gilliland

Special Award: Mike Glyer for "keeping the fan in

fanzine publishing"

1983

Novel: Foundation's Edge by Isaac Asimov

Novella: "Souls" by Joanna Russ

Novelette: "Fire Watch" by Connie Willis

Short Story: "Melancholy Elephants" by Spider

Robinson

Non-Fiction Book: Isaac Asimov: The Foundations of

Science Fiction by James Gunn

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Professional Editor: Edward L. Ferman
Professional Artist: Michael Whelan

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1984

Novel: Startide Rising by David Brin

Novella: "Cascade Point" by Timothy Zahn

Novelette: "Blood Music" by Greg Bear

Short Story: "Speech Sounds" by Octavia Butler

Non-Fiction Book: Encyclopedia of Science Fiction and

Fantasy, vol. III by Donald Tuck

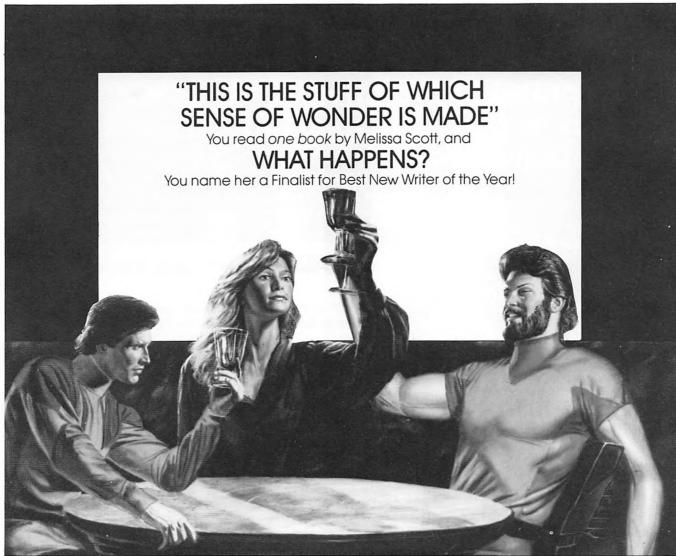
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1940	Chicago	Chicon I	Edward E. Smith, Ph.D.	Hotel Chicagoan	128	Mark Reinsberg
1941	Denver	Denvention [Robert A. Heinlein	Shirley Savoy Hotel	90	Olan F. Wiggins
1946	Los Angeles	Pacifon I	A. E. van Vogt	Park View Manor	130	Walter J. Daugherty
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1947	Philadelphia	Philcon I	John W. Campbell, Jr.	Penn Sheraton Hotel	200	Milton Rothman
1948	Toronto	Torcon l	Robert Bloch (pro)	RAI Purdy Studios	200	Ned McKeown
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1949	Cincinnati	Cinvention	Lloyd A. Eshback (pro)	Hotel Metropole	190	Don Ford ¹
			Ted Carnell (fan)	•		
1950	Portland	NORWESCON	Anthony Boucher	Multnomah Hotel	400	Donald B. Day
1951	New Orleans	Nolacon	Fritz Leiber	St. Charles Hotel	190	Harry B. Moore
1952	Chicago	TASFiC ²	Hugo Gernsback	Hotel Morrison	870	Julian C. May
1953	Philadelphia	11th Worldcon ³	Willy Ley	Bellevue Stratford Hotel	750	Milton Rothman⁴
1954	San Francisco	SFCon	John W. Campbell, Jr.	Sir Francis Drake Hotel	700	Lester Cole
4055	01 1 1	C1 (1			200	Gary Nelson
1955	Cleveland	Clevention	Isaac Asimov (pro)	Manger Hotel	380	Nick Falasca
			Sam Moskowitz			Noreen Falasca
1056	New York	NEWYORCON5	(Mystery GoH) Arthur C. Clarke	Diltmose Hetel	950	David A. Kyle
1956 1957	London	Loncon I	John W. Campbell, Jr.	Biltmore Hotel King's Court Hotel	850 268	Ted Carnell
1957	South Gates	Solacon	Richard Matheson	Alexandria Hotel	322	Anna S. Moffatt
1959	Detroit	Detention	Poul Anderson (pro)	Pick Fort Shelby Hotel	371	Roger Sims
1555	Detroit	Detention	John Berry (fan)	rick roll Sileiby riolei	371	Fred Prophet
1960	Pittsburgh	Pittcon	James Blish	Penn Sheraton Hotel	568	Dirce Archer
1961	Seattle	Seacon	Robert A. Heinlein	Hyatt House	300	Wally Weber
1962	Chicago	Chicon III	Theodore Sturgeon	Pick Congress Hotel	550	Earl Kemp
1963	Washington, D.C.	Discon I	Murray Leinster	Statler Hilton Hotel	600	George Scithers
1964	Oakland	Pacificon II	Edmond Hamilton and	Hotel Leamington	523	J. Ben Stark
			Leigh Brackett (pro)			Al haLevy
			Forrest J. Ackerman (fan)			
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1966	Cleveland ⁷	Tricon	L. Sprague de Camp	Sheraton Cleveland Hotel	850	Ben Jason ⁷
1967	New York	Nycon 3	Lester del Rey (pro)	Statler Hilton Hotel	1500	Ted White
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1968	Oakland	Baycon	Philip Jose Farmer (pro)		1430	Bil Donaho
			Walter J. Daugherty (fan)			Alva Rogers Joyce Fisher
1969	St. Louis	St. Louiscon	Jack Gaughan (pro)	Chase Park Plaza	1534	Ray Fisher
1909	St. Louis	St. Louiscon	Eddie Jones (TAFF) ⁸	Chase I dik I laza	1334	Joyce Fisher
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			Herbert W. Franke (Ger.)	l .		
			Elliot K. Shorter (fan)			
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1972	Los Angeles	L.A.Con I	Frederik Pohl (pro)	International Hotel	2007	Charles Crayne
			Robert and Juanita			Bruce Pelz
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1973	Toronto	Torcon 2	Robert Bloch (pro)	Royal York Hotel	2900	John Millard
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1975	Melbourne	Aussiecon One	Ursula K. Le Guin (pro)	Southern Cross Hotel	606	Robin Johnson
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			Glicksohn (fan)			
			Donald Tuck (Australian)		
1976	Kanas City, Mo.	MidAmeriCon	Robert A. Heinlein (pro)	Radisson Muehleback	2800	Ken Keller
			George Barr (fan)	Hotel and Phillips House		
1977	Miami Beach	SunCon	Jack Williamson (pro)	Hotel Fontainebleau	2050	Don Lundry
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1978	Phoenix	IguanaCon ⁹	Harlan Ellison (pro)	Hyatt Regency and	4700	Tim Kyger
			Bill Bowers (fan)	Adams Hotels, Phoenix		
				Convention Centre and Symphony Hall		
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			Wilhelm (pro)	Hynes Civic Auditorium		
			Bruce Pelz (fan)			

1981	Denver	Denvention Two	C. L. Moore and Clifford D. Simak (pro) Rusty Hevelin (fan)	Denver Hilton Hotel	3792	Suzanne Carnival Don C. Thompson
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1985	Melbourne	Aussiecon Two	Gene Wolfe (pro) Ted White (fan)	Southern Cross Hotel, Victoria Hotel, Sheraton Hotel	?	David Grigg

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3(1953) Popularly known as Philcon II.

(1953) Replaced James A. Williams as Chairman upon Williams' death.

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^a(1966) Replaced Ted White, who withdrew ad Fan Guest of Honour to dramatize the TAFE winner.

10(1984) Like South Gate, part of the greater Los Angeles area.

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7(1966) Officially jointly hosted by Cleveland, Detroit, and Cincinnati (hence "Tricon"), with Detroit's Howard De Vore and Cincinnati's Lou Tabakow as Associate Chairmen.

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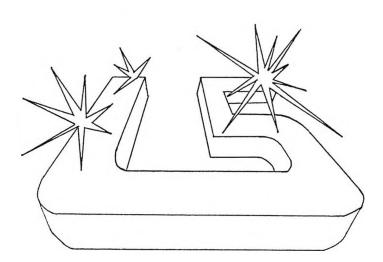
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