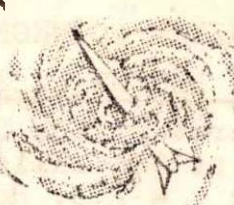


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HUGO AWARDS FOR 1964—World Convention - Pacificon

The Hugo Award for the best Novel this year went to Clifford Simak's 'WAY STATION' available here in the Gollancz edition. Original titles 'Here Gather the Stars' in Galaxy. Poul Anderson won for the best short story with 'NOTRUCES WITH KINGS' from F&SF. 'ANALOG' was picked as the best magazine. AMRA published by George Scithers as best fanzine. ACE Books as best PB series and Ed EMSH as best artist.

The next world con will be held in LONDON.

(Fantasy Times Sept. 64)

SPACE

We all new long before it started that space travel was inevitable but who would have believed things would develop as fast as they have. No doubt they would not have gone so fast if it was not for the rivalry of the U.S.A and the Russians. I think that the Americans are slowly catching up on the Russians but the test will no doubt be who gets to the moon first. We have seen many of the NASA films at the MSF Club and it is really fantastic the scope of what they are doing. We would very much like to see some compareable Russian films.

I have just finished reading a book by Martin Caiden called MAROONED. It is the story of an American Mercury space shot which fails and the pilot is unable to land the capsule. The Russians attempt a rescue but owing to a last small hitch they just cant make it. Finally with his oxygen rapidly running out the astronaut is rescued by his stand in a hastily built Gemini. The best part of this book is the technical detail, which has to be read to be believed. It should be too as the author was assisted by NASA personal. I hear they are going to make a movie of it at Paramount and as they made a fair job of CONQUEST OF SPACE except for a few glaring errors, it should be good. It may also encourage other movie makers to be more accurate in their space movies.

MOVIES

While on the subject of films we have on in Melbourne at the moment a film titled SPACEMAN. It is either French or German with the English voices dubbed in. The colouring, backdrops and mockups generally are quite good. However it is spoilt by the usual unscientific plot and the many technical errors which occur. When they learn to stick to the known facts or at least the accepted theories maybe we will see some decent sf films. MAROONED we hope will if taken from the book be a step in the right direction. Recently seen at the drive-ins but not in the city yet was ROBINSON CRUSOE ON MARS which I believe is quite good. At least there is not a woman in sight which is quite a change for Hollywood.

Up until 'Conquest of Space' and 'Destination' Moon all sf movies seemed to be grouped with horror. Consequently most sf movies are not complete without the inevitable monster. Even 'This Island Earth' and 'Forbidden Planet' had them. Incidentally the invisible monster did not show in the Australian version but I believe he did in the U.S. one. Stupid isn't it? Yet they allow things like horror movie of the three Poe stories the name of which escapes me for the moment, with some of the most horrifying scenes I have seen in a movie. Surely 'the Fly' cant be worse. As for the OUTER LIMITS on TV! Rubbish! I heard we were going to see some good sf on TV. Oh yeh! FAVOURITE MARTIAN though corny is really smooth and I hope it keeps going indefinitely.

Bert CHANDLER who is becoming more prolific than ever has one book just out from Ace and another in the offing, plus a hard cover GLORY PLANET from Avalon has had a nibble for movie rights on one of his books. Let us hope the movie people come good.

NEW and RECENT PAPER BACKS Available in the U.S.A. :

The Secret of the Sinharat	-Bracket	ACE D	New	IB 40c	5/3
People of the Talisman	-Bracket				
Almuric	- R.E. Howard	Ace	NinPB	40c	5/3
The Bloody Sun	- Bradley	Ace	New	40c	5/3
The Radio Beasts	-R.M.Farley	Ace	New	IPB40c	5/3
Earth's Last Citedal	Moore & Kutner	Ace	NIPB	40c	5/3
Warrior of Llarn	Fox	Ace	NIPB	40c	5/3
Judgement on Janus	Norton	Ace	New	40c	5/3
The Golden People	Saberhagen,				
Exile from Kanadu	Wright	Ace D	New	40c	5/3
City at Worlds End	Hamilton	Crest	RP	45c	4/9
Deadly Litter	White	Ballantine	New	50c	6/-
Scho X	Barzman	PBL	RP	50c	6/-
The GLORY ROAD	Heinlein	Avon	NIPB	75c	8/6
Masters of SF	Anderson etc	Belmont	NITE	50c	6/-
The Menace from Earth	Heinlein	Signet	NIPB	50c	6/-
The Planet Buyer	C.Smith	Pyramid	New	50c	6/-
Shock 2	Matheson	Dell	New	50c	6/-
The World Grabbers	Fairman	Monarch	New		
No Man on Earth	Moudy	Berkley	New		
* The Thousand Headed Man	Robeson	Bantam	New	IPB	
* Meteor Menace	Robeson	Bantam	NIPB		
* Man of Bronze	Robeson	Bantam	NIPB		
Apollo at Go	Sutton	Pop Lib	New		
Big Book of SF	Conklin	Berkley	RP		
The Penultimate Truth	Dick	Belmont	New		
Transit	Cooper	Lancer	New	IPB	
Burning World	Ballard	Berkley	New		
The Lad and the Lion	Burroughs	Ballantine	NIPB		
Transfinite Man	Kapp(Lambda 1)	Berkley	New		
Alien Worlds	Elwood	Pap Lib	New		
Mutiny in Space	Davidson	Pyr	New		
The Reefs of Space	Pohl and Williamson	Ball	NIPB		
Time Twisters	Holly	Avon	New		
Deathworld2 (Ethical Engineer)					
Ghosts of Manacle	Harrison	Bantam	New		
Central Passage	Finney	Pyramid	New		
Blind Spot	Schoonover	Dell	New		
Clans of the Alphane Moon	Hall & Flint	Ace	NIPB		
The Radio Planet	Dick	Ace	New		
A Brand New World	Farley	Ace	NIPB		
The Universe Against Her	Cummings	Ace	NIPB		
The Beast Master	Schmitz	Ace	NIPB		
Coils of Time	Norton	Ace	RP		
Into the Alternate Universe	CHANDLER	ACE D	NEW		
Message from the Eogene	St Clair	Ace	New		
Swordsmen in the Sky	Wollheim	Ace	New		
Divide and Rule	de Camp	Lancer	NIPB	50c	
Galactic Patrol	E.E.SMITH	Pyramid	NIPB	50c	
The Killing Machine	Vance	Berkley	New		
Rogue Moon	Budrys	G.M.	RP		
Space, Time and Crime	M.Allen de Ford	PBL	New	50c	
The Unending Night	G.H.Smith	Mon	New	40c	
Who Fears the Devil	M.W.Wellman	Ball	NIPB	50c	

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That will be all for this issue. At a rough guess I would say there has been published over the last three or four months close to a hundred new paperbacks in the US. Many are classics we have been waiting for for years like van Vogt's BOOK of PTAH (200 Million AD) and Smith's GALACTIC PATROL and there are many others published for the first time in pb. It is a wonder that any of the mags can keep going against this competition. English publishers also are stepping things up a bit. A list of all the new British titles is included in McGill's advert.

* All Doc Savage stories which should mean something to the prewar readers.

RP - reprint New - new novel or new anthology

NIPB - new in pb and not published before in pb - as far as I know.



Melbourne SF Club

CLUB REPORT DECEMBER 1964

Another year has almost passed and I must admit a not very successful one. Little has been done to actually improve the club except to the library which now has ample space to expand for a while yet. However a lot of work remains to be done on the library and I hope we can make a start on it early in the new year. We are still adding mainly paperbacks at an average of six a week but we are expecting soon quite a lot of back issues of magazines. The main worry is recatalogueing all the mags and checking off what we need. The books also are in a bad state with numerous titles overdue and missing. Please check your shelves and return any library items you have now!

The film Group has a few good nights but on the whole has not had a good year. The choice of films no doubt is the main problem. We will show as many SF and fantasy films as we can but we will have to show others as well. For the time being we will continue to show films on the Friday night but we will from time to time have short films on Club nights as well. Besides the NASA films and the state library we are making enquiries about oil company films who I believe have some very good stuff. We can show some of their motor racing films if enough people are interested.

It has been decided that from the first meeting next year we will be meeting on Wednesday nights not Thursdays. We will still be holding the Film nights on Fridays. The first meeting in the new year will be WEDNESDAY January 6th 1965. There will be no meeting on Christmas Eve. The last club meeting this year will be Thursday December 17th. There is a film show come Christmas party on FRIDAY the 18th. The movie is an English comedy with I believe a slight touch of fantasy called THE PERFECT WOMEN

Starring Patricia Roc and
and Stanley Holloway

We take this opportunity to wish all club members and friends
A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

M. Binns /Sect

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BOOKSELLERS, ADVERTISERS, STATIONERS, AND
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183-185, 218 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. C.1

RECENT and FORTHCOMING ADDITIONS TO OUR SCIENCE FICTION and FANTASY LIST

MANDRAKE	Cooper	(Hodder & St.)	20/-
WITH A STRANGE DEVICE	Russell	(Dobson)	19/-
THE UNPLEASANT PROFESSION			
of JONATHAN HOAG	Heinlein	..	20/-
COUNTERFEIT MAN	Nourse	..	19/-
REVOLT IN 2100	Heinlein	(Gollancz)	20/-
BEYOND THE BARRIER	Knight	..	19/-
COUNTERFEIT WORLD	Galouye	..	19/-
CYCLE OF FIRE	Clement	..	19/-
The ETHICAL ENGINEER	Harrison	..	20/- *
INTRODUCING SF	Aldiss	(Faber)	20/- *
GREYBEARD	Aldiss	..	19/-
The PARADOX MEN	Harness	..	23/-
The SYNDIC	Kornbluth	..	20/- *
The MACHINERIES of JOY	Bradbury	(Hart Davis)	32/-
MOON BASE	Tubb	(H. Jenkins)	15/6
The DEEP REACHES of SPACE	Chandler	..	15/6
NEW WRITINGS IN SF	Carnell	(Dobson)	-
SF HORIZONS	Boardman	..	20/- *
SPACEBORN	Wright	(Jenkins)	16/- *
TERMINAL BEACH	Ballard	(Gollancz)	20/- *
TIME and the STARS	Anderson	..	20/-
The WORLDS of SF	Mills	..	20/- *
SATURDAY EVENING POST BOOK OF FANTASY & SF		(Souvenir)	32/-
ANDROMEDA BREAKTHROUGH	Hoyle & Elliot	..	20/- *
The FOOLS of TIME	Barrett	(Heinemann)	30/- *
UNDINE	Young	(H.H. Allen)	26/6
The BIG SWITCH	Box	(Macdonald)	-
The WORLD WAS MINE	T.E.B. Clarke	(Bodley Head)	-
The MAIN EXPERIMENT	C.H. Williams	(Hodder)	-
MAROONED	Caiden	..	21/6

- * Not yet received. Prices only approximate.

A LIFE FOR THE STARS	Blish	(Faber)	19/-
JUDGEMENT ON JANUS	Norton	(Gollancz)	19/-
NEVER LET UP	Maine	(Hodder)	19/-
CLOUD ON SILVER	Christopher	..	23/-
WAY STATION	Simak	(Gollancz)	20/-
<u>REDUCED</u>			
WHEN THEY COME FROM SPACE	Clifton		5/-
GHOST SHIP	Middleton		5/-
Isle of Lies	Sheil		5/-
Silent Speakers	Sellings		5/-
Haunted Women	Shiel		5/-

PAPER BACKS: New and recent titles

Countdown - Maine (Corgi)	6/-	Grey Aliens -Holly (Mayfl)	4/-
Five weeks in a Balloon-verne (Panther)-	6/-		
Black Diamonds -Verne (Panther),	6/-		
Best from F&SF Mills (Panther)-	6/-		
And So Ends the World -Pape (Panther)	6/-		
The Other Worlds - Bond (Mayflower)	4/-		
Out of Time - Langelan (Four Square)	6/-		
When They Come from Space -Clifton (Four Square)	6/-		
The Master -White (Penguin)	5/6	Yet More Penguin SF -Aldiss	5/6
Tales of the Frightened-Karloff (Mayflower)	4/-		
Cosmic Crusade-Saxon (Consul-)	4/-		
Beyond Infinity -Nourse	4/-		
Valley of Spiders -Wells fontana	6/-		

NEW MAGAZINES: Treasury of Great SF (from TWS & Startling) 4/6
Magazine of Horror (US) No 6 6/-
SPACEMAN YEARBOOK (Movie Stills & Stories) 1964 6/-