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welcome.

From the Also-Editor:

It falls to me to share with you something pithy here within this small frame of introductory text, as Mindy has been burning the midnight oil updating various convention lists for both the *Gazette* and our own site over at SciFi4Me.

I've had the opportunity to think about the political landscape (no, I'm not going there...) and the emergence of a movement focused on "unity" of sorts, and that's a grand notion, isn't it? It got me thinking about our enthusiasms, this thing called scientificion, sci-fi, and such. Fantasy, too, yes along with horror. And I wonder if "unity" might be something worth any effort in fandom.

I know, this kind of fracturing has been going on since the very beginning when the Futurian Society took on the New Fandom all the way back in the 1930s – and *that* rivalry had at least one foot firmly planted in a political argument, as well! – so I'm not stretching my imagination to cotton the notion that this kind of thing will always be part of fandom.

Now, some may glom onto the idea that the social medias have made it worse, but I tend to think it just made things easier and more visible. The feuds of the past were relegated to various fanzines such as this one, conventions and meetings, various letters sent back and forth, etc. The internet – what a wonderful and hideous invention! – just made it easier to fan the flames of discord.

Currently, there's a brouhaha involving the animated series *X-Men '97*, and there are efforts to deplatform and demonetize various YouTube personalities who have heatedly criticized *The Acolyte*. The trailers for the new *Star Trek: Section 31* and the *Minecraft* movie have been roundly castigated and rejected. It begs the question: is anyone actually a fan of any of this stuff anymore?

Back then, the conflict flourished in an era before the world exploded into war. And now? Well, it looks like we're on the brink yet again. The arguments may have changed somewhat in substance and motivation, but it's still the "same song, different verse" – but take heart! We survived those feuds, and we'll survive the ones we have now. Just in time, I'm sure, for the next round.

~ Jason

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2024 Dragon Award Winners Announced

Jason P Hunt

During the 2024 Dragon*Con weekend held in Atlanta over the Labor Day weekend, the annual Dragon Award winners were announced. Recognizing "excellence in all things Science Fiction and Fantasy," the Dragon Awards are determined by fans and are given to those who have contributed in the categories of books, games, comic books, television shows, and movies. There are no requirements for participation other than to register and confirm an e-mail to fill out a ballot.

Winners are marked in red.

Best Science Fiction Novel

- *Beyond the Ranges* by John Ringo, James Aidee
- *Starter Villain* by John Scalzi
- *System Collapse* by Martha Wells
- *The Jinn-Bot of Shantiport* by Samit Basu
- *The Saint of Bright Doors* by Vajra Chandrasekera
- *Theft of Fire* by Devon Eriksen
- *These Burning Stars* by Bethany Jacobs

Best Fantasy Novel (Including Paranormal)

- *He Who Drowned the World* by Shelley Parker-Chan
- *House of Open Wounds* by Adrian Tchaikovsky
- *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros
- *My Brother's Keeper* by Tim Powers
- *The Water Outlaws* by S.L. Huang
- *Three Kinds of Lucky* by Kim Harrison

Best Young Adult / Middle Grade Novel

- *Death Lord Arcanist* by Shami Stovall
- *Hideki Smith, Demon Queller* by A.J. Hartley, Hisako Osako, Kuma Hartley
- *Homecoming in Black* by J.M. Anjewierden
- *Midnight at the Houdini* by Delilah S. Dawson
- *So Let Them Burn* by Kamilah Cole
- *The Spirit Bares Its Teeth* by Andrew Joseph White

Best Alternate History Novel

- *1638: The Sovereign States* by Eric Flint, Paula Goodlett, Gorg Huff
- *All the Dead Shall Weep* by Charlaine Harris
- *Cahokia Jazz* by Francis Spufford
- *Dirty Water* by Tom Kratman
- *Devil's Battle* by Taylor Anderson
- *The Wages of Sin* by Harry Turtledove

Best Horror Novel

- *Black River Orchard* by Chuck Wendig
- *Dead Storm Rising* by Shane Gries
- *Double Dose* by F. Paul Wilson
- *The Dead Take the A Train* by Richard Kadrey, Cassandra Khaw
- *The Hollow Dead* by Darcy Coates
- *The Reformatory* by Tananarive Due

Best Illustrative Book Cover

- *Beyond Enemies* by Sam R. Kennedy
- *Of Jade and Dragons* by Kelly Chong
- *Yumi and the Nightmare Painter* by Aliya Chen
- *Dragonesque* by Justin Adams
- *The Silverblood Promise* by Jeff Brown

Best Comic Book / Graphic Novel

- *Batman* by Chip Zdarsky, Jorge Jimenez
- *Canary* by Scott Snyder, Dan Panosian
- *Monstress* by Marjorie Liu, Sana Takeda
- *Nightwing* by Tom Taylor, Bruno Redondo
- *Wonder Woman* by Tom King, Daniel Sampere
- *X-Men: Forever* by Kieron Gillen, Luca Maresca

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy TV Series, TV or Internet

- *3 Body Problem*, Netflix
- *Ahsoka*, Disney+
- *Fallout*, Amazon Prime Video
- *For All Mankind*, Apple TV+
- *Good Omens*, Amazon Prime Video
- *House of the Dragon*, HBO
- *Loki*, Disney+
- *Monarch: Legacy of Monsters*, Apple TV+
- *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*, Paramount+

Best Science Fiction or Fantasy Movie

- *Dune: Part Two* by Denis Villeneuve
- *Barbie* by Greta Gerwig
- *Godzilla Minus One* by Takashi Yamazaki
- *Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga* by George Miller
- *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Francis Lawrence
- *Wonka* by Paul King

Best Digital Game

- *Baldur's Gate 3*, Larian Studios
- *Starfield*, Bethesda Game Studios
- *Alan Wake 2*, Remedy Entertainment
- *Dragon's Dogma 2*, Capcom
- *Elden Ring: Shadow of the Erdtree*, FromSoftware
- *Helldivers 2*, Arrowhead Game Studios

Best Tabletop Game

- *Cascadia: Landmarks*, Flatout Games
- *Dune: Imperium – Uprising*, Dire Wolf
- *Magic: The Gathering Wilds of Eldraine*, Wizards of the Coast
- *Disney Lorcana*, Ravensburger
- *Gloomhaven: Buttons & Bugs*, Cephalofair Games
- *D&D The Deck of Many Things*, Wizards of the Coast





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Writers &
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of the Future

Third-quarter winners announced for Volume 41!
Plus, the latest news and updates from Writers & Illustrators of the Future.

Third-quarter Writers of the Future:

First Place – TR Naus from Virginia
Second Place – Ian Keith from Arizona
Third Place – Joel C. Scoberg from Wales

Third-quarter Illustrators of the Future:

John Barlow from Minnesota
HeatherAnne Lee from New York
Breanda Audrey Petsch from Colorado

To view the complete list of Finalists, Semi-Finalists, Silver Honorable Mentions, and Honorable Mentions, go to the winners' blog on our web site, www.writersofthefuture.com. Congratulations to all!

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Introducing Little Nemo

Robert Jennings

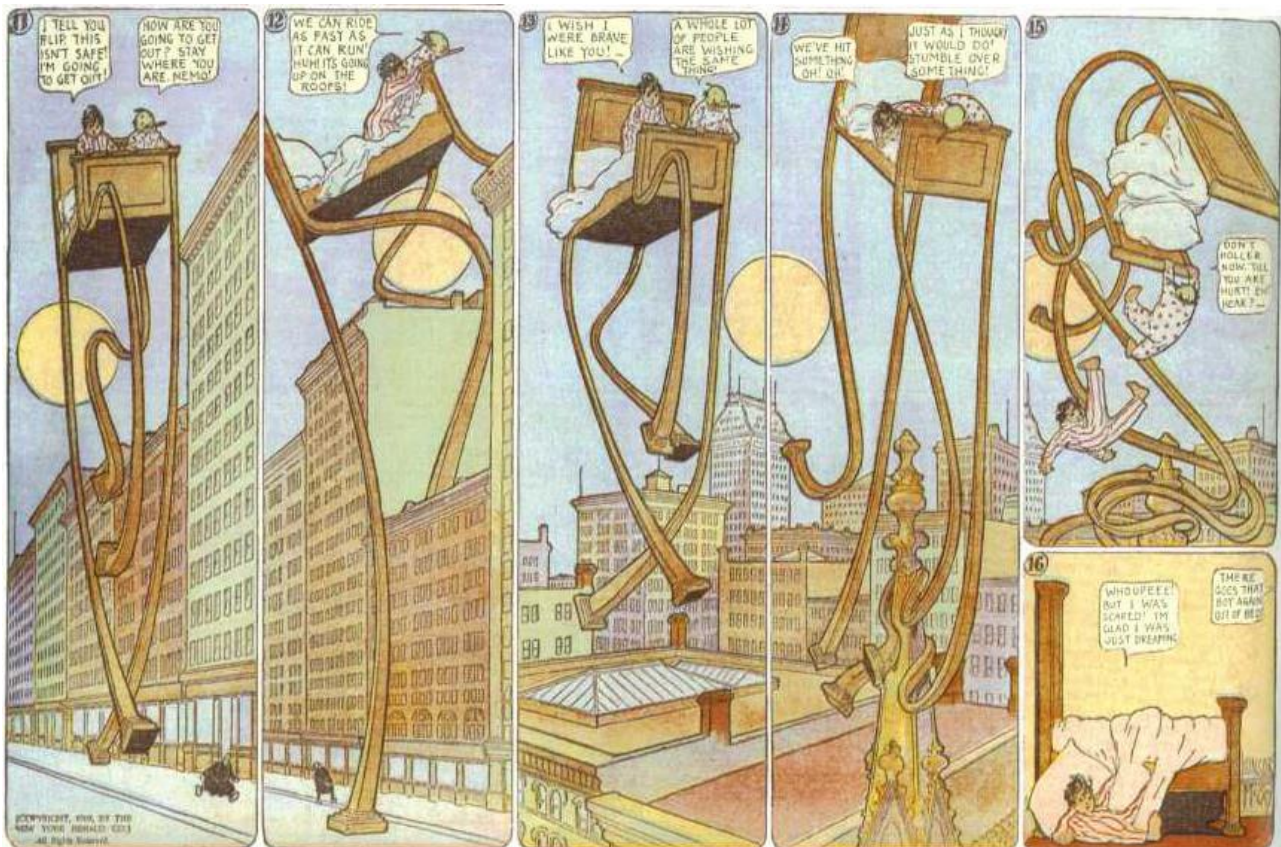
October 15, 1905 marked the first appearance of *Little Nemo in Slumberland*, one of the most influential comic strips ever published. Created by Winsor McKay, this full-page full color newspaper appeared in the Sunday *New York Herald* and dealt with the adventures of Nemo, a young boy, and his dream adventures. Rendered in detailed *Art Nouveau* style, the comic strip featured unique panel developments, a brilliant range of colors, and a surrealistic fantasy style that make it instantly captivating, particularly to adults.

The strip dealt with Nemo's dream adventures as he is summoned to meet the Princess of Dreamland to be her playmate. Constant problems develop along the way, and the page always ended with Nemo waking up, sometimes by falling out of bed, sometimes by making so much restless noise that Nemo's parents wake him to ask what the problem was.

It took a long time following many months of story lines before Nemo was actually able to meet the Princess. His quest was often interrupted by Flip, a green faced, cigar smoking clown who was determined to thwart Nemo's plans. As the story progressed Flip became Nemo's friend, but his bungling and rude behavior often led to Nemo waking up at a critical point in the weekly adventures. Several years later the pair were joined by an African Imp, who was mute, but whose rambunctious behavior always caused trouble for Nemo.

The art style, the fantastic adventures, the visual symbolism and the whole surrealistic tone of the feature made it an immediate hit with the readership of the *New York Herald* and propelled its creator to international fame.

Born in either 1870 or 1871, Winsor McKay was an exceptional artist who developed his artistic skills and focus at a very young age, despite the efforts of his parents to guide him into a business education and a career in retailing. McCoy could draw very fast, and had an almost photographic memory which enabled him to draw scenes and faces he had only briefly seen. He drew portraits of customers at dime museums, carnivals, and sideshows, graduating to doing posters, advertising, promotional flyers and anything else involved with art. He married young; to a fourteen-year-old girl he had met and fallen in love with at first sight while he was drawing portraits at a sideshow. They had three children. His young son Robert became the model for Nemo.



After several years of skipping around the north eastern part of the country involved in many types of art jobs, McCay landed a staff position at the *New York Herald* in 1903.

McCay did all kinds of art for the *Herald*, including editorial cartoons, newspaper sketches, and advertising along with illos for their features and fiction sections. He had created several comic strips for the New York Herald before he invented Little Nemo. The most successful of these were “Little Sammy Sneeze”, an innovative strip that features the bizarre consequences of a younger’s inability to control when and where he might sneeze.

“The Dreams of a Rarebit Fiend” that followed was even more popular, offering panels of unusual fantasy adventures set in the real-life world. When the protagonist woke up, he always attributed his dream to having eaten Welch Rarebit before bedtime. “The Dreams of a Rarebit Fiend” laid the groundwork for *Little Nemo*. “Rarebit Fiend” continued running at the same time *Nemo* was being published, only ending in 1911 when McCay left the *Herald*.



At the turn of the 20th century the *New York Herald* had the best color publishing processes in the country, and McCay made full use of them to add remarkable mixes of color to his *Little Nemo* comic strip. He personally handled all the color separations and provided detailed notes on exactly how and where different screen and overlays were to be used to produce the exact color effects he wanted.

McCay was a restless creative genius who used his artistic abilities to create acts for vaudeville, and was a significant pioneer in the development of film animation, doing almost all the artwork himself. His most successful animation was *Gertie the Dinosaur*, which used a rear-projected film animation of a Brontosaurus that McCay interacted with in his on-stage vaudeville act.

Over the following years he produced many additional animated films, including one based on *Little Nemo*, but they often failed to return the cost of making them due to erratic distribution or dated subject matter. For example, his animated film about the sinking of the *Lusitania* was initially very successful, but as world news events moved on the public quickly lost interest in the film.

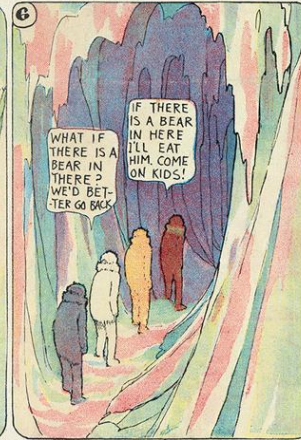
Viewing the prodigious amount of artwork he produced, as well as his work in animation, and his vaudeville and special stage acts one wonders when the guy had time to sleep.

In 1911 McCay left the *Herald* for the Hearst newspaper *The New York American*, at a much larger salary. He took the characters from *Little Nemo* with him. The *Herald* held the copyright on the strip, but McCay successfully sued and retained the rights to the actual characters. At the *American* the strip was titled *In the Land of Wonderful Dreams*. Under that title the feature ran until 26 July 1914.

The Hearst editors were more demanding than the people at the *Herald* had been. McCay drew lots of editorial cartoons, often expressing sentiments he did not agree with. The editors demanded he stop appearing in vaudeville shows except around the New York city and immediate vicinity, claiming it interfered with the quality of his work for the paper. When McCay objected, Hearst boosted his salary to make up for the loss in income. Hearst wanted McCay to appear at the office every day to get assignments for the daily editorial cartoons and work with the other members of the newspaper art staff. McCay did not get along with some of that art staff or a few of the editorial staff who had little respect for mere artists. The Hearst editors were furious when they discovered McCay was spending a lot of his time at home working on more animated films, and gave him additional advertising assignments to help fill up his time.

McCay left Hearst in 1924, reportedly because he did not receive a promised \$5,000 bonus. He returned to the *New York Herald Tribune* who welcomed him with an even more generous salary and immediately made plans to resume *Little Nemo* in its Sunday papers. Unfortunately, McCay seems to have lost interest in *Nemo*.

LITTLE NEMO IN SLUMBERLAND



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WINSOR McCAY

IN THE LAND OF WONDERFUL DREAMS

Flip Is Made Duke of the Lilliputians!

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He continued to be fascinated by animation, and with vaudeville in which he invested most of his time. The revived *Little Nemo in Slumberland* still used innovative colors but the panels were laid out in solid blocks, the same every single week, and the stories were more pedestrian, with Nemo himself often an observer rather than the focus of the feature, and there was no continuity story plots. The public response was lackluster, and the feature was discontinued in early January 1927. Because of the lack of interest McCay was able to buy the rights to *Little Nemo* from the *Herald* for one dollar.

In 1928 McCay rejoined the Hearst *New York American* staff, at an even higher salary, and with more freedom. The paper was interested in using his art talents to illustrate hot-topic news features where photographs might not be available, or even allowed. One of his big successes in that area was his realistic drawings of the scene of the Lindbergh kidnapping made from his visual observations. No photographers were allowed at the crime location, but McCay and Hearst's son Bill had arrived before the police declared a news blackout and erected a media barricade.

In 1929 an executive for the American Tobacco Company offered McCay a contact to draw magazine and newspaper ads for a major cigarette ad campaign they were planning, promising him a payment "in excess" of the total yearly salary he was receiving from the *American*. When McCay informed the paper of the deal they immediately objected to his participating, pointing out that his contract specifically forbade him from taking on any outside work. That executive decision lasted less than a week. The representative from American Tobacco stormed the *American* offices and told the editor he would pull all of the American Tobacco advertising from all the Hearst papers unless McCay was allowed to do advertising work for them. A signed contract was speedily drawn up specifically allowing McCay to do work for American Tobacco.

McCay had enjoyed continued good health for his whole life, but suffered a cerebral embolism on 26 July 1934 while at home. He died a few hours later with his wife and family at his bedside. Thruout his life McCay had lived a lavish life style. The amount of money in his estate was far smaller than his family had been led to expect. His widow sold their home in the early 1940s and was living with their daughter in the mid-1940s.

Young Robert was an artist in his own right, but was certainly not as talented or as prolific as his father. After Winsor McCay's death Robert tried to revive Nemo in syndication using old art proofs and new artwork, but found no success. In the late 1930s and 1940s he was working as a comic book artist at the Harry "A" Chesler syndicate where he turned an updated *Little Nemo* into a comic book feature for assorted comic books contacted thru or published by Chesler. At one point he was cleaning out his home and offered full page artwork his father had done for the original Nemo strip to anybody at the studio who wanted it, for free. Nobody wanted it. He threw the art away.

Thru the years other artists and creators have tried to relight the spark of genius that *Little Nemo* created with new cartoon strips, animated movies, TV specials, juvenile cartoon shows, picture books, and more. None of them have been particularly successful. Yet the long-term influence of *Little Nemo* on the world of art, and particularly on the world of fantasy literature and comic strip/comic book art cannot be underestimated. Vast numbers of artists and writers have specifically named McCay and Little Nemo as one of their most important life influences.

Today all of the *Little Nemo* comic strips from the 1905-1914 period have been reprinted in handsome hardback graphic novel format. But fans do not have to spend a single penny to experience this remarkable work of genius. The GoComics website offers the original *Little Nemo* comic strips for free, posted every week along with a wide variety of other comic strips both new and old. If you are not familiar with the feature, check out their weekly offerings, and discover for yourself why *Little Nemo* will always be considered one of the most influential comic strips ever created.

Bob Jennings has been involved in fandom since the late 1950s, and is one of the original founding members of comics fandom, founding the SFPA and publishing hundreds of fanzines. From 1979 to 2000, Bob ran a science fiction/comics/game store, which is now all mail order. He's currently at work to develop a device that will zap robo-callers and internet spammers.



Got something to share with us? Send an e-mail to mindyhunt@scifi4me.com

Rabid Ears: Ravings of a TV Fiend

By Cathode Ray

It's been forever and a day (okeh, a year and a half) since the previous installment of this eagerly enthusiastic column focusing on the best and brightest of science fiction, fantasy, horror, and other genre television programming options.

One weekend in early September, I took stock of what's currently available for streaming on various platforms available to yours truly. (I do not currently subscribe to Disney+, so that will not be included.) Perhaps you attentive and all-seeing Neffers will find my spiral-bound notebook scribblings useful, too.

Let's see what's what—now, and next—on the old boob tube, shall we?

Addams Family, The: Pluto

Adventures of Superman: The Roku Channel

Agatha Christie's Poirot: Prime Video

Alfred Hitchcock Hour, The: The Roku Channel

Altered Carbon: Netflix

Andromeda: The Roku Channel and Tubi

Ark, The: Kanopy and Peacock

Atlantis: Peacock and the Roku Channel

Babylon 5: The Roku Channel and Tubi

Bewitched: Freevee, the Roku Channel

Bionic Woman, The: The Roku Channel

Blake's 7: BritBox

Brave New World: Peacock

Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Hulu

Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons: Freevee, the Roku Channel, Tubi

Chillers: The Roku Channel

Cowboy Bebop: Netflix

Creepshow: Shudder

Danger Man: Freevee

Danger Mouse: Tubi

Dark Shadows: Peacock and the Roku Channel

Dark Shadows: The Beginning: The Roku Channel

Day of the Triffids, The: Kanopy

Doctor Who (multiple series): Max and Pluto

Dracula: Shudder

Dresden Files, The: Freevee and Tubi

Earth: Final Conflict—Freevee

Elvira, Mistress of the Dark (multiple movies): Shudder

Farscape: Freevee and Kanopy

Fireball XL5: Freevee, Tubi

Firefly: Hulu

Flash Gordon (2007): Peacock and the Roku Channel

Foundation: Apple TV

Godzilla (multiple movies): Pluto

Good Omens: Prime Video

Green Hornet, The: The Roku Channel and Tubi

Hammer House of Horror: The Roku Channel and Tubi

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, The: Kanopy

House of the Dragon: Max

I Dream of Jeannie: The Roku Channel

Infinite Worlds of H.G. Wells, The: Prime Video and the Roku Channel
Inspector Gadget (1983): The Roku Channel, Tubi
Interview with the Vampire: Netflix
Invaders, The: Spectrum
Invisible Man, The: The Roku Channel and Tubi
Kamen Rider (multiple series): Pluto
La Brea: Tubi
Land of the Giants: Spectrum
Last Drive-in with Joe Bob Briggs, The (multiple movies): Shudder
Lexx: The Roku Channel
Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman—Tubi
Lone Ranger, The: Pluto
Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power, The—Prime Video
Lost in Space (1965): Hulu
Lupin: Netflix
Mission: Impossible—Paramount+ and Pluto
Monarch: Legacy of Monsters—Apple TV
Mrs. Davis: Peacock
Munsters, The: Peacock
My Favorite Martian: Freevee
Mystery Science Theater 3000 (multiple movies): Pluto
New Adventures of Tarzan, The: The Roku Channel
Night Man: The Roku Channel
One Step Beyond: The Roku Channel
Only Murders in the Building: Hulu
Outer Limits, The (1963): Pluto and the Roku Channel
Outer Limits, The (1995): The Roku Channel
Prisoner, The: Kanopy
Ray Bradbury Theater, The: Peacock, Prime Video, the Roku Channel
Red Dwarf: Pluto
Resident Alien: Peacock
Rifftrax (multiple movies): Pluto
Saint, The: Freevee, Kanopy, Tubi
Sandman, The: Netflix
Sapphire & Steel: Prime Video
Sheena: Tubi
Sherlock Holmes: Freevee
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World: The Roku Channel
Six Million Dollar Man, The: Peacock
Sliders: Peacock
Slow Horses: Apple TV
Snowpiercer: Shudder
Space: 1999—Kanopy, Peacock, the Roku Channel, Tubi
Star Trek: Paramount+ and Pluto
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine—Paramount+
Star Trek: Discovery—Paramount+
Star Trek: Enterprise—Paramount+
Star Trek: Lower Decks—Paramount+
Star Trek: Picard—Paramount+
Star Trek: Short Treks—Paramount+
Star Trek: Strange New Worlds—Paramount+
Star Trek: The Animated Series—Paramount+

Star Trek: The Next Generation—Paramount+
Star Trek: Voyager—Paramount+
Stargate SG-1: Pluto
Stingray: Freevee, Pluto, the Roku Channel, Tubi
Stranger Things: Netflix
 Super Sentai (multiple series): Pluto
Suspense: The Roku Channel
Tales of Tomorrow: The Roku Channel
Tarzan (1991): Peacock, Pluto, Prime Video, the Roku Channel, Tubi
Tarzan: The Epic Adventures: Tubi
Terrahawks: Pluto, the Roku Channel, Tubi
Thriller (1960): The Roku Channel
Thriller (1973): The Roku Channel
Thunderbirds: Peacock
Tick, The: Freevee
Time Tunnel, The: Spectrum
Twilight Zone, The (1959): Freevee, Paramount+
 Ultraman (multiple series): Pluto
Veil, The: The Roku Channel
Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea: Spectrum
War of the Worlds: Peacock
What We Do in the Shadows: Hulu
Wheel of Time, The: Prime Video
Wild Wild West, The: Pluto
Witcher, The: Netflix
Wonder Woman: Max
X-Files, The: Hulu

Apparently missing from free or subscription streaming services—unavailable entirely or only for pay a la carte—in recent days are programs such as *The Avengers*, *Batman*, *Battlestar Galactica* (1978), *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*, *The Incredible Hulk*, and *UFO*. If any alert Neffers can recommend streaming sources for those shows, I'd appreciate it. (This listing might also be incomplete. If you can identify additional sources for the programs above, that'd be helpful, too.)

Until next time, this is “Cathode Ray,” your guide to the best of what’s hidden in the grids. Turn on, tune in, and blast off!



September 2024 New Fantasy and Science Fiction Releases

Walter Bruce Sinclair, White Dwarf Books, Vancouver

- **Alderman, Naomi.** *The Future*. HarperCollins Canada, 21.99 tp.

Martha Einkorn fled her father's isolated compound in Oregon to find herself working for a powerful social media mogul hell-bent on controlling everything and surrounded by mega-rich companies designing private weather, predictive analytics, and covert weaponry while spouting technological prophecy. Meanwhile, across the world, in a mall in Singapore, Lai Zhen, a famous internet survivalist, flees from an assassin. Suddenly, a remarkable piece of software appears on her phone telling her exactly how to escape. Who made it? What is it really for?

- **Armstrong, Kelley.** *Hemlock Island*. Griffin, 24.00 tp.

Laney Kilpatrick has been renting her vacation home to strangers. The invasion of privacy gives her panic attacks, but it's the only way she can keep her beloved Hemlock Island, the only thing she owns after a pandemic-fueled divorce. But broken belongings and campfires that nearly burn down the house have escalated to bloody bones, hex circles, and now, terrified renters who've fled after finding blood and nail marks all over the guest room closet, as though someone tried to claw their way out...and failed.

- **Asher, E. B.** *This Will Be Fun*. Avon, 21.99 tp.

Everyone in Mythria knows the story of how best friends Beatrice and Elowen, handsome ex-bandit Clare, and valiant leader Galwell the Great defended the land from darkness. It's a tale beloved by all - except the former heroes. They haven't spoken in a decade, devastated by what their quest cost them. But when they receive an invitation to the queen of Mythria's wedding, it's a summons they can't refuse... and a reunion for the ages...

- **Ashing-Giwa, Kemi.** *This World Is Not Yours*. Nightfire, 26.99 tp.

Novella. After fleeing her controlling and murderous family with her fiancée Vinh, Amara embarks on a colonization project, New Belaforme, along with her childhood friend, Jesse. The planet, beautiful and lethal, produces the Gray, a "self-cleaning" mechanism that New Belaforme's scientists are certain only attacks invasive organisms, consuming them. Humans have been careful to do nothing to call attention to themselves until a rival colony wakes the Gray.

- **Atalla, Rachelle.** *Thirsty Animals*. Hodder, 19.99 tp.

The world is running out of water. With supply in the cities drying up, Aida is forced back home to live with her mum at their rural Scottish farm. The border is closed. Tensions are close to breaking point. For now, Aida and her mother have just enough to get by. But then suspicious strangers arrive asking for help, Aida and her family face a terrible decision. How much water can they afford to share?

- **Ballingrud, Nathan.** *Crypt of the Moon Spider [Lunar Gothic Trilogy #1]*. Nightfire, 23.99 tp.

Years ago, in a cave beneath the dense forests and streams on the surface of the moon, a gargantuan spider once lived. Its silk granted its first worshippers immense faculties of power and awe. It's now 1923 and Veronica Brinkley is touching down on the moon for her intake at the Barrowfield Home for Treatment of the Melancholy. There Dr. Barrington Cull's invasive and highly successful treatments have been lauded by many. Just bits of spider silk planted in the brain for near evisceration of those troublesome thoughts and ideas.

- **Barker, R.J.** *Warlords of Wyrdwood [The Forsaken Trilogy #2]*. Orbit, 25.99 tp.

The Forester known as Cahan must lead the people of Harn into the Wyrdwood. But in the ground of Crua, a dark god is growing in power using the strength of decay. It is something new, something worse than the magics of the Rai, and it has

its claws in Cahan. The people of Harn need him, and they will need new allies if they are to have any hope of surviving in the depths of the Wyrdwood.

- **Bedi, Aman J. *Kavithri*. Gollancz, 28.00 hc.**

Kavi is a Taemu. Her people, once feared berserkers and the spearhead of a continent-spanning invasion, are the dregs of Raayan society. Their spirits crushed. Their swords broken. Their history erased. But Kavi has a dream and a plan. She will do whatever it takes to earn a place at the secretive mage academy, face the Jinn within its walls, and gain the power to rise above her station and drag her people out of the darkness.

- **Berry, Jedediah. *The Naming Song*. Tor, 38.99 hc.**

Only with the rise of the committees of the named - Maps, Ghosts, Dreams, and Names - could the people stand against the terrors of the nameless wilds. For one unnamed courier of the Names Committee, the task of delivering new words preserves her place in a world that fears her. But after a series of monstrous attacks on the named, she is forced to flee her committee and seek her long-lost sister. Accompanied by a patchwork ghost, a fretful monster, and a nameless animal who prowls the shadows, her search for the truth of her past opens the door to a revolutionary future - for the words she carries will reshape the world.

- **Beyer, Kirsten. *No Man's Land*. [Star Trek: Picard]. Gallery, 19.99 tp.**

While Raffi and Seven of Nine are enjoying some much-needed R&R in Raffi's remote hideaway, their downtime is interrupted by an urgent cry for help. A distant, beleaguered planet has enlisted the Fenris Rangers to save an embattled evacuation effort. Raffi and Seven team up to rescue a mysteriously ageless professor whose infinity-shaped talisman has placed him in the deadly sights of a vicious Romulan warlord.

- **Blackburry, Sabrina. *Dirty Lying Dragons* [Enchanted Fates #2]. Wattpad, 24.99 tp.**

Dani has never been able to use her magic. When a pack of very aggressive werewolves intent on claiming her for a powerful vampire's "collection" finds her one night, Dani races to the top of her apartment building and chalks a circle on the roof, but her spell mistakenly lands her in the hot spring of a centuries old dragon, Ryker.

- **Blackburry, Sabrina. *Dirty Lying Wolves* [Enchanted Fates #3]. Wattpad, 32.99 hc.**

When Juniper stumbles across a small group of strangers during her morning power walk, she jumps in to help an injured member of the party. However, her act of kindness backfires when she's savagely bitten by what turns out to be a very ill werewolf. The pack's acting leader, Dom, gives June a choice: she can return to the human world post-transformation or she can join the pack. Either way, she'll never be the same again.

- **Broadbent, Carissa. *Six Scorched Roses* [Crowns of Nyaxia]. Bramble, 32.99 hc.**

Short novel. Six roses. Six vials of blood. Six visits to a vampire who could be her salvation... or her damnation. Lilith has been dying since the day she was born. But while she long ago came to terms with her own imminent death, the deaths of everyone she loves is an entirely different matter. As her town slowly withers in the clutches of a mysterious god-cursed illness, she takes matters into her own hands.

- **Caldecott, Andrew. *Simul* [Momenticon #2]. Mobius, 23.99 tp.**

'Remember Simul' - the last words of a dying man, and the key to mankind's survival. Words which will take Morag, Fogg and their friends on a wild ride through caverns and over mountain tops, into old paintings, to a university unlike any other and up the lethal Tower of No Return. A ride where mythical beasts and legendary monster-hunters - and the forces of a corrupt establishment led by the murderous Cosmo Vane - lie in wait.

- **Cameron, Miles. *Deep Black* [*Artifact Space* #2]. Mobius, 35.00 hc.**

Marca Nbaro had always dreamed of serving aboard the Greatships, with their vast cargo holds and a crew that could fill a city. They are the lifeblood of human-occupied space, transporting an unimaginable volume - and value - of goods from City, the greatest human orbital, all the way to Tradepoint, to trade for xenoglas with an unknowable alien species. And now, out in the darkness of space, something is targeting them.

- **Cameron, Miles. *Storming Heaven* [*The Age of Bronze* #2]. Mobius, 23.99 tp.**

By divine plan a plague of cannibals has been unleashed across the world, forming an armada which preys on all who cross their path. Meanwhile the people who allied against the gods have been divided, each taking their own path to attack the heavens - if they can survive the tide of war which has been sent against them. All they need is the right distraction, and the right opportunity, to deal a blow against the gods themselves...

- **Canas, Isabel. *Vampires of El Norte*. Berkley, 25.99 tp.**

As the daughter of a rancher in 1840s Mexico, Nena knows a thing or two about monsters - her home has long been threatened by tensions with Anglo settlers from the north. But something more sinister lurks near the ranch at night, something that drains men of their blood and leaves them for dead. Something that once attacked Nena nine years ago.

- **Cherryh, C. J. *Defiance* [*Foreigner* #22]. DAW, 24.95 tp.**

Bren Cameron is tasked with getting Ilisidi, the aiji-dowager, back to the capital alive, on an urgent basis. But events are cascading down on the south, the Guild is stretched thin in the east, and the Shadow Guild is within striking distance of critical targets that could bring war to the entire south.

- **Church, Daniel. *The Ravening. Angry Robot*, 24.99 tp.**

Jenna's life has always been a fight. From the traumatic and mysterious loss of her mother on a dark woodland road when she was fifteen, to the abusive and controlling boyfriend she's recently escaped, she has learned that trust hurts you in the end. Now Jenna's found what she hopes is happiness with her new girlfriend, Holly. But the world is full of darkness - some of it ancient, some of it closer to home... Evil, and those who serve it, will not let Jenna go.

- **Clarke, Neil (ed). *The Best Science Fiction of the Year: Volume Eight*. Night Shade, 26.99 tp.**

From the countless magazines, e-zines, websites, blogs, original anthologies, single-author collections, and more - the best stories of the year.

- **Cogman, Genevieve. *Elusive* [*The Scarlet Revolution* #2]. Tor, 42.99 hc.**

Eleanor, once a lowly English maid, is now a member of the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel. Eleanor and the League are investigating the disappearance of Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand, the notorious French statesman and diplomat. But they soon uncover two vampire parties feuding for power, and learn that Talleyrand's disappearance is part of a bigger, more dangerous scheme - one that threatens to throw France into bloody chaos.

- **Coile, Mason. *William*. Putnam, 37.00 hc.**

Henry has created an artificially intelligent consciousness that he's named William. His agoraphobia keeps him in the attic, away from everyone, including his pregnant wife, Lily. When Lily's coworkers show up, wanting to finally meet Henry and see the new house - the smartest of smart homes - Henry decides to introduce them to William, and things go from strange to much worse.

- **Compton, Johnny. *Devils Kill Devils*. Nightfire, 23.99 tp.**

Sarita has been watched over by a guardian angel her entire life. She calls him Angelo, and keeps him a secret. But secrets can't stay buried forever. When Angelo murders someone she loves, Sarita begins to see what's really been lurking in the shadows surrounding her. And she will have to embrace the evil within if she hopes to make it out alive.

- **Cordova, Jason. *Mountain of Fire [Black Tide Rising #13]*. Baen, 37.00 hc.**

The surviving students at St. Dominic's Preparatory School for Girls have had it rough since the H7D3 virus virtually wiped out human civilization. Between rampaging hordes of zombies and wannabe tinpot dictators, the only thing holding them together is the iron will of the school's lone surviving nun, Sister Ann. As more survivors start to seek asylum at the isolated school, it becomes apparent that the school can be the anvil from which humanity is reforged.

- **Correia, Larry. *Fever [Monster Hunter Memoirs #4]*. Baen, 12.99 pb.**

Los Angeles: the 1970s. Disco is king. But below the glitz and glamor, a darkness lurks. Chloe Mendoza knows darkness. She is a nagualii, a half-demon created by the gods of Central and South America, a daughter of the Court of Feathers, a group of demigods who ruled Mesoamerica before the Spanish arrived. Now, a member of Monster Hunter International, Chloe gets a message from the Court of Feathers, warning her of a Dark Master who is building up its power in the region.

- **Dalpe, Victoria. *Selene Shade, Resurrectionist for Hire*. CLASH, 30.50 tp.**

With the ability to restore life to the dead, "Zombie Queen" Selene Shade has earned quite a reputation. Not that it helps her get dates. Her bed may be empty but business is booming. That is until her life is thrown into disarray when a brutal killer comes to town and all signs point to her being the next victim. Enlisted by the police department due to her unique craft, she must make new alliances, deal with old rivals, and maybe even save the world.

- **Datlow, Ellen (ed). *Fears: Tales of Psychological Horror*. Tachyon, 24.95 tp.**

Anthology contributors include some of horror and dark fantasy's most prestigious authors: Joyce Carol Oates, Stephen Graham Jones, Margo Lanagan, Priya Sharma, Laird Barron, and more.

- **Dawson, Delilah S. *Bloom*. Titan, 23.00 tp.**

Novella. Rosemary meets Ash at the farmers' market. Ash - precise, pretty, and practically perfect - sells bars of soap in delicate pastel colors, sprinkle-spackled cupcakes stacked on scalloped stands, beeswax candles, jelly jars of honey, and glossy green plants. Ro has never felt this way about another woman. With Ash, she wants to be her and have her in equal measure. But as her obsession with Ash consumes her, she may find she's not the one doing the devouring...

- **Dawson, Delilah S. *Guillotine*. Titan, 33.99 hc.**

Thrift fashionista Dez Lane accepts Patrick Ruskin's invitation to his family's big Easter reunion at their ancestral home hoping to ask his mother, editor of *Nouveau* magazine, for an internship. But once all the family members are on the island and the ferry has departed, things take a dark turn. For decades, the Ruskins have made their servants sign contracts that are basically indentured servitude, and with nothing to lose, the servants have decided their only route to freedom is to get rid of the Ruskins for good...

- **Dinniman, Matt. *Dungeon Crawler Carl*. Ace, 39.99 hc.**

You know what's worse than breaking up with your girlfriend? Being stuck with her prize-winning show cat. And you know what's worse than that? An alien invasion, the destruction of all man-made structures on Earth, and the systematic exploitation of all the survivors for a sadistic intergalactic game show. That's what. Join Coast Guard vet Carl and his ex-girlfriend's cat, Princess Donut, as they try to survive the end of the world - or just get to the next level...

- **Doctorow, Cory. *The Lost Cause*. Tor, 24.99 tp.**

For young Americans a generation from now, climate change isn't controversial. It's just an overwhelming fact of life. And so are the great efforts to contain and mitigate it. But there are still those Americans, mostly elderly, who cling to their red baseball caps, their grievances, their huge vehicles, their anger. To them it is just a giant scam. And they're your grandfather, your uncle, your great-aunt. And they're not going anywhere. And they're armed to the teeth.

- **Edison, David. *Sandyman*. Tor, 26.99 tp.**

All Caralee Vinnit has ever known is dust. Her whole world is made up of the stuff; water is the most precious thing in the cosmos. A privileged few control what elements remain. But Caralee has magic in her bones and can draw up power from the sand beneath her feet to do her bidding. But when she does she winds up summoning a monster: the former god-king who broke the world 800 years ago and has stolen the body of her best friend. Caralee will risk the whole world to take back what she's lost.

- **El-Arifi, Saara. *Faebound*. Del Rey, 27.99 tp.**

As a warrior in the elven army, Yeeran has known nothing but violence her whole life. Her sister, Lettle, is trying to make a living as a diviner, seeking prophecies of a better future. When a fatal mistake leads to Yeeran's exile from the Elven Lands, both sisters are forced into the terrifying wilderness beyond their borders. There they encounter the impossible: the fae court.

- **El-Arifi, Saara. *The Ending Fire [The Ending Tree #3]*. Del Rey, 39.99 hc.**

A vigilante known only as the Truthsayer is raising an army against the wardens. Sylah and Hassa must navigate the politics of this new world, all the while searching for Anoor. Across the sea, the Blood Forged prepare for war, requesting aid from other governments. And the Zalaam celebrate the arrival of the Child of Fire, heralding the start of the final battle.

- **Emanuel, Jake, Willie Block & Jason Gurley. *The Edge of Sleep*. Griffin, 25.00 tp.**

The morning after Independence Day, Santa Mira, California, is so quiet Dave can hear the ocean from miles away. Traffic signals blink from red to green over empty intersections. Storefronts remain locked up tight. Every radio station whispers static. And all over town, there are bodies, lying right where their owners left them. Dead right where they slept. Dave - along with his ex-girlfriend, Katie, his best friend, Matteo, and Linda, a nurse he's just met - struggle to unravel the mystery before sleep overtakes them all.

- **Erskine, Barbara. *Distant Voices*. Harpercollins, 23.99 tp.**

Her second volume of short stories.

- **Fawcett, Heather. *Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands [Emily Wilde #2]*. Del Rey, 25.99 tp.**

[BC author]. Emily Wilde has a new project to focus on: a map of the realms of faerie. While she is preparing her research, Bumbleby lands her in trouble yet again, when assassins sent by his mother invade Cambridge. Now Bumbleby and Emily are on another adventure, this time to the picturesque Austrian Alps, where Emily believes they may find the door to Bumbleby's realm and the key to freeing him from his family's dark plans.

- **Fox, Richard. *Light of the Veil*. Baen, 12.99 pb.**

Dock rat David Artan takes every job he can on a poor fringe world. When he's hired to guide a boat crewed by an interstellar mafia, he comes face to face with an ancient power - the Veil - that was pivotal to a civil war that ended decades ago. Almost killed by agents of the dead and defeated Tyrant who nearly enslaved the galaxy, he's rescued by warrior scholars and given the chance to journey beyond the Veil.

- **Gibson, S. T. *An Education in Malice*. Redhook, 24.99 tp.**

Deep in the forgotten hills of Massachusetts stands Saint Perpetua's College. Isolated and ancient, it is not a place for timid girls. Here, secrets are currency, ambition is lifeblood, and strange ceremonies welcome students into the fold. On her first day of class, Laura Sheridan is thrust into an intense academic rivalry with the beautiful and enigmatic Carmilla.

- **Golden, Christopher. *All Hallows*. St. Martin's, 25.00 tp.**

It's Halloween night, 1984, in Coventry, Massachusetts, and two families are unraveling. Up and down the street, secrets are being revealed, and all the while, mixed in with the trick-or-treaters of all ages, four children who do not belong are walking door to door, merging with the kids of Parmenter Road. Children in vintage costumes with faded, eerie makeup.

- **Gong, Chloe. *Vilest Things [Flesh & False Gods #2]*. Saga, 38.99 hc.**

Calla Tuoleimi now serves as royal advisor to Kasa's adopted son, August Shenzhi, who has risen to the throne. Only Calla knows it isn't really August. Anton Makusa is still furious about Calla's betrayal in the final round of the games. In an impossible feat, he took over August's body to survive and has no intention of giving up this newfound power. But when his first love, the beautiful, explosive Otta Avia, awakens from a yearslong coma and reveals a secret that threatens the monarchy's authority over Talin, chaos erupts.

- **Graudin, Ryan. *The Enchanted Lies of Celeste Artois*. Redhook, 39.00 hc.**

Paris, early 1900s. Forger/con woman Celeste Artois encounters Rafe, a mysterious and beautiful stranger who leads her to an enchanted salon where artists can bring wondrous imaginations to life. Rafe offers Celeste an irresistible deal: the gift of time in exchange for lending him and his benefactor her forging talents.

- **Griffin, Sarah Maria. *Eat The Ones You Love*. Tor, 36.99 hc.**

During a grocery run to her local shopping center, Shell Pine sees a 'HELP NEEDED' sign in a flower shop window. Shell realizes right away that flowers are just the good thing she's been looking for, as is Neve, the beautiful florist who wrote the sign asking for help. But an orchid growing out of sight in the heart of the mall is watching them closely. His name is Baby, and the beautiful florist belongs to him.

- **Hall, Alexis. *Confounding Oaths [The Mortal Follies #2]*. Del Rey, 25.99 tp.**

1815. Mr. John Caesar is determined to help his sister, Mary, successfully navigate the marriage mart. A high-stakes endeavor at the best of times, this task is made slightly more difficult by his family's nontraditional background, the pernicious whims of the ton, and the ever-present complication of living in a world full of scheming fairies and capricious gods.

- **Hamilton, Peter F. *The Archimedes Engine [Exodus #1]*. Worlds, 48.00 hc.**

Set in the world of the SF RPG EXODUS. After 40 millenia one fleet of arkships arrived at Centauri, a dense cluster of stars with a vast array of potentially habitable planets. Now thousands of years later, the original settlers, now known as Celestials, have both evolved and established a repressive rule. Finn, born into this system, dreams of escape. When another arkship from Earth, previously thought lost, unexpectedly arrives, Finn sees a chance.

- **Harrison, Kim. *Demons of Good and Evil [Hollows #17]*. Ace, 13.50 pb.**

While witch-born demon Rachel Morgan and her friends may have vanquished the trickster demon Hodin, his mysterious associate known only as "The Mage" is eager to finish what Hodin started, beginning with taking down Rachel's power structure piece by piece. With her world falling apart, Rachel desperately needs help. But with all of her supporters under attack, her only hope is to make a deal with the unlikeliest of allies.

- **Harrison, M. John. *Wish I Was Here*. Saga, 35.99 hc.**

Is there even an M. John Harrison and if so, where do we find him? This is the question the author asks in this memoir-as-mystery, turning for clues to forty years of notetaking. Are these notebooks records of failed presence? How do they shine a light on a childhood in the industrial Midlands, a portrait of a young artist in counterculture London, on an adulthood of restless escape into hill and moorland landscapes? And do they tell us anything about the writing of books, each one so different from the last that it might have been written by another version of the author?

- **Henderson, Alexis. *An Academy For Liars*. Ace, 39.00 hc.**

Lennon Carter has the innate gift of persuasion, the ability to wield her will like a weapon, using it to control others and, in rare cases, matter itself. So she is invited to take the entrance exam for Drayton College, a school of magic hidden in a secret pocket of Savannah. As Lennon continues in her studies, her control grows, and she starts to uncover more about the secret world she has entered into, including the disquieting history of Drayton College.

- **Hiiragi, Sanaka. *The Lantern of Lost Memories*. Grand Central, 36.00 hc.**

There is a magical photo studio, where people go after they die to view key moments from their life - and relive one precious memory before they pass into the afterlife.

- **Horton, Sam K. *Gorse [The Eythin Legacy #1]*. Solaris, 36.99 hc.**

Cornwall, 1786. For years, the villagers of Mirecoombe have turned to their Keeper, the old and battle-scarred Lord Pelagius Hunt, mediator between the worlds of men and fey, for help. But now death stalks Mirecoombe on the moor. There are corpses in the heather. There is blood in the gorse. Nancy Bligh is determined to do what Pel will not: maintain the balance between the fey and the human world, be the Keeper that he refuses to be.

- **Johnson, Joshua Phillip. *The Bloodless Queen*. DAW, 37.99 hc.**

On the autumnal equinox of 1987, the countries of the world closed the gates on vast fenced-in nature preserves called Harbors, created to combat the escalating effects of climate change. 132,329 people died that day, but instead of going cold, they endured, becoming odd and fae before disappearing beyond the fences, never to be seen again. The same thing happens every year. And now Evangeline and Calidore are working as fencers: government-employed protectors of the Harbors with magical powers. Returning home after an equinox spent patrolling, they find their daughter Winnifred, not yet six, has died and grown fae, killing her babysitters and leaving strange symbols etched into the walls.

- **Johnson, Jaleigh. *Bound for Ruin [Dungeons & Dragons: The Fallbacks]*. Worlds, 25.99 tp.**

Tessalynde is an ambitious young rogue who dreams of leading Faerun's foremost adventuring party. While the crew she's gathered isn't the stuff of legend yet, she's confident her guidance can get them there. Their first job is to recover a mysterious spellbook from a lost temple for a hefty payout. But when their client is killed, their coin and his murderer both vanish, leaving the party to take the fall.

- **Jones, Howard Andrew. *The City of Marble and Blook [Chronicles of Hanuvar #2]*. Baen, 25.00 tp.**

Hanuvar had pledged to find the remnants of his people, scattered into slavery across the whole of the peninsula. This time he had no army to help him. His would be a stealthy war of liberation, buying the freedom of some and arranging for the escape of others, aided only by a young playwright, the daughter of a hated political rival, the tattered remnants of his old spy network, and the unlikeliest ally of all, the general who had once defeated him.

- **Jordan, Sophie. *A Fire In The Sky*. Avon, 37.00 hc.**

A limited special hardcover edition available. Dragon fire no longer blisters the skies over Penterra, but inside the lavish palace, life is still perilous...especially for Tamsyn. Raised in the glittering court alongside the princesses, it's her duty to

be punished for their misdeeds. And when Fell, the Beast of the Borderlands, descends on her home, Tamsyn is commanded to don a veil and marry the brutal warrior.

- **Kane, Paul (ed).** *In These Hallowed Halls: A Dark Academia Anthology*. Titan, 24.99 tp.

12 dark academia short stories from masters of the genre, including Olivie Blake, M.L. Rio, Susie Yang and more.

- **Kelly, Greta.** *The Queen of Days*. Voyager, 23.99 tp.

For Balthazar and his family of thieves, stealing a statue during the annual celebration of the god Karanis was just a good bit of fun...or a way to stick it to the governor who murdered his parents. And yeah, the small fortune in reward doesn't hurt - even if his boss also hired the mysterious Queen of Days to join the crew as "the weapon of last resort..." Whatever that means. But Bal doesn't know the ceremony isn't simply empty words and dusty tradition; it's true magic. The kind of magic that rips open a portal for the god himself.

- **King, Crystal.** *In the Garden of Monsters*. MIRA, 37.00 hc.

Italy, 1948. Model Julia Lombardi can't remember where she's from, where she's been or how she came to live in Rome. When she receives an offer to accompany celebrated eccentric artist Salvador Dali to the Sacro Bosco - Italy's Garden of Monsters - as his muse, she's strangely compelled to accept. It could be a chance to unlock the truth about her past...

- **Klune, TJ.** *Somewhere Beyond the Sea [The House in the Cerulean Sea #2]* Tor, 38.99 hc.

Arthur Parnassus is the headmaster of a strange orphanage on a distant and peculiar island, and he hopes to soon be the adoptive father to the six magical and so-called dangerous children who live there. But when Arthur is summoned to make a public statement about his dark past, he finds himself at the helm of a fight. And when a new magical child hopes to join them on their island home - one who finds power in calling himself monster, Arthur knows they're at a breaking point.

- **Koepp, David.** *Aurora*. Harper, 12.99 pb.

In Aurora, Illinois, Aubrey Wheeler is just trying to get by after her semi-criminal ex-husband split, leaving behind his unruly teenage son. Then the lights go out - not just in Aurora but across the globe. A solar storm has knocked out power almost everywhere. Across the country lives Aubrey's estranged brother, Thom. A fantastically wealthy, neurotically over-prepared Silicon Valley CEO, he plans to ride out the crisis in a gilded desert bunker he built for maximum comfort and security.

- **Kois, Dan.** *Hampton Heights*. Perennial, 21.00 tp.

On a cold winter's evening in 1987, six middle-school paperboys wander an unfamiliar Milwaukee neighborhood, selling newspaper subscriptions, fueled by their manager Kevin's promises of cash bonuses and dinner at Burger King. But the freaks come out at night in Hampton Heights. Sent out into the neighborhood in pairs, the boys will encounter a host of primordial monsters.

- **Kraus, Daniel.** *Whalefall: A Novel*. MTV, 25.99 tp.

Jay Gardiner is scuba-diving in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Monastery Beach hoping to find the remains of his deceased father. Suddenly Jay finds himself caught in the tentacles of a giant squid and being drawn into a sperm whale's mouth., where he is pulled into the first of its four stomachs. He quickly realizes he has only one hour before his oxygen tanks run out - one hour to defeat his demons and escape the belly of a whale.

- **Kristjansson, Snorri.** *The Hidden Legion [The Blood Dawn Trilogy #1]*. Solaris, 22.99 tp.

Aemilius thought he would die heroically in battle like his forefathers, mourned by a loving wife and many children, but he's barely a man when a harpy flies down out of the old myths and knocks him from his horse. Stunned and helpless, he waits for his end... and is saved. Formed on the bloody battlefield of Teutoburg, the Hidden Legion are an order of

soldiers, magicians, and rogues so secret that the Empire itself would hunt them down if they were exposed. And now Aemilius is one of them.

- **Lawless, Shauna. *The Words of Kings and Prophets [Gael Song #2]. AdAstra, 26.99 tp.***

Ireland, 1000 AD. Gormflaith, unhappy queen of Brian Boru, schemes to destroy the Descendants, sworn enemies of her Fomorian kind. As her plans take an unexpected turn, Gormflaith discovers her magic is more powerful than she ever realized - but at what cost? Descendant healer Fodla dwells disguised in the mortal world, seeking to protect her young nephew - but the boy has secrets of his own.

- **Legrand, Claire. *Song of Ash and Moonlight [Middlemist #2]. Source Casablanca, 25.99 tp.***

The curse plaguing the Ashbourne and Bask families has finally been broken, but Farrin, the eldest Ashbourne daughter, still struggles to find peace. But in Ryder Bask, Farrin's stubborn strength has met its match. The man infuriates her. Yet the Middlemist continues to weaken. Anointed magicians are disappearing. A fiery Olden creature is stalking Farrin. Strange visions haunt the High Queen Yvaine.

- **Leow, Amy. *The Scarlet Throne [False Goddess Trilogy #1]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.***

Binsa is a "living goddess," chosen by the gods to dispense both mercy and punishment from her place on the Scarlet Throne. But rather than channeling the wisdom of an immortal deity, she harbours a demon. And when her temple's priests decide that Binsa's time in power has come to an end, Binsa declines to leave and strikes a deal with her demon.

- **Liu, Em X. *The Death I Gave Him. Solaris, 22.99 tp.***

Hayden Lichfield's life is ripped apart when he finds his father murdered in their lab, and the camera logs erased. The killer can only have been after one thing: the Sisyphus Formula the two of them developed together, which might one day reverse death itself. Hoping to lure the killer into the open, Hayden steals the research. In the process, he uncovers a recording his father made in the days before his death, and a dying wish: Avenge me...

- **Logic. *Ultra 85. Simon & Schuster, 25.99 tp.***

2115. Because Earth is no longer inhabitable, the remainder of humanity lives in Babel, a giant space station. Two pilots, Quentin and Kai, must find the planet Paradise, where only the most promising citizens are allowed to live. Along the way Quentin and Kai encounter Quentin's estranged father, who left Babel for Paradise when Quentin was a child. They discover Paradise is in need of improvement.

- **Lovegrove, James. *Sherlock Holmes and the Highgate Horrors [The Cthulu Casebooks #4]. Titan, 24.99 tp.***

1929. an ageing Dr John Watson, conscious of his imminent demise, finally sits down to write a fresh chronicle disclosing the true events behind his published accounts of Sherlock Holmes's exploits. In these pages, Sherlock Holmes and his stalwart companion encounter reanimated corpses in Highgate Cemetery; a very different, though ever elusive, Irene Adler; tales of madness and murder in the frozen wastes of the north; grotesque organic machines; and much more. Each case brings the illustrious pair ever closer to the dramatic and terrifying truth about the mysterious aliens, the Mi-Go, and their plans for Earth.

- **Madson, Devin. *Between Dragons and Their Wrath [The Shattered Kingdom #1]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.***

Tesha, a glassblower's apprentice with a talent for poisonwork, becomes a false tribute bride as part of a desperate political plot. Naili is laundress to an eccentric alchemist, a job that has left her with strange new abilities that are slowly consuming her - and attracting the notice of the city's underground rulers. And in the desolate Shield Mountains, sharp-shooting dragon rider Ashadi protects the basin from the monsters of the Sands beyond, but when an impossible shot pierces his dragon's glass scales, he becomes the hunted one.

- **Maguire, Gregory.** *The Witch of Maracoor [Another Day #3]. Morrow, 23.99 tp.*

Following a confrontation with her reclusive great-grandfather, the one-time Wizard of Oz, Rainary Ko - the granddaughter of Oz's Wicked Witch of the West - has re-upped in a mission to settle a few scores and right a wrong or two. Traveling companions and arrivistes can befuddle a young witch coming into her own, but Rain marshals a steely determination to stare her troubles in the eye and see who blinks first.

- **Mains, Johnny (ed).** *Bound in Blood: Stories of Cursed Books, Damned Libraries and Unearthly Authors.* Titan, 36.99 hc.

Nineteen stories of cursed and haunted books; featuring malevolent second-hand books, cursed novelizations, unsettling journals and the end of the world. From award-winning authors including Eric LaRocca, Charlie Higson, Kim Newman and A. G. Slatter.

- **Malerman, Josh.** *Bird Box.* Perennial, 15.00 tp (reissue).

No one knows what it is or where it came from, but one glimpse drives a person to lethal violence. Five years after it began, a handful of scattered survivors remain, including Malorie and her two young children. She dreams of fleeing her abandoned house near the river - but she will need to travel twenty miles downriver in a rowboat - blindfolded - with nothing to rely on but her wits and the children's trained ears. One wrong choice and they will die. And something is following them. But is it man, animal, or monster?

- **Mammy, Michael.** *Darkside [Planetside #4]. Voyager, 23.99 tp.*

Colonel Butler has paid his dues and just wants to enjoy his retirement on a remote planet. And he is determined to never let the government drag him into another investigation. But when a runaway twelve-year-old girl whose father has gone missing asks him for help, well...it's a lot harder to say no. Jorge Ramiro was supposed to have been on Taug, a moon orbiting the gas giant Ridia 5, working on a dig with a famous archaeologist. But now there's no sign of him and no record of him being there.

- **McCormack, Una.** *Coup De Grace [Firefly]. Titan, 23.99 tp.*

The Serenity crew head to Yell City, one of the settlements on Abel, a moon in the Rim. Their job is to track down the killers of a local lawyer shot dead in the streets by a local gang. Their client is Annie Roberts, the eighteen-year-old daughter of the murdered man. Lucky for them, Annie Roberts is more than capable of handling herself. Unlucky for them, the job is lot more complicated than they first think.

- **McEwan, Stacey.** *Valley [The Glacian Trilogy #3]. Angry Robot, 36.99 hc.*

At the bottom of the Chasm, Dawsyn and her followers traipse through the darkness to find their long-awaited home. But there are whispers all around them and safety is never guaranteed. With her powers much depleted, and food supplies running low, will they even survive the journey? Above, the Queen and the new King of Glacia still bay for Dawsyn's blood, and they will not stop in their quest to destroy her.

- **McGuire, Seanan.** *The Innocent Sleep [October Daye #18]. DAW, 14.99 pb.*

Along with the Undersea and the rest of the Court of Cats, Tybalt, King of Cats has been banished by Titania, Faerie's Summer Queen, Mother of Illusions. Now he must find the woman he loves in a world designed to keep her from him, convince her that he's not a stranger trying to ruin her life for no apparent reason, and get her to unmake the illusion she's been firmly enmeshed in.

- **Meadows, Foz. *All The Hidden Paths [Tithenai Chronicles #2]*. Tor, 26.99 tp.**

Velasin and Caethari have been summoned north to Tithena's capital city, Qi-Xihan, to present themselves to its monarch. With Caethari newly invested as his grandmother's heir and Velasin's old ghosts gnawing at his heels, what little peace they've managed to find is swiftly put to the test. Pursued by unknown assailants and with Qi-Xihan's court factions jockeying for power, Vel and Cae must use all the skills at their disposal to not only survive, but thrive.

- **Miro, J. M. *Bringer of Dust [The Talents #2]*. M&S, 39.99 hc.**

Agrigento, Sicily, 1883. With the orsine destroyed, Cairndale lies in ruins, and Marlowe has vanished. His only hope of rescue lies in a fabled second orsine - long-hidden, thought lost - which might not even exist. But when a body is discovered in the shadow of Cairndale, a body wreathed in the corrupted dust of the drughr, Charlie and the Talents realize there is even more at stake than they'd feared.

- **Moren, Dan. *The Armageddon Protocol [The Galactic Cold War #4]*. Angry Robot, 24.99 tp.**

When Kovalic and General Adaj are arrested on charges of treason, Tapper, Brody, Sayers, and Taylor are forced to go on the run. While Kovalic and the general attempt to uncover an Illyrican mole within the Commonwealth's intelligence apparatus, it's up to the rest of the team to clear their friends' names, even if that means making a deal with an old enemy to carry out a daring heist that might just get them all killed.

- **Mulford, A. K. *A River of Golden Bones [The Golden Court #1]*. Voyager, 24.99 tp.**

Twins Calla and Briar have spent their entire lives hiding from the powerful sorceress who destroyed their kingdom...and from the humans who don't know they are Wolves. Each twin has their own purpose in life. Briar's is to marry the prince of an ally pack and save the Golden Court. Calla's purpose is to remain a secret, her twin's shadow - the backup plan.

- **Napper, T. R. *The Escher Man*. Titan, 23.99 tp.**

'Endgame' is a violent man, the perfect enforcer. But Endel is also a father and husband, haunted by the memories of his estranged family, and the life they once had. Endel wants them back, and he wants out. But life in the syndicate isn't one you can simply leave. Endgame is a violent man. Or is he? In a world where memory manipulation is the weapon of choice for the powerful, Endel can't tell friends and enemies apart anymore, can't be sure if he's a person or a tool. Short novel.

- **Newman, Sandra. *Julia. Mariner*, 24.99 tp.**

1984, from the point of view of Julia. Julia Worthing is a mechanic, working in the Fiction Department at the Ministry of Truth. One day she finds herself walking toward Winston Smith in a corridor and impulsively slips him a note, setting in motion the devastating, unforgettable events of the classic story.

- **Ni, Xueting Christine (ed). *Sinophagia: A Celebration of Chinese Horror 2024*. Solaris, 19.99 tp.**

An anthology of chilling tales from contemporary China, translated into English for the very first time.

- **Novik, Naomi. *Buried Deep and Other Stories*. Del Rey, 39.99 hc.**

Thirteen short stories that span her worlds - from the dragon-filled Temeraire series and the gothic magical halls of the Scholomance trilogy, through the realms next door to Spinning Silver and Uprooted, including a sneak peek at the land where her next novel will be set.

- **Okorafor, Nnedi. *Shadow Speaker [The Desert Magician's Duology #1]*. DAW, 24.95 tp (revised, expanded).**

Niger, West Africa, 2074. When 15-year-old Ejii witnesses her father's beheading, her world shatters. In a time of mind-blowing technology and seductive mysticism, Ejii embarks on a journey to track down her father's killer. With a newfound

friend by her side, Ejji comes face to face with an earth turned inside out - and with her own mystical ability. And then she discovers that her travels across the sands of the Sahara have a deeper purpose.

- **Owen, Abigail. *Games Gods Play. Entangled Red Tower, 43.99 hc.***

The gods of myth are alive and well. Once every century, they select a new ruler in a cutthroat competition, pushing mortal players to the limit. But this year, Hades is done sitting on the sidelines. And he's picking a champion no one expects - in this modern mythic romantasy, she'll fight for her life - for the god of Death. Deluxe edition available.

- **Palumbo, Suzan. *Countess. ECW, 21.95 tp.***

A queer, Caribbean, anti-colonial sci-fi novella in which a betrayed captain seeks revenge on the interplanetary empire that subjugated her people for generations. After years of working hard to rise through the ranks of the empire's merchant marine, Virika Sameroo has finally become first lieutenant on an interstellar cargo vessel. When her captain dies under suspicious circumstances, Virika is arrested for murder and charged with treason despite her lifelong loyalty to the empire.

- **Pargin, Jason. *I'm Starting to Worry About This Black Box of Doom. St. Martin's, 40.00 hc.***

Outside Los Angeles, a driver pulls up to find a young woman sitting on a large black box. She offers him \$200,000 cash to transport her and that box across the country, to Washington, DC. But there are rules. He cannot look inside the box. He cannot ask questions. He cannot tell anyone. They must leave immediately. He must leave all trackable devices behind. As these eccentric misfits hit the road, rumors spread on social media that the box is part of a carefully orchestrated terror attack intended to plunge the USA into civil war.

- **Pargin, Jason. *Zoey is Too Drunk for This Dystopia [Zoey Ashe #3]. Griffin, 25.00 tp.***

Zoey Ashe, the 23 year old heiress to a criminal empire must navigate a futuristic world of high-tech liars and cutthroats. Now the gleaming new city of Tabula Rasa is hosting its massive annual music festival, which every year precedes the equally massive annual drunken riot. This is all organized by Zoey's people, including the riot. But then a horrific crime is broadcast live on an all-seeing social network, and Zoey and her team suspect a carefully staged hoax arranged by one of the Tabula Rasa's shadowy power players.

- **Pinsker, Sarah. *Haunt Sweet Home. Tor.com, 27.99 hc.***

When aimless twenty-something Mara lands a job as the night-shift production assistant on her cousin's ghost hunting/home makeover reality TV show *Haunt Sweet Home*, she quickly learns to hide fog machines in the woods and improvise scares to spook new homeowners. But a series of unnerving incidents on set and a creepy new coworker force Mara to confront whether the person she's truly been deceiving and hiding from all along - is herself. 176 pages.

- **Rambo, Cat. *Rumor Has It [Disco Space Opera #3]. Tor, 38.99 hc.***

The crew of the *You Sexy Thing* have laid a course for Coralind Station, hoping the station's famed gardens will provide an opportunity to regroup, recoup, and mourn their losses while finding a way to track down their enemy, pirate king Tubal Last. All Niko wants to do is pry their insurance money from the bank and see if an old friend might be able to help them find Last...

- **Rebelein, Sam. *Edenville. Morrow, 23.99 tp.***

After publishing his debut novel to disappointing sales and reviews, Campbell P. Marion is struggling to find inspiration for a follow-up. When Edenville College invites him to join as a writer-in-residence, he's convinced that his bad luck has finally taken a turn. But there's something wrong in Edenville. Despite the charming old ladies milling about Main Street and picturesque sunflowers dotting the sidewalks, poison lurks beneath the surface.

- **Ruff, Matt. *Lovecraft Country*. Perennial, 15.00 tp (reissue).**

1954. When his father Montrose goes missing, 22-year-old Army veteran Atticus travels to the manor of Mr. Braithwhite - heir to the estate that owned one of Atticus's ancestors. Atticus discovers his father in chains, held prisoner by a secret cabal named the Order of the Ancient Dawn - led by Samuel Braithwhite and his son Caleb - which has gathered to orchestrate a ritual that shockingly centers on Atticus.

- **Russell, Craig. *The Devil's Playground*. Vintage, 24.95 tp.**

1927: Mary Rourke - a Hollywood studio fixer - finds the dead body of Norma Carlton, who had been working on a horror picture called *The Devil's Playground*. 1967: journalist Paul Conway has heard that a single copy of *The Devil's Playground* - a Holy Grail for film buffs - may exist. He knows his Hollywood history and he knows the film endured myriad tragedies and ended up lost to time. As Mary Rourke charges headlong through the egos, distractions, and traps that threaten to take her down with the doomed production, she discovers a truth far more sinister than she - or we - could have imagined.

- **Ryan, Anthony. *A Tide of Black Steel* [*Age of Wraith* #1]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

Thera of the Blackspear, favored servant of the Sister Queens, is ordered to uncover the truth of the rumours. Of longships of mysterious tattooed warriors, sailing under the banners of a murderous cult of oath-breakers long thought extinct. A tide of black steel that threatens to vanquish all in its path. As Thera sails north, her reviled brother, Felnir, sets out on his own adventure, hoping to find the Vault of the Altvar - the treasure room of the gods.

- **Saft, Allison. *A Dark and Drowning Tide*. Del Rey, 25.99 tp.**

Lorelei Kaskel, a folklorist with a quick temper and an even quicker wit, is on an expedition with six eccentric nobles in search of a fabled spring. The magical spring promises untold power, which the king wants to harness in order to secure his reign over the embattled country of Brunnestaad. But the expedition gets off to a harrowing start when its leader - Lorelei's beloved mentor - is murdered in her quarters aboard their ship. The suspects are the five remaining expedition mates, each with their own motive.

- **Sanderson, Brandon. *The Lost Metal* [*Mistborn Saga* #7]. Tor, 14.99 pb.**

For years, frontier lawman turned big-city senator Waxillium Ladrian has hunted the shadowy organization the Set - with his late uncle and his sister among their leaders - since they started kidnapping people with the power of Allomancy in their bloodlines. When Detective Marasi Colms and her partner Wayne find stockpiled weapons bound for the Outer City of Bilming, this opens a new lead.

- **Schwab, V. E. *The Fragile Threads of Power* [*Shades of Magic Threads of Power* #1]. Tor, 24.99 tp.**

A new Antari named Kosika has appeared in White London, taking the throne in Holland's absence. The young queen is willing to feed her city with blood, including her own - but her growing religious fervor has the potential to drown it instead. And back in Red London, King Rhy Maresh is threatened by a rising rebellion. And now a girl with an unusual magical ability comes into possession of a device that could change the fate of all four worlds. Her name is Tes, and she's the only one who can bring them together - or unravel it all.

- **Slade, Sophia. *Nightstrider*. [*Nightstrider* #1]. Orbit, 25.99 tp.**

Wren is a nightmare: a deadly manifestation of human dreams forever bound to the insidious Para Warwick -- the only night creature who can cross the boundary between waking and dream. When she fails to retrieve information on a weapon that could finally end Warwick's reign and is severely punished, she makes a snap decision to aid the growing rebellion. Here, she meets Alaric, another nightmare hell-bent on atoning for his sins, and they form a tentative pact to take down Warwick once and for all.

- **Smith, Wilbur. *Testament [The Egyptian Series]. Zaffre, 22.99 tp.***

Though the two kingdoms have now been reunited by the armies of the true Pharaoh, his position is perilous, his rule under threat from those who seek to take advantage of the turmoil created by the overthrow of the Hyksos. Desperate to keep Egypt united, Taita the Magus summons his protege, Piay, to solve a millennia-old riddle which has the power to secure Egypt's future forever.

- **Smyth, Courtney. *The Undead Complex. [The Undetectables #2]. Titan, 23.99 tp.***

When Diana's ex, Taylor, asks them to solve a murder - her own - Diana, Mallory and Cornelia can't say no. Called to investigate the set of Undead Complex, Diana re-enters the world of TV-show prop making - where the appearance of a genuine article Francine Leon dollhouse can't make up for the fact she's being pulled down a path of crime-solving she maybe doesn't want to walk forever.

- **Soria, D. L.. *The Cottage Around the Corner. Del Rey, 25.99 tp.***

The cozy spellshop where Charlie Sparrow and her moms practice their witchcraft, selling goods and services to the people of small-town Owl's Hollow, has been in her family for generations. When a competing magecraft firm opens in town, things start to look bleak. After all, everyone knows there's room for only one magic shop in Owl's Hollow. So what if Fitz, the mage who owns the new Maven Enterprises, happens to be ridiculously handsome in his ridiculously expensive suits?

- **Stewart, Andrea. *The Gods Below [The Hollow Covenant #1]. Orbit, 39.00 hc.***

The devious god Kluehnn will restore the world to its former glory, but at a price so steep it would keep the mortals indebted to him for eternity. And, as each land was transformed, so too were its people changed into strange new forms - if they survived at all. Hakara is not willing to pay such a price. Desperate to protect herself, and her sister Rasha, she flees her homeland for the safety of a neighboring kingdom. But when tragedy separates them, Hakara is forced to abandon her beloved sister to an unknown fate.

- **Sugden, Chris & Jen. *High Vaultage. Gollancz, 36.00 hc.***

EVEN GREATER LONDON, 1887: a vast, uninterrupted urban plane encompassing the entire lower half of England and, for complex reasons, only the upper third of the Isle of Wight... Its immense Tower casts electricity across the sky itself, powering the mind-boggling mechanisms of the city below. And here a series of impossible bank robberies has consumed the attentions of the police. Which means that when a woman witnesses a kidnapping, Fleet-Entwhistle Private Investigations is the only place she can turn for help.

- **Swierczynski, Duane. *Secret Dead Men. Titan, 22.99 tp.***

Del Farmer isn't your ordinary hardboiled private eye. Instead of collecting fingerprints or clues, he collects souls of the recently dead. His latest dead guy, Brad Larsen, might just be the key to destroying Farmer's long-time nemesis, The Association. Of course, Farmer is sadly mistaken. An FBI agent unstuck in time is toying with him. A mysterious couple keeps trying to kill him. Another job - a mundane babysitting gig that pays the bills - is threatening to steer him way off course into a violent hell of sexual deceit, fractured identities and cheap apartment toilets.

- **Thor, Rosiee. *Aim to Misbehave [Firefly #9]. Titan, 35.95 hc.***

The Firefly crew is eager to get paid for their latest job, but when payment arrives as a gaggle of geese instead of a purse, their stay on the planet Brome gets an indefinite extension. Without coin, they can't buy fuel, and without fuel, they can't get offworld. Luckily the foreman of the local fuel refinery, Lyle Horne, wants to hire them. He needs their help on a job only a crew like Serenity can pull off.

- **Tolkien, Christopher.** *The History of Middle-Earth (Boxed Set 3)*. HarperCollins, 170.00 hc.

Third in a series of hardcover boxed sets, featuring double-sided dustjackets. Set 3 contains *The Return of the Shadow*, *The Treason of Isengard*, *The War of the Ring*, and *Sauron Defeated* (Books 6-9 of *The History of Middle-earth*).

- **Urbanski, Debbie.** *After World*. Simon & Schuster, 25.99 tp.

An artificial intelligence is tasked with writing a novel, only for it to fall in love with the novel's subject, Sen, the last human on Earth. The solution to environmental collapse is simple: remove humans from the ecosystem. Sen Anon is assigned to supervise the transition. Her journals are uploaded and saved, joining the rest of humanity on Maia, a new virtual home. There, ad39-393a-7fbc's assignment is to capture Sen's life, and they set about doing this using the novels of the 21st century as a roadmap.

- **Valente, Catherynne M.** *Space Oddity [The Space Opera #2]*. Saga, 37.99 tp.

The Metagalactic Grand Prix - part gladiatorial contest, part beauty pageant, part concert extravaganza, and part continuation of the wars of the past returns and the fate of the Earth is once again threatened. The civilizations opposed to humanity have been plotting and want to take down the upstarts. Can humanity rise again?

- **Waggoner, C. M.** *The Village Library Demon-Hunting Society*. Ace, 25.99 tp.

Librarian Sherry Pinkwhistle keeps finding bodies - and solving murders. But she's concerned by just how many killers she's had to track down in her quaint village. When someone close to Sherry ends up dead, and her cat, Lord Thomas Crowell, becomes possessed by what seems to be an ancient demon, Sherry begins to think she's going to need to become an exorcist as well as an amateur sleuth.

- **Walter, Heather.** *The Crimson Crown*. Del Rey, 39.99 hc.

Legends tell of a witch who became a queen - the heartless villain in the story of Snow White. Her own story begins when she is just Ayleth, a young witch who lives in the forest with her coven. Not yet gifted with magical talent, she sets out on a perilous quest that sends her to the White Palace where she will reencounter Jacquetta, a witch who once held Ayleth's heart - and betrayed her.

- **Ward, Cameron.** *Spiral*. Penguin UK, 19.99 tp.

You're on a routine flight from London to LA. Hundreds of people are on board - including your estranged son, Theo. Ten hours into the flight, something goes terribly wrong. The engines fail. The plane enters a steep dive. You, and everyone else on board, die instantly. Then, you wake up. It's one hour before the crash. You can't believe it - you're alive. Your beloved son is safe. Until, terrifyingly, the same chain of events repeats itself. Again, and again, and again.

- **Weber, David & Richard Fox.** *Rebel [Ascent to Empire #2]*. Baen, 37.00 hc.

The Five Hundred are the elite families who rule the Terran Federation, control its political power and its wealth, and they've grown steadily wealthier and more powerful, thanks to the war against the Terran League. But the Fringe Worlds, who do most of the dying in that war, are increasingly hostile. And the alien Rishi have planned carefully for the Federation's destruction. And the Five Hundred have fatally underestimated the man named Terrence Murphy.

- **Williams, Donna Glee.** *Night Field*. Mobius, 23.99 tp.

Pyn-Poi's mother Marak wants her to grow up to be the matriarch of the tribe, learning how to cook, to make medicines, how to care for everyone, but Pyn-Poi would rather be out among the trees like her father Sook-Sook, learning how to persuade tree roots into bridges, to feel when shoots are too crowded, when drooping leaves need attention. Then something starts going wrong in *The Real*: when the rains come, instead of nourishment, they bring a stinking brown fog that's poisoning people and plants alike.

- **Wise, A. C. *Out of the Drowning Deep*. Titan, 25.99 hc.**

Novella. In the distant future, when mortals mingle with the gods in deep space, an out-of-date automaton, a recovering addict, and an angel race to solve the Pope's murder in an abandoned corner of the galaxy.

- **Woods, Kell. *After the Forest*. Tor, 25.99 tp.**

Twenty years after the witch in the gingerbread house, Greta and Hans are struggling to get by. Their mother and stepmother are long dead, Hans is deeply in debt from gambling, and the countryside lies in ruin, its people starving in the aftermath of a brutal war. Greta has a secret, though. The witch's grimoire, secreted away and whispering in Greta's ear for the past two decades, and the recipe inside that makes the best gingerbread you've ever tasted.

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New Movies in October

[H = horror, F = fantasy, SF = sci-fi, T = thriller, A = animated, C = comic book, D = documentary] *limited release **re-release

October 2

*Mobile Suit Gundam*** (A)

October 3

The Legend of Johnny Jones (H)

October 4

Joker: Folie à Deux (C) ~ *Monster Summer* (SF) ~ *Frankie Freako** (SF) ~ *Little Bites** (H)
*Things Will Be Different** (SF) ~ *The Forest Hills* (H)

October 8

The Unraveling (T)

October 11

My Hero Academia the Movie: You're Next (A) ~ *Terrifier 3* (H) ~ *10 Lives** (A)
*The Man in the White Van** (H)

October 16

AXCN Gundam Fest: Mobile Suit Gundam II: Soldiers of Sorrow (A)

October 18

Smile 2 (H) ~ *The Red** (H) ~ *Kensuke's Kingdom* (A)

October 23

AXCN Gundam Fest: Mobile Suit Gundam III: Encounters in Space (A)

October 24

Detour 95 (H)

October 25

Venom: The Last Dance (C) ~ *Your Monster** (H)

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 National Home Made Cookies Day	2 National Kale Day	3 Virus Appreciation Day	4 National Golf Day	5 Do Something Nice Day
6 Mad Hatter Day	7 National Forgiveness Day	8 American Touch Tag Day	9 Take Your Teddy Bear To Work Day	10 National Angel Food Cake Day	11 It's My Party Day	12 Moment of Frustration Day
13 International Sceptics Day	14 National Dessert Day	15 White Cane Safety Day	16 National Fossile Day	17 Wear Something Gaudy Day	18 National Meatloaf Apprecation Day	19 Evaluate Your Life Day
20 Brandied Fruit Day	21 Intemational Nacho Day	22 National Nut Day	23 TV Talk Show Host Day	24 National Blogona Day	25 Frankenstein Day	26 National Mincemeat Day
27 Black Cat Day	28 Plush Animal Lovers Day	29 Hermit Day (Bring Hermit cookies!)	30 National Candy Corn Day	31 Halloween Halloween Halloween		

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Pubnites and Other Events

Yvonne & Lloyd Penney (Toronto, ON, CAN)

THURSDAY NIGHT OF NONSENSE

Is the first Thursday of the month at the Fox and Fiddle at 27 Wellesley from 6PM -10ish.

We're a casual collection of sci-fi fans and friends who eat and have friendly discussion on any topic of interest. We encourage consideration of diverse opinions and intelligent debate that includes topics which are sometimes controversial. Our social media centre is currently a Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057256547793>) where people will find announcements of any special activities such as a book swap or a birthday celebration. All newcomers welcome to just show up. For more info call Yvonne at 647-226-4249 before 10PM or email us at: Penneys@bell.net

See you there!!!

Yvonne ;-)

THIRD MONDAY

September 16, 2024

The Red Cardinal Tavern

555 Burnhamthorpe Rd., Unit 102, in Etobicoke. It is at the north-west corner of Burnhamthorpe and The West Mall, right beside the Tim Horton's. There's plenty of parking out back, free after 5pm, and you can drive in to the parking from either street, although the Burnhamthorpe entrance is easier. If you are taking transit, you can take the 50 Burnhamthorpe bus from Islington station and get off at The West Mall, or the 112B or 112C West Mall bus from Kipling station and get off on the north side of Burnhamthorpe.

Start time is 6:30 and we have the back table area 4, 5 & 6.

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FANAC: FanHistory Zoom Series

September 22, 2024 - The Secret Origins of Plokta, with Steve Davies, Sue Mason, Alison Scott, and Mike Scott

Time: 2PM EDT, 1PM CDT, 11AM PDT, 7PM London (BST) & too early in Melbourne

This fannish group burst on the scene in May 1996 with the fanzine *Plokta*, which went on to receive two Best Fanzine Hugos, 2 Nova Awards for Best Fanzine, and Hugo nominations each year from 1999 to 2008. They are energetic, quirky and very, very funny. They are writers, artists, con runners, Worldcon bidders and fan fund winners. Join us and learn more about their secret origins, fannish impact and what they are doing now.

LETTERS

Dear Mindy:

You had pneumonia, and you're still pubbing your ish? Respect!

You mention "there are plenty of fandoms, conventions, and everything in between ..." When I became involved, people talked about "fandom" as if it were one thing, but in the 1980s you could already see different interest groups fissioning off. I am resigned to this; the sheer population growth in fandom meant that people would meet their social needs more easily in single-interest, rather than general-interest groups. But I miss fannish fandom as it used to be.

There are some serious drawbacks to the change. There seems to be no regular flow of fans coming into fanzine fandom; presumably fans now meet their need to communicate with blogs and social media. There seem to be few general-interest conventions in Canada now, and rather fewer even in the United States than there are single-interest conventions. This could represent a difficulty for fan funds, which help fans from one continent visit fans on another continent, mostly at conventions; how many anime or furry or comics fans know anything about fan funds? I am already facing this difficulty in Canada, trying to maintain the Canadian Unity Fan Fund - intended to assist fans from one half of the country to see fans in the other half - as I have difficulty finding an interested convention where a delegate might go. And then there are the issues with getting out the vote, for fan-voted SF awards.

So, I'm thinking a lot about motivation and promotional factors.

Are you getting my personalzine, *The Obdurate Eye*? The September issue includes a 2024-2025 calendar of Canadian and Pacific Northwest upcoming conventions.

Yours,

Garth Spencer
Vancouver, Canada



Dear Mindy:

Thank you for the *FanActivity Gazette*, Vol. 4, No. 3. I'll see what I can do about a letter of comment, it's been a busy day...

Bugs going around...I have seen friends sick here and there, but none of us have touched us yet. The next incarnation of the COVID-19 illness will be here next month, so I hope I can get with it, and get our next shot. I gather that the Glasgow Worldcon might be a spreader of COVID, NASFiC, not so much. There were just over 500 in attendance at the NASFiC, and haven't heard of any spreading yet. (Official figures, 654 memberships sold, 501 actually there.)

In the contents list, with each listing of Pubnites and Other Conventions, could you list Yvonne first? It is her publication, but I contribute the convention list, and I know how to use MailChimp.

Loscon 50...we will be there! We figure that any convention that can number itself 50 has to be a good one, and last time we were there, we had a great time! (We were the FanGoHs for Loscon 39.) There's got to be something special there, and we want to be a part of it.

Thank you again for the image, this time on page 5! It's been my pride and joy since it came out, and I hope to sell more copies at World Fantasy and Loscon 50. Sales have been respectable, but I'd like to sell more. I have registered with both conventions to be in their autograph lines.

My loc...getting to all these major conventions this year have had my credit card glowing red around the edges, but still, this has been great fun, and there's more to come. The Toronto Prop Expo was a great little show, with examples of what our local propmasters can do, and what they have done in the past, some panels on how to do some of the things they do, and there a great little dealers room there, too.

I think I have done all I can, so off it goes before it's too late for the next issue. See you when that comes out.

Yours,
Lloyd Penney.



Convention Corner

Not This Year

- TerrorFest – Conroe, TX Oct 5-6
- VisionCon – Springfield, MO
- Spooktobercon – Fairmont, WV Oct 4-6

New Digs

- Alamo City Furry Invasion – San Antonio, TX 2025
- CinCityCon – Sharonville, OH Oct 11-13

The End of the Line

- WynterCon – Eastbourne, UK
- Anime Banzai – Salt Lake City, UT

Help Wanted

- Arisia – Boston, MA Jan 17-20

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- Arisia – Boston, MA Jan 17-20

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Venue changes, new dates, cancellations, etc.**



Science Fiction Pro and Fan Birthdays

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This list of fandom-related birthdays was first published by Bruce Pelz in the Fantasy Amateur Press Association. Andrew Porter published and updated the list for Science Fiction Chronicle. Updates are welcome!

Unless stated otherwise, all birthdays are in the 20th century.

October

Donald A. Wollheim, 10/1/14; Martha Beck, 10/1/29; Rick Katze, 10/1/44; Mike Ashley, 10/1/48; Paul Park, 10/1/54; Holly Lisle, 10/1/60; Mark Finn, 10/1/69; Willy Ley, 10/2/06; Jack Finney, 10/2/11; Edmund Crispin, 10/2/21; Steven W. Carabatsos, 10/2/38; Phil Harbottle, 10/2/41; Vernor Vinge, 10/2/44; Ira Lee Riddle, 10/2/46; Mike Wood, 10/2/48; Seth Goldberg, 10/2/52; Diane Carey, 10/2/54; Robert Reid, 10/2/66; John Boyd, 10/3/19; Donald R. Bensen, 10/3/27; Ray Nelson, 10/3/31; Katharine Kerr, 10/3/44; Bruce Henstell, 10/3/45; Jeffrey Thomas, 10/3/57; Beth Revis, 10/3/81; Al Ashley, 10/4/08; Donn Brazier, 10/4/17; Alvin Toffler, 10/4/28; Anne Rice, 10/4/41; Harry Andruschack, 10/4/44; Val Ontell, 10/4/46; Dena Benatan, 10/4/51; Gary Plumlee, 10/4/54; Saladin Ahmed, 10/4/75; Tetsu Yano, 10/5/23; H.F. Heard, 10/6/1899; Arthur Hlavaty, 10/6/42; Blake Maxam, 10/6/44; David Brin, 10/6/50; D. Alexander Smith, 10/6/53; Wendy Van Arnam, 10/6/67; H.H. Hollis, 10/7/21; Jane Gallion, 10/7/38; Lee Gold, 10/7/42; Rick Foss, 10/7/56; Richard Sharpe Shaver, 10/8/07; Frank Herbert, 10/8/20; Penny Frierson, 10/8/41; R.L. Stine, 10/8/43; Beverly Kanter, Bob Martin, 10/8/48; Harry Bates, 10/9/00; Steven Popkes, 10/9/52; Robert Reed, 10/9/56; Cheryl Brigham-Brin, 10/9/60; Max Ehrlich, 10/10/09; Jack Jardine, 10/10/31; Nora Roberts, 10/10/50.

G.C. Edmondson, 10/11/22; Doris Piserchia, Thomas Burnett Swann, 10/11/28; Sharman DiVono, 10/11/49; William Forstchen, 10/11/50; Sharan Volin, 10/11/69; Lester Dent, 10/12/04; Cynthia Felice, 10/12/42; Sandra McDonald, 10/12/66; Joseph Samachson, 10/13/06; Nathan Lowell, Ben Schilling, 10/13/52; Lincoln Child, 10/13/57; Alice Hopf, 10/14/04; Sandy Meskys, 10/14/46; Crispin Burnham, 10/14/49; Charles Gramlich, 10/14/58; James H. Schmitz, 10/15/11; Ted Tubb, 10/15/19; Ray D. Fisher, 10/15/34; Don Simpson, 10/15/38; Lon Atkins, 10/15/42; Richard Christian Matheson, 10/14/53; Jeff D. “Freff” Cochrane, 10/15/54; Chester D. Cuthbert, 10/16/12; Jim Caughran, 10/16/40; Paul Edwin Zimmer, 10/16/43; Glenn Glazer, 10/16/63; Lawrence Schimel, 10/16/71; Duane Ackerson, 10/17/42; Michael Walsh, 10/17/50; Robert Jordan, 10/17/48; Jo Fletcher, 10/17/58; Patrick Ness, 10/17/71; Katherine Kurtz, 10/18/44; Jeff Schalles, 10/18/51; Harl Vincent, 10/19/1893; Henry Eichner, 10/19/09; Russell Kirk, 10/19/18; George Nader, 10/19/21; L.E. Modesitt Jr, 10/19/43; Stan Burns, 10/19/47; James Howard Kunstler, 10/19/48; L.P. Davies, 10/20/14; Frank Herbert, 10/20/20; Erle M. Korshak, 10/20/23; Douglas Adams, 10/20/55; Lynn Flewelling, 10/20/58.

Edmond Hamilton, 10/21/04; Martin Gardner, 10/21/14; Ursula K. Le Guin, 10/21/29; Richard Meredith, 10/21/37; Lola Ann Center, 10/21/51; Carmen Carter, 10/21/54; Tim Marion, 10/21/58; Bob Mayer, 10/21/59; Delilah S. Dawson, 10/21/77; Lee Jacobs, 10/22/27; Suzy McKee Charnas, 10/22/39; Jim Baen, 10/22/43; Cyn Mason, 10/22/52; Dafydd ab Hugh, 10/22/60; John C. Wright, 10/22/61; Jeremy Robinson, 10/22/74; Roy Lavender, 10/23/19; Michael Crichton, 10/23/42; Gordon Korman, 10/23/63; Jean Barnard, 10/24/18; Jane Fancher, David Weber, 10/24/52; Jerry Boyajian, 10/24/53; Jack Skillingstead, 10/24/55; Katie Waitman, 10/24/56; Charles Platt, 10/25/45; Rebecca M. Meluch, 10/24/56; John Gregory Betancourt, 10/25/63; Stuart J. Byrne, 10/26/13; Kenneth Johnson, Bill Plott, 10/26/42; Jennifer Roberson, 10/26/53; J.W. Donnelly, 10/26/59; Jim Butcher, 10/26/71; David Walton, 10/26/75; George H. Smith, 10/27/22; Brad Strickland, 10/27/47; Alina Chau, 10/27/80; Charles V. DeVet, 10/28/11; Dave Garcia, 10/28/52; Richard A. Lovett, 10/28/53; Amy Thomson, 10/28/58; Joe Lansdale, 10/28/51; Fredric Brown, 10/29/06; Beryl Mercer, 10/29/25; Sheila Finch, 10/29/35; Paul Di Filippo, 10/29/54; Walter A. Willis, 10/30/19; Mike McInerney, 10/30/43; Tim Kirk, 10/30/47; Art Saha, 10/31/23; Larry McCombs, 10/31/39; Dan Alderson, 10/31/41; James L. Halperin, 10/31/52; Neal Stephenson, 10/31/59.

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OCTOBER CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

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Each month we will provide a list of conventions from around the world. This list is constantly being updated throughout the month. You can find our full events list as well as a calendar at SciFi4Me.com.

If you know of a local event, big or little, send us and email at events@scifi4me.com so we can add it and make it the most comprehensive conventions list on the internet.

There are currently **3,124 listings**, and we continue to add events regularly.

Oct 3 – 6

VIRTUAL

Otocon – Dublin, Ireland Oct 5-6

ON-SITE

Gamathon – Lagos, Nigeria Sep 30-Oct 5

Furnavia – Kristiansand, Norway Oct 2-5

Atlanta Game Fest – Atlanta, GA Oct 3-6

Con on the Cob – Richfield, OH Oct 3-6

ICCC – Nashville, TN Oct 3-6

Romics – Rome, Italy Oct 3-6

SPIEL – Essen, Germany Oct 3-6

Anime Fiesta – McAllen, TX Oct 4-6

Anime Ink – Richmond, VA Oct 4-6

Archon – Collinsville, IL Oct 4-6

Bangor Comic & Toy Con – Bangor, ME Oct 4-6

Carolina Furfare – Hickory, NC Oct 4-6

Cinema Wasteland – Berea, OH Oct 4-6

Days of the Dead Atlanta – Atlanta, GA Oct 4-6

Dragon Fall – Lake Geneva, WI Oct 4-6

Dreamhack Atlanta – Atlanta, GA Oct 4-6

Horrorpalooza Weekend – New Orleans, LA Oct 4-6

Kadabra Con – Corpus Christi, TX Oct 4-6

Kami-Con HAI – Huntsville, AL Oct 4-6

King-Con – Kingman, AZ Oct 4-6

L.A. Comic Con – Los Angeles, CA Oct 4-6

Magic Con – Bonn, Germany Oct 4-6

Monster-Mania Con – Baltimore, MD Oct 4-6

Nuke-Con – Omaha, NE Oct 4-6

Pittsburgh Gaming Expo – Monroeville, PA Oct 4-6

SCG Con – Washington D.C Oct 4-6

Spookala Orlando – Orlando, FL Oct 4-6

Bedrock City Con – Houston, TX Oct 5-6

Brick Universe Portland – Portland, ME Oct 5-6

Brickfest Live Lexington – Lexington, KY Oct 5-6

Brickfest Live Minneapolis – Minneapolis, MN Oct 5-6

Collectibles Extravaganza – Boxborough, MA Oct 5-6
Comic Con Scotland – Edinburgh, United Kingdom Oct 5-6
Cyprus Comic Con – Nicosia, Cyprus Oct 5-6
 Giganticon – Killeen, TX Oct 5-6
 Jewelry City Steampunk Festival – Attleboro, MA Oct 5-6
Newcastle Anime & Gaming Con – Newcastle, United Kingdom Oct 5-6
 Oddities & Curiosities Portland – Portland, OR Oct 5-6
 Oklahoma City Brick Convention – Oklahoma City, OK Oct 5-6
Otocon – Dublin, Ireland Oct 5-6
Paris Manga Sci-Fi Show – Paris, France Oct 5-6
Play Expo Blackpool – Blackpool, United Kingdom Oct 5-6
 Quad City Con St Cloud – St Cloud, MN Oct 5-6
 Salute to Smallville – Parsippany, NJ Oct 5-6
 St Louis Mighty Con – St Louis, MO Oct 5-6
 Syracuse Popcon – Syracuse, NY Oct 5-6
UK PonyCon – Nottingham, United Kingdom Oct 5-6
 Adriondacon – Glens Falls, NY Oct 5
 C.A.S.A. Comic Arts San Antonio – San Antonio, TX Oct 5
 Citrus Comic, Toy, & Anime Festival – Lecanto, FL Oct 5
 Game On! – Greensboro, NC Oct 5
 Kissimmee Collectorfest – Kissimmee, FL Oct 5
 Midwest Comic Book Convention Janesville – Janesville, WI Oct 5
 Monster Fest – Chesapeake, VA Oct 5
 NetsuCon – Clermont, FL Oct 5
 Next Chapter Con – Dalton, GA Oct 5
 North Dallas Toy Show – Plano, TX Oct 5
Nostalgiakon – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Oct 5
 Pro or Con – Livonia, MI Oct 5
Sonic Con UK – Manchester, United Kingdom Oct 5
 St Louis Comic Con – Belleville, IL Oct 5
 Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Oct 5
Ajax Comicon – Ajax, Ontario, Canada Oct 6
 Charleston Anime-Fest – Charleston, SC Oct 6
 Cleveland Comic Book & Nostalgia Show – Cleveland, PA Oct 6
 Elk Grove Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Elk Grove, CA Oct 6
 Midwest Comic Book Convention Wausau – Weston, WI Oct 6
 New Haven Comic & Collectible Spectacular – New Haven, CT Oct 6
Niagara Game Con – St Catharines, Ontario, Canada Oct 6

Oct 10 – 14

Confuror – Guadalajara, Mexico Oct 10-13
 Alamo City Furry Invasion – San Antonio, TX Oct 11-13
 Anime Mundo – El Paso, TX Oct 11-13
 Anime USA – Washington D.C. Oct 11-13
 Big Texas Comicon – San Antonio, TX Oct 11-13
 Cardboard Caucus – West Des Moines, IA Oct 11-13
 CinCityCon – Sharonville, OH Oct 11-13
 ConQuest Avalon – Sacramento, CA Oct 11-13
 DeepSouthCon – Helen, GA Oct 11-13

FlatCon – Bloomington, IL Oct 11-13
HeroFest – Bern, Switzerland Oct 11-13
Horror Fest – Mesa, AZ Oct 11-13
Mad Monster Party Colorado – Denver, CO Oct 11-13
Nightmare Weekend – Richmond, VA Oct 11-13
Oni-Con – Galveston, TX Oct 11-13
PAX Australia – Melbourne, Victoria, Australia Oct 11-13
RetroGameCon – Syracuse, NY Oct 11-13
The Road So Far... The Road Ahead Creation Tour– Charlotte, NC Oct 11-13
Son of Monsterpalooza– Burbank, CA Oct 11-13
Spooky Empire – Orlando, FL Oct 11-13
Travellercon-USA – Lancaster, PA Oct 11-13
Tsubasacon – Charleston, WV Oct 11-13
Viking-Con – Copenhagen, Demark Oct 11-13
WasabiCon – Jacksonville, FL Oct 11-13
Advance the Colors – Springfield, OH Oct 11-12
Icon Game Convention – Idaho Falls, ID Oct 11-12
Anime Impulse Bay Area – San Mateo, CA Oct 12-13
Blue Lake Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Blue Lake, CA Oct 12-13
Brickfest Live North Charleston – North Charleston, SC Oct 12-13
Brickfest Live Philadelphia – Philadelphia, PA Oct 12-13
Collect-a-Con – Chicago, IL Oct 12-13
Comic Con Holland – Amsterdam, Netherlands Oct 12-13
ComicCon de Quebec – Quebec City, Quebec, Canada Oct 12-13
Congress of Gamers Fall – Rockville, MD Oct 12-13
Electric Con – New Orleans, LA Oct 12-13
Exeter Comic Con and Gaming Festival Autumn – Exeter, United Kingdom Oct 12-13
Furnace– Sheffield, United Kingdom Oct 12-13
Hypercon – Wichita Falls, TX Oct 12-13
Marietta Monster Mash – Marietta, OH Oct 12-13
New Orleans Brick Convention – New Orleans, LA Oct 12-13
Quad City Con Brookfield – Brookfield, WI Oct 12-13
RetroFest Arkansas – Conway, AR Oct 12-13
Scream Diego – San Diego, CA Oct 12-13
Susquehanna Scuffle – Philadelphia, PA Oct 12-13
BADcon – Pleasant Valley, MO Oct 12
Cartersville Comic Con – Cartersville, GA Oct 12
CompassCon: Newmarket – Newmarket, Ontario, Canada Oct 12
Eckman's Card Comic and Toy Show – San Antonio, TX Oct 12
Great Lakes Fall Expo – Clinton Township, MI Oct 12
Horror Con Scotland – Iverness, United Kingdom Oct 12
Leeds Brick Festival – Leeds, United Kingdom Oct 12
Oh!Con – Stornoway, United Kingdom Oct 12
RocketCon – Jefferson, PA Oct 12
Tennessee Horror-Fest – Clarksville, TN Oct 12
Washington State Toy Show – Ridgefield, WA Oct 12
Capital Trade Shows – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada Oct 13
Cheshunt Brick Festival – Cheshunt, United Kingdom Oct 13

Tulsa Anime-Fest – Tulsa, OK Oct 13
 West Palm Beach Collectors – Green Acres, FL Oct 13
 VIEW Conference – Turin, Italy Oct 14-19

Oct 15 – 20

Toronto After Dark Film Fest – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Oct 15-19
MoBiDiCTUM – Istanbul, Turkey Oct 15-16
 HorrorFest International – St George, UT Oct 16-19
 Brooklyn Horror Film Festival – Brooklyn, NY Oct 17-24
 Gamehole Con – Madison, WI Oct 17-20
GamesCon Asia – Singapore Oct 17-20
Irish Discworld Convention – Cork, Ireland Oct 17-20
 New York Comic Con – New York City, NY Oct 17-20
 Nightmares Film Festival – Columbus, OH Oct 17-20
 World Fantasy Convention – Niagara Falls, NY Oct 17-20
 Anime Fusion – Plymouth, MN Oct 18-20
 Anime Nebraskon – Council Bluffs, NE Oct 18-20
 Another Anime Convention – Westford, MA Oct 18-20
 Armour Con – Marlborough, MA Oct 18-20
 Austi-Con – Austin, MN Oct 18-20
 Cincinnati Comic Expo – Cincinnati, OH Oct 18-20
 ICON – Cedar Rapids, IA Oct 18-20
 Multiverse – Atlanta, GA Oct 18-20
 Nightmare Weekend Miami – Miami, FL Oct 18-20
 Octogones – Lyon, France Oct 18-20
 OryCon – Portland, OR Oct 18-20
 Planet Anime – Kansas City, MO Oct 18-20
 SD Who Con – San Diego, CA Oct 18-20
 Scare Fest – Montreat, NC Oct 18-20
 Scarefest – Lexington, KY Oct 18-20
 ValleyCon – Fargo, ND Oct 18-20
VianaCon – *Viana do Castelo*, Portugal Oct 18-20
 Carlisle Comic Con – Carlisle, PA Oct 18-19
 Erie Days of Games – Erie, PA Oct 18-19
 2DY Toy Expo – San Antonio, TX Oct 19-20
 Anime Wonder – Tucson, AZ Oct 19-20
 Brick Universe Augusta County – Augusta County, VA Oct 19-20
 Brickfest Live Richmond – Richmond, VA Oct 19-20
 Dallas Fan Festival – Irving, TX Oct 19-20
 Fayetteville Comiccon – Fayetteville, NC Oct 19-20
Film & Comic Con Cardiff – Cardiff, United Kingdom Oct 19-20
Heroes Comic Con – Brussels, Belgium Oct 19-20
 Long Island Brick Convention – Long Island, NY Oct 19-20
 Made In Asia – Brussels, Belgium Oct 19-20
 Oddities & Curiosities Seattle – Seattle, WA Oct 19-20
PonyCon Holland – Zeist, The Netherlands Oct 19-20
 Rocket City Toy & Comic Expo – Huntsville, AL Oct 19-20
 Splat Con – Los Angeles, CA Oct 19-20
 1UpState – Albany, NY Oct 19
Cardiff Brick Festival – Cardiff, United Kingdom Oct 19

Clarksvillecon – Clarksville, TN Oct 19
 Doctoberfest – Camby, IN Oct 19
Dumfries Comic Con – Dumfries, United Kingdom Oct 19
 Florida Horror-Fest – Fort Myers, FL Oct 19
Horror Con Scotland – Dundee, United Kingdom Oct 19
 Midwest Comic Book Convention South Bend – South Bend, IN Oct 19
 MoTownCon – Concord, NC Oct 19
 Smoky Mountain Geek Expo – Waynesville, NC Oct 19
TringCon – Marsworth, United Kingdom Oct 19
 Wauke-Con – Waukegan, IL Oct 19
 Bowling Green Anime-Fest – Bowling Green, KY Oct 20
 Clandestine Comics – Hunt Valley, MD Oct 20
 Midwest Comic Book Convention Rockford – Rockford, IL Oct 20
 Quad City Con St Charles – St Charles, MO Oct 20
Redruth Comic Con – Redruth, United Kingdom Oct 20
 Tracy Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Tracy, CA Oct 20
Whitby Comicon – Whitby, Ontario, Canada Oct 20

Oct 23 – 28

Golden Leaves Con – Hasliberg, Switzerland Oct 23-27
 IX (Illuxcon) – Reading, PA Oct 23-27
 Big Bad Con – Burlingame, CA Oct 24-27
Reffurence – Rotterdam, The Netherlands Oct 24-27
 ShaoCon – Atlanta, GA Oct 24-27
 LexiCon – Stillwater, OK Oct 24-26
Armageddon Expo Auckland Spring – Auckland, New Zealand Oct 25-28
Gaelcon – Dublin, United Kingdom Oct 25-28
 Baku Retsu Con – Cochester, VT Oct 25-27
 Derpy Con – New Brunswick, NJ Oct 25-27
EGX London – London, United Kingdom Oct 25-27
Frightmare in the Falls – Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada Oct 25-27
 GDEX – Columbus, OH Oct 25-27
Infurnity – New Taipei City, Taiwan Oct 25-27
 Lightbox Expo – Pasadena, CA Oct 25-27
MCM Comic Con London – London, United Kingdom Oct 25-27
 MileHiCon – Denver, CO Oct 25-27
 RamenCon – South Bend, IN Oct 25-27
 Salute to Battlestar Galactica – Chicago, IL Oct 25-27
 San Diego Comic Fest – San Diego, CA Oct 25-27
 SpaceCon – San Antonio, TX Oct 25-27
 The Camp Fanmily Vacation – Orlando, FL Oct 25-27
 Washington State Horror Con – Puyallup, WA Oct 25-27
Winnipeg Comiccon – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada Oct 25-27
 Furry Cruise – Los Angeles, CA Oct 26-Nov 2
 CCS Fall AnimeFest – Stone Mountain, GA Oct 26-27
 Chattanooga Comic Con – Chattanooga, TN Oct 26-27
Comic Con Brussels – Augsburg, Germany Oct 26-27
 Cowtown Comic Con – Fort Worth, TX Oct 26-27
 Epic ACG Fest – Mountain View, CA Oct 26-27
 HallowCon – Dalton, GA Oct 25-27

Memphis Comic Expo – Memphis, TN Oct 26-27
 Oddities & Curiosities Sacramento – Sacramento, CA Oct 26-27
 Quad City Con Des Moines – Des Moines, IA Oct 26-27
 RetroPalooza – Fort Worth, TX Oct 26-27
 Salute to the Boys – Whippany, NJ Oct 26-27
Time Lash – Kassel, Germany Oct 26-27
 Toledo Brick Convention – Toledo, OH Oct 26-27
 VoltCon – Indianapolis, IN Oct 26-27
 YumeConUSA – San Jose, CA Oct 26-27
Batawa Comicon – Batawa, Ontario, Canada Oct 26
 Carolinas Horror-Fest – Asheville, NC Oct 26
 DC Zinefest – Washington D.C. Oct 26
Dundee Comic Con – Dundee, United Kingdom Oct 26
Georgian Bay Fancon – Meaford, Ontario, Canada Oct 26
 Lafayette Comic Con – Lafayette, IN Oct 26
 Monster Bash – Smithville, NJ Oct 26
 BentonvilleCon – Bentonville, AR Oct 27
Bowmanville Comicon – Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada Oct 27
Collector Con – Campbelltown, New South Wales, Australia Oct 27
 Contra Costa Halloween Con – Concord, CA Oct 27
 Lake Collect-a-Con – Leesburg, FL Oct 27
London Brick Festival – London, United Kingdom Oct 27
 Midwest Comic Book Convention – Rockford, IL Oct 27
 Santa Rosa Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Santa Rosa, CA Oct 27
 SC Comicon JR – Greenville, SC Oct 27
 Triangle Terror Con – Durham, NC Oct 27

Oct 29 – Nov 3

VIRTUAL

GameSound Con – Burbank, CA Oct 29-30

ON-SITE

GameSound Con – Burbank, CA Oct 29-30
Furry Blacklight – Maurepas, France Oct 30-Nov 3
 Furpocalypse – Cromwell, CT Oct 31-Nov 4
Fursuite Halloween Prague – Prague, Czech Oct 31-Nov 3
Utopiales – Nantes, France Oct 31-Nov 3
 Youmacon – Detroit, MI Oct 31-Nov 3
 Anime Magic! Ink'd – Rosemont, IL Nov 1-3
Can-Con – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada Nov 1-3
 Cape Comic Con – Cape Girardeau, MO Nov 1-3
 Carnage – Killington, VT Nov 1-3
Comic Con Stockholm – Stockholm, Sweden Nov 1-3
Enchanted – Birmingham, United Kingdom Nov 1-3
 Fall In – Lancaster, PA Nov 1-3
Fantastika – Nacka, Sweden Nov 1-3
 KeeCon – Cherokee, IA Nov 1-3
 NekoCon – Hampton, VA Nov 1-3
 NEWGameapalooza – Oshkosh, WI Nov 1-3
 Rhode Island Comic Con – Providence, RI Nov 1-3

Rock-Con – Rockford, IL Nov 1-3
 Sin City Anime – Las Vegas, NV Nov 1-3
 Tampa Nerd Con – Tampa, FL Nov 1-3
 Tennessee Game Day Fall – Franklin, TN Nov 1-3
 TFCon Baltimore – Baltimore, MD Nov 1-3
 The Road So far...The Road Ahead Creation Tour – Chicago, IL Nov 1-3
 TORG Gaming Expo – Columbus, OH Nov 1-3
 WarFaire Weekend – St Louis, MO Nov 1-3
 Doxacon – Arlington, VA Nov 1-2
 Effing-Con – Effingham, IL Nov 1-2
 Monster Bash – Pittsburgh, PA Nov 1-2
 Anime Pasadena – Pasadena, CA Nov 2-3
 Brickfest Live Buffalo – Buffalo, NY Nov 2-3
 Collect-a-Con – Houston, TX Nov 2-3
FACTS – Ghent, Belgium Nov 2-3
 Florida Extravaganaza – Tampa, FL Nov 2-3
 Greenville Brick Convention – Greenville, SC Oct 2-3
J-Tsoon Burning Pumpkin Fest – Tallinn, Estonia Nov 2-3
 Lodge Con – Peotone, IL Nov 2-3
 Quad City Con Peoria – Peoria, IL Nov 2-3
Supernova Adelaide – Adelaide, South Australia, Australia Nov 2-3
 Tiger Con – Valdosta, GA Nov 2-3
 Washington State Toy Show – Puyallup, WA Nov 2-3
Animangapop Brighton! – Brighton, United Kingdom Nov 2
 Augusta Anime-Fest – Augusta, GA Nov 2
 Cornith Comic Con – Cornith, MS Nov 2
Croydon Brick Festival – Croydon, United Kingdom Nov 2
 Frankfort Anime-Fest – Frankfort, KY Nov 2
 Madera Pom Con – Madera, CA Nov 2
 MegaGame Texas – Austin, TX Nov 2
 North Dallas Toy Show – Plano, TX Oct 2
 Short Run Comix & Arts Festival – Seattle, WA Nov 2
 SoCo Horror Con – Pueblo, CO Nov 2
Plymouth Comic Con and Gaming Festival – Plymouth, United Kingdom Nov 2
 SoCo Horror Con – Pueblo, CO Nov 2
 Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Nov 2
Exeter Brick Festival – Exeter, United Kingdom Nov 3
 Folsom Toy-Anime-Comic Con – Folsom, CA Nov 3
London Film Fair – London, United Kingdom Nov 3
 Midwest Comic Book Convention Springfield – Springfield, IL Nov 3
 Mouse-Con – Concord, CA Nov 3





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