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Those of you who have not seen the SFRA Newsletter may not know that James Gunn was elected president of SFRA. Winner of the Pilgrim Award in 1976, he is equally distinguished as a writer of fiction and a teacher, for his summer workshop at the University of Kansas has had the backing of NEH. Mary Kenny Badami of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was elected vice president. Both Elizabeth Cummins Cogell (University of Missouri-Rolla) and Robert Galbreath (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) were re-elected—treasurer and secretary, respectively. My congratulations and best wishes to all four officers.

The annual meeting of SFRA will be held this year in Denver. Professor Charlotte Donsky is chairperson of the Local Committee. Those of you wishing further information should write either to her (1265 South Clay, Denver 80219) or to Professor Roald Tweet (Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. 61201), who is editor of the Newsletter. Incidentally, the Worldcon is also being held in Denver over Labor Day weekend, September 3–7. Those interested in attending DENVENTION TWO, as it is called, should write directly to Box 11545, Denver 80211. The fee for attending memberships is $35.00; for supporting memberships, $15.00—at least as of January 1, although the fees will probably go up from those figures. Clifford D. Simak and C. L. Moore will be co-Guests of Honor.

Since I may well be in England at the time SFRA meets, I hope to attend DENVENTION TWO. I wish the two meetings could somehow take place at the same time, because I think there needs to be a greater liaison between the academic field and the professional/fan community.

Two other meetings should be mentioned, though by the time this
issue appears, the one at least will be a thing of the past. On February 21–22 at the University of California-Riverside the third annual J. Lloyd Eaton Conference was held. Professor Leslie Fiedler was announced as the keynote speaker. March 18–21 will be the date of the Second International Conference on the Fantastic at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton. John Barth and Brian Aldiss head the list of speakers. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend either conference personally because I am getting ready to go on leave for a year, beginning in June. I do hope to make the Eaton Conference next year, however, for I plan now to spend the winter in California.

The meeting at MLA in Houston went well. Professor Patrick G. Hogan, Jr. chaired a discussion of library collections; Hal Hall of Texas A & M was the principal speaker. Incidentally, several of you have asked—and I know that others of you are interested—in the fate of the movement begun last spring to establish a permanent Discussion Section for Science Fiction at MLA. Since the Seminar first met in 1958, this procedure may need brief explanation. Quite simply, under the new structure of MLA the old seminar system has been curtailed, primarily because special interest groups, some of short duration, have mushroomed. The establishment of a Discussion Section will mean that we need no longer petition each year to have another “special” event. (For the past several years while I have been on the Executive Committee of the Popular Culture Group, the annual petition has not been necessary because Popular Culture has sponsored a science fiction meeting at MLA.)

In the spring and at Houston, primarily, I gathered together letters from individual members of MLA supporting the Discussion Group. Shortly after the new year I forwarded these, together with a formal request, to Ms. Janet Adams, coordinator of the MLA Divisions. The Executive Committee will act upon that request not later than May. From everything that I have been told, and from the wide support that the request has gained, I remain most hopeful. Certainly such a group will give science fiction a center to work from. Proposed members of the Executive Committee include myself (primarily because I submitted the request), Charles Elkins of Florida Atlantic University (designated as program chairman for 1982), Eric Rabkin of the University of Michigan, Patricia Warrick of the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, and David Samuelson of the University of California-Long Beach. As soon as the request is granted, an organizational meeting will be set up for New York in 1981 and nominations for a new member of the Committee, effective in 1983, will be arranged.

So that there will be a meeting in

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What I am planning to say I have already said in a much briefer form to another audience. That was about a year ago, in October, 1978, at the Conference on Science Fiction organized by the Estetics [sic] Chair of Palermo University. I have to admit that I do not feel quite at ease at such conferences: I get a feeling that everybody knows everything anyway, and my business is to say my piece as briefly as possible and to get off the podium, without insulting all these learned men with unnecessary explanations. This is what I did and, as it turned out, should not have done, because the next speaker was a semiotician who said he was disappointed that I never even mentioned semiotics in my speech. Then my distinguished friend, Professor Darko Suvin from McGill University, asked me whether I spoke about science fiction or fantasy.

This is when I realized that although we have been discussing science fiction for quite a long time, we have not yet agreed on some general things, and that before we begin discussing something specific, we have to establish our general standpoint. I am a humanities specialist, and I approach semiotics as such. I think this is the right way to treat science fiction, since to me it is, first and foremost, literature. Of course, arts and humanities can be studied by precise scientific method. Fiction and sciences investigate the same world and thus naturally have common points. But this does not mean total identity. First, arts and literature, unlike sciences, investigate not only the material but also the social world. This world lives by different laws. Thus, the objects of the study of literature and science do not completely coincide. Besides, each study has its own method. Therefore, al-
though the humanities and sciences can aid each other and to a certain extent even interpenetrate, they do not and cannot merge. And we should not wish them to merge because if we do, our world outlook will cease to be comprehensive. This is why I think that the semiotic approach to literature can only be supplementary. When precise sciences study art, it inevitably falls into a rigid formal pattern. That is why such analysis works best with the worst literary works. They are rigid and formal from the start; they lack any live spirit; and, logically, they have nothing to lose to such analysis. If, on the other hand, we apply such analysis to real, living literature, it ceases to be a real fruit with its own flavor and aroma, and turns into a cardboard fake. Have you ever considered why elephants do not eat cottonwool? The answer, I think, is simple: they do not like it. In such analysis we resemble the elephants, and the work so analyzed would be like cottonwool.

Now, considering science fiction and fantasy: no doubt, they exist as two forms, but science fiction and fantasy both express the fantastic, something basic. This is not just my personal point of view. I am sure you are familiar with Eric S. Rabkin's book, *The Fantastic in Literature* (1976). The author proceeds from the concept of the fantastic which finds expression in specific historical forms. The fantastic, according to Rabkin, is linked to the mechanism of our perception of the world. A similar book, and a very talented one, has recently been prepared in our country by Professor Tatiana Chemyshova of Irkutsk University in Siberia. Chemyshova proceeds from the concept, shared by all literary theorists in our country, of two levels of artistic conventionality. Any art is conventional; it does not reflect reality like a mirror, no matter how much it claims to do so. The world is refracted in art through the method, the outlook and the individuality of the artist. But this is, so to speak, the first level of conventionality. Readers and even the author himself often fail to perceive the conventions of a realistic novel. Would you call *Anna Karenina* a conventional novel? And, somewhat violating the absolute truth, we call such art nonconventional.

But there exists another kind of art, in which the conventionality is perceived from the start as one of the rules of the game. The simplest example is parody, where the object of study is not life itself, but its reflection in literature. Different types of art gravitate toward different levels of conventionality. Films, for instance, have more elements of nonconventional art than the theater. The fantastic in all its manifestations, though in different degrees, belongs to conventional art. But the extent of its conventionality differs depending on circumstances, and in some cases it is connected with the genre it assumes.

And these are precepts from which I proceed in my remarks on the fantastic in the theater and films. Not a little has been written up to date about fantastic films, but practically nothing has been written about
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fantastic theater. Why so? Is fantastic cinema simply a fortune's darling or are there some other reasons for its neglect? I think there are. They are of two kinds—of a historical kind and of a kind that springs from its very nature. Theater unfortunately has some inborn defects which hinder its alliance with the fantastic. We'll speak about this later. Let us begin with its lucky rival—cinema.

Fantastic subject matter was among the first in the new-born cinema art and all the filmografies of fantastic films open with George Méliès’ “La rêve d’un astronome ou la lune à un mètre” shot in 1898. After that the number of fantastic films increased from year to year and progress in this respect was very stable—if course, if progress in art can be spoken of as dependent on statistics.

Was fantastic cinema quite original? Not at all. The way had already been paved for Méliès by Jules Verne and H. G. Wells. The best of the modern fantastic films also have narrative sources. These are “On the Beach” by Stanley Kramer (1959), “451o Fahrenheit” by François Truffaut (1966), “Solaris” by Andrey Tarkorski (1967), and some others. Of course, we have the strange case of Stanley Kubrick and Arthur Clarke, when the latter wrote his well-known novel (2001: A Space Odyssey [1966]) after his even more well-known script, but as a rule really good films based on original scripts are practically nonexistent.

But at the same time it would be an illusion to think that fantastic cinema is a follower of literature. In practice, if we speak in categories of art, it is something just the opposite. Who knew Peter George before Kubrick made his “Doctor Strangelove” (1963)? Was Anthony Burgess known well enough before Kubrick shot his “A Clockwork Orange”? It may well be that Brian Aldiss was not so paradoxical as all that when he called filmmaker Kubrick “the great science fiction writer of the age.”

The films just mentioned are mainly of the last two decades. Yes, only in the last decade has progress in quantity of fantastic films changed to progress in quality. Now fantastic cinema has a distinguished place in the cultural process. And, I should say, it has in some way a compensatory role in this process, replacing narrative science fiction. The best period of development of narrative science fiction during the last decades dates back, I think, to the forties, fifties and the beginning of the sixties. Today science fiction is in search of new ways, but the main road has not yet been found. And in this respect fantastic films play their compensatory role.

Why so?

The fantastic of the thirties and forties has accomplished a tremendous task. It helped mankind get intellectually used to the world discovered by modern physics. Readers faced a strange universe which did not resemble our everyday Newtonian universe, and whose striking novelty was akin to the novelty of coming to know a new sphere or art. The fantastic lured us
Julius Kagarlitski

with unknown possibilities. It even shed new light on things we had grown used to, and it revealed something in them which we had never been aware of before.

Today, however, this new universe is not so novel. We have grown used to it; we have grown used to space flight and are now getting used to space flights lasting many months. We have travelled together with Neil Armstrong to the moon. Short trips into space are in the past. People live and work there, they weld experimental metals in space. And this familiarity presents a considerable danger to science fiction. We now firmly believe in what we never dared to dream before. Faith, however, is by no means the province of science fiction.

From the historical point of view, the fantastic is a result of decomposition of myth. Myth was not fantastic simply because it was implicitly believed in. Hell, Purgatory and Paradise were not fantastic. They were symbols of faith. Nothing seemed more believable than things Dante spoke about in *La Divina Comedia*. The world he painted, a world no one had ever seen, was not even at the level of life; it was above it, it governed it. It was absolute.

The fairy tale is a step toward the fantastic. It appeared when old tribal pre-Christian beliefs were called into question by Christianity. The monop­oly of the old myth was broken. Side-by-side with the old myth a new and more powerful one now stood. The heroes of the old myth retreated into the field of the not-quite-believable legend and became a proper part of literature. The fairy tale is a relic form of myth, and it was a relic form of myth from the first.

But the fantastic itself was born later, not when the pre-Christian myth clashed with the Christian myth, but at a time when the mythological type of thought clashed with true knowledge. The fantastic was born when free human reason began to question myth and even to ridicule it. Of course, we cannot state definitely just when this took place. It was a process, a gradual one, and not something that happened “right off the bat.” As a result of the process, the fantastic developed into a genre that demands from us belief and disbelief at one and the same time. Our acceptance of it is based on this balance of belief and disbelief. When we read fantastic books we realize that they are fantastic. But at the same time, we somehow believe that they are true, provided, of course, that they are good literature.

So, the type of the fantastic born in the period between the 40s and the 60s has since won our belief so readily that it has lost certain fantastic qualities. There is nothing unexpected in it. To call the novels of this period fantastic, we must find today a somewhat new approach to them—a little bit akin to how we must approach the novels of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells. This makes the narrative fantastic want to change, and it does change. But films managed to change earlier.
Of no small importance here is the portrayal of man. The science-fiction narrative literature, the science-fiction novel, for instance, badly lacks consistency in one respect. It has been declaring for some time that man is the most important thing in the universe, but at the same time it does not portray him well enough. It is cinema that is doing so instead.

There are many explanations as to why it is so difficult for the fantastic to portray man well. I think the most convincing is the following: while facing an alien world the protagonist of the fantastic represents mankind as a whole; his personal features are pushed to the background, and his abstract human nature assumes primary importance. This definitely evokes the tradition of the Enlightenment literature of the eighteenth century, when the rationalist fantastic was vigorously taking shape. The Enlightenment was more interested in human nature in general than in the spiritual world of an individual. The latter became the object of study by the Romantics who came later. We should add that the contemporary fantastic has often taken lessons from the Romantics. Thus, for instance, Lem's "Solaris" is, I think, a Romantic creation.

But films did not have to overcome the burdens of a harsh Enlightenment past since they simply had no such past. They were born in a different time, at the turn of the twentieth century when various neo-Romantic trends were in full swing, and because of this films acquired traditions that were different from those of the narrative fantastic. These films strive to see man in his unique individuality. I think it is not accidental that the neo-Romantic piece Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, by Robert Louis Stevenson, has been filmed more than any other book. From 1908 to 1968 it was filmed about twenty times; that is, every three years saw a new film version of the story. We should also remember that since the blow-up technique was discovered and mastered, films have acquired a brilliant technical way of closely studying man.

There is, I think, another reason why fantastic films have certain advantages over the narrative fantastic. As the proverb goes, it is better to see once than to hear a thousand times. We have heard much about the strange world discovered by modern physics and partly mastered by modern technology. We have grown used to it and we believe in it. But when we see it, it is still a discovery. After all, nothing can compare to the effect of one's presence. For example, on August 10, 1979, Russian television showed a film called "The Voice of Earth," a special show for Russian cosmonauts. It was organized by the Psychological Support group for cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko and Georgi Grechko, who had been in space for several months. Each time they had a day off, popular performers came to the television studio during the period of contact with the spacecraft. They not only performed but also talked to the cosmonauts. They told them about themselves, asked questions. Later it was all made into a film. This turned
out to be a fascinating and very human experience. One of the performers, Alice Freundlikh even cried. Yes, she had long been aware that almost four hundred kilometers above Earth, at the speed of eight kilometers per second, a spaceship was circling with cosmonauts aboard. But now she herself was seeing them, she herself was talking to them!

Films possess a tremendous advantage. Cinema is a visual art form. But theater is a visual art form, too. Why then did the narrative fantastic pass the baton to science-fiction films and not to the theater? Why is it so difficult to marry science fiction to theater? Strange as it may seem, the reason for this lies not in the forms' difference, but in their similarity. Like the fantastic proper, theater demands our belief and disbelief. It is a very conditional kind of art and at the same time it, more than many other kinds of less conditional art, calls forth our genuine emotions. Here we have to recall an important discovery in the field of theater theory made by Stendhal, who in his book *Racine and Shakespeare* (1823) spoke about "the moment of complete illusion." As you know, says Stendhal, every theater-goer perfectly understands that in reality he is not present at the unfolding of true events: he knows that he is in the theater and that it is the theater he is enjoying. In fact, he often finds himself enjoying things when, were it all happening in real life, he would feel disgusted and obliged, perhaps, to interfere. But if so, whence comes that feeling of its all being true, which we get when we are watching a good performance?

This feeling, says Stendhal, derives from a specific psychological phenomenon called "the moment of complete illusion," a moment when our belief is absolute. True, these moments are infinitely short. They may last a half or a quarter of a second. But the impression they make on us does not vanish with them; it lasts for a much longer period, sometimes from one moment of complete illusion to another. We can compare this process with that which we witness in the cinema, where every shot is actually a still, while a series of them creates an illusion of movement because the human eye retains an image a little longer than it really lasts. So, to return to the theater-goer, he also retains the feeling that sprang in him at the moment of complete illusion. Superimposed on the feeling he has—that what is happening on the stage is only conditional—is another feeling, a feeling of its all being true despite anything. As Stendhal writes, "All the pleasure we get from a tragedy depends on how frequent are the moments of complete illusion and on how long their emotional impact lasts." The process, as we see, is dialectical. The spectator knows all the time that he is in the theater and yet he keeps forgetting about it. He believes and disbelieves simultaneously.

Does it not recall that same "I believe—I don't believe" attitude which is characteristic of our approach to the fantastic? And this is the difficulty. Mechanisms of the psychological perception of the fantastic and the
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theater are too much alike to specify the fantastic theater as such. How is the fantastic theater to be distinguished from the nonfantastic theater? And especially from those modern forms of this basically conditional art that stress this conditionality? As you know, we have a very interesting Brechtian theater in Moscow, led by stage director Juri Lubimov. I was always quite sure that it was impossible to produce fantasy plays at this theater. Then Lubimov staged Bulgakov's "Master and Margaret," and it was not a fantasy production, though it had two brilliant fantastic scenes in it.

Why could not Lubimov do what Bulgakov had done with such success? Because theater, being basically conditional art, has much lesser possibilities in the fantastic; narrative genres have in this respect a great advantage over theater. Whatever is depicted in a novel acquires all the proportions of truth by being put down in black and white. It is written, and that means that it has already happened. That is why the world of the novel is, so to say, placed at a greater distance from us than the world of the theater, where we are present at the moment of action. The novel is not conditional in the sense that the theater is. What has happened cannot be changed. And being an art that is not conditional, the novel can vary its forms, singling out some of them as conditional.

The screen also has a great advantage over the stage. It is a kind of window through which we see the world in all its movements and in every minute detail. It is thus also less conditional than the theater, and because of this lends itself more to the fantastic. It must be added that the action shown on the screen is no less removed from us in time than events described in a book. What has been put on film has, as it were, already happened; as Peter Brook wrote in his book *The Empty Space* (1968). Yes, the cinema is a window on the world, but glass in this window is many times more solid than any kind of "fourth wall" on the stage. The screen, no less than the page of a book, excludes any possibility of interference. The cinema is an ideal instrument of the fantastic. It has all the merits of the narrative genres plus all the merits which the theater, being a visual art form, could have, had it not been a conditional art.

Does this mean that the theater has to resign all its claims on the fantastic and yield to its successful rival? No, not at all. I think that, in contrast to the cinema, fantastic theater as such cannot exist. But I am sure at the same time that some elements of the fantastic theater included in a nonfantastic production are not only possible, but can have great artistic value and throw a new light on the production as a whole.

I have already spoken of two brilliant fantastic scenes from Lubimov's *Master and Margaret*, but the best example of the fantastic in theater is given us by Shakespeare. His *Richard III, Hamlet, Macbeth* are not in any way fantastic plays. But without their fantastic elements, these realistic plays would lose much of their power and even some of their sense. The
fantastic appears in them in the background of reality, is set off by reality
and in this way stressed to such a degree that it acquires key significance.
There are always culminating scenes and episodes that focus the spectator's
attention and tear him away from the "scenic reality" to which, during the
performance, he gets as accustomed as to his everyday life. That is why
these fantastic elements are so important in helping him to penetrate to the
very core of the subject under contemplation and to understand the inner
sense of the events unfolding themselves before him. It is worth paying at­
tention to the fact that fantastic scenes in the tragedies of Shakespeare are
always put in for that very purpose. They are of key importance and help to
underline what the author wants to underline. The fantastic is conveyed
through the emotional. These are usually the most terrifying moments in
the life of the hero. They awake a storm of emotions in him, and in some
way what he is feeling is projected to the audience. The reactions of the hero
testify, as it were, to the truth of what is happening on the stage. Art being a
method of generalization, the fantastic on the stage is a method of emotion­
al overgeneralization.

Fantastic scenes and episodes on the stage are those parts of a produc­
tion where the moment of complete illusion, which in all other parts of it is
infinitely short, tends to become infinitely long. Of course, this is quite
impossible. The duration of the moments of complete illusion has its limits.
But when these limits are spread wide, then we begin to have elements of the
fantastic.

However, it must be repeated that these limits do exist, especially for the
fantastic. When the fantastic overlaps those boundaries, spreading over the
whole performance, it loses its identity, ceases to be the fantastic and
becomes transformed into something else, something akin to the fantastic,
but still very different from it—into a kind of fairy tale. The world of magic
and of the supernatural as well as the world of scientific miracles, when it is
on the stage during the whole performance, loses its overgeneralizing
quality. The spectator becomes accustomed to it, and this world gains
something which can be called a "scenic reality"—also a kind of reality,
though a rather strange one. We feel that we are far away from this reality,
but as there are no contrasting elements of realism and of the fantastic in it,
what is going on the stage ceases to be fantastic. This world of the scenic
fairy tale (an example can also be found in Shakespeare's last romantic
plays) is ruled by laws which are not the same as, but very much akin to,
those which rule the world of nonfantastic stage.

Notes
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An Imperfect Art: Competing Patterns in
More Than Human

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If any single novel is responsible for extending Theodore Sturgeon's reputation beyond his deserved recognition as a gifted short story writer, that novel is More Than Human (1953). Indeed, More Than Human is increasingly recognized as a major work in science fiction. The standard critical bibliography for science fiction, The Anatomy of Wonder, calls it "Sturgeon's greatest work," "a popular novel in SF courses," and "one of the genre's greatest works." Winner of the International Fantasy Award in 1954, the book was remembered by Damon Knight twenty years later as one of the "two most famous sf books of the fifties."

As Knight's comment suggests, part of More Than Human's importance is historical. By 1950 science fiction was beginning to turn away from the heavy technological emphasis of the 1930s and 1940s. More Than Human was one of the books pointing the new direction. More than a decade before Judith Merril's discovery of the "New Wave," More Than Human anticipated "New Wave" developments in its interest in style (a characteristic of all Sturgeon's work), in its use of the social and psychological sciences, and especially in its emphasis on characterization and emotion. These innovations have since been formulated by Sturgeon into a definition of good science fiction: "Fiction, to me, means people; that is to say, the impact of people upon people and of ideas upon people. Fiction, any fiction, primarily about ideas is not fiction at all, but tract. I demand of science fiction that it be good fiction." Sturgeon then goes on: "I demand further that the science—the scientia—be so essential to plot that if it were removed the remainder would be incomprehensible." I do not wish to make too much of Sturgeon's separation here of the fiction and science in

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science fiction; his division is sensible for the points he wishes to make. But the division is telling when applied to *More Than Human* because *More Than Human* has two competing narrative patterns: one, based on the *scientia*, is explicitly put forth as the primary focus of the book; the other, implicit in the characters' emotional needs and motivations, is responsible for the novel's real coherence. In this essay I propose to show how the science fiction idea derives its significance from the underlying emotional dynamics of the text. My aim is twofold: to reassess *More Than Human* as a science-fiction classic, and to investigate the problems Sturgeon encounters when he strives to combine psychological realism with an idea-centered fiction.

*More Than Human* appears to follow the traditional formulation of science fiction as the sustained exploration of a futuristic idea: it imagines that the next evolutionary step in man's development will be the merger of individual human beings into a collective organism, the *homo gestalt*. Six misfits (Lone, Gerry, Janie, the twins, and Baby) find each other by chance, and gradually forge between them a group identity, eventually recognizing themselves as a single being, a new species as far advanced from man as man had been from ape. The idea is not original with Sturgeon. As early as 1921, Freud mentions in passing the possibility of a group mind as the logical next stage in man's evolution; by 1953, the idea had become current enough so that Arthur C. Clarke, like Sturgeon, based a novel on it. But Sturgeon modifies the group mind in one respect: though his *homo gestalt* has some of the characteristics of a single organism, its members never lose their individual identities or the capacity for autonomous action.

This is the science-fiction idea, the "what if" proposition that *More Than Human* proposes to explore. Less immediately apparent is an emotional substructure that ultimately becomes more important than the science-fiction idea. Throughout the book the development of the *homo gestalt* is linked with the problems of children who have been rejected by their parents. The meaning of the *homo gestalt* derives not only—not even primarily—from its implications for mankind's future, but from it as a response to the needs of unwanted children.

The treatment of the parents in *More Than Human* is the first clue to the novel's emotional substructure. The characterizations, ranging from the unusual to the bizarre, have in common their vision of parents as people who hurt and punish. The opening exhibit is Mr. Kew who, when his daughter is sixteen, "explained to her how a man went mad if he was alone with a woman, and how the poison sweat appeared on his body, and how he would put it on her, and then it would cause the horror on her skin." Mr. Kew, of course, is mad. He kills one daughter and permanently blights the life of another. But other parents, presumably sane, are nearly as harmful to their children. Janie's mother, for example, confesses that her daughter
“gives me the creeps” because, as the narrator revealingly puts it, “There was a rightness about the child which, in a child, was wrong” (p. 25). The newborn voices that only Lone, an autistic idiot, can hear serve as a chorus of need for all the children when confronted with uncaring or simply uncomprehending parents: “They don’t hear us, stupid, stupid . . . only crying, only noises” (p. 3, italics Sturgeon’s).

The potential destructiveness of parents is so pervasive in *More Than Human* that it is apparent even with the kind-hearted Prodds. Though the Prodds are genuinely decent and loving people, Sturgeon manipulates the outcome of their parental tenderness toward Lone so that it ends by hurting him. The Prodds subtly let Lone know he is no longer welcome when Mrs. Prodd becomes pregnant with her own child. As Lone prepares to leave, he realizes that despite the Prodds’ kindness to him, he “had been alone the whole time. Mrs. Prodd hadn’t raised him up, not really. She had been raising up her Jack [the Prodds’ name for their own wished-for son] the whole time” (p. 38). The baby is born a mongoloid, and Prodd unconsciously rejects him, too, because, as he says, “See, he’s not Jack, that’s the one blessing” (p. 53). Somehow Jack, the cherished child who will not be rejected, never comes to the Prodds or anyone else.

Such consistent characterization can hardly be accidental; indeed, it often strains belief. Consider, for example, the character of Dr. Barrows. We are told that he is an upright man who, because he believes in the work ethic, cannot accept the easy accomplishments of his son’s genius. The doctor’s peculiar notions of moral rectitude cause incalculable damage to his brilliant son. Years later the son, Hip Barrows, confesses that as a child “the first thing I learned was that I was useless and the things I wanted were by definition worthless” (p. 172). Sturgeon presents us with a series of incidents meant to demonstrate how a good man can nevertheless be a terrible father. When the doctor happens upon the crystal set his son secretly built, he forces him to destroy it; when Hip wins the Science Search engineering award, Dr. Barrows dictates his letter of refusal; when the father discovers Hip’s cache of electronic texts, the good doctor stays up all night burning them.

The incidents, though not so horrifying as Mr. Kew’s excesses, are nearly as far-fetched. Up all night to burn textbooks? *Playboy*, possibly—but *Modern Electronics*? In his way, Dr. Barrows is an even more incredible character than Mr. Kew, who at least has the perfectly reasonable excuse of being insane. The narrator introduces Mr. Kew by calling him a “good father, the very best of fathers.” The narrator’s irony, obvious as soon as we discover that Mr. Kew’s notion of good parenting includes initiating his daughter into the mysteries of poison sweat, underscores the fact that though there may be good characters in *More Than Human*, there are no good parents.
Why does Sturgeon insist that all parents are bad parents, even at the expense of credibility? And what does this have to do with the gestalt, the novel’s putative subject? Sturgeon provides a clue in his handling of Miss Kew, daughter to that “good father” Mr. Kew. Miss Kew’s love for the orphaned children she takes in is unmistakably real. Moreover, Miss Kew (unlike her mad father) really does have an enlightened vision of what good parenting means. Miss Kew is normal, sane, decent. But the very normalcy of her household undermines the extraordinary abilities the gestalt encour-aged. Gerry’s ability to control minds, Janie’s telekinetic and telepathic powers, Bonnie and Beanie’s teleportation, and Baby’s role as a human computer are all unrealized or unused at Miss Kew’s. Reduced to the lowest common denominators, the gestalt becomes, as Gerry sees, “two little colored girls with a speech impediment, one introspective girl with an artistic bent, one mongoloid idiot, and me—ninety percent short-circuited potentials and ten percent juvenile delinquent” (p. 115).

The children’s extraordinary abilities are realized only when they can escape from parental expectations, even the relatively benign expectations of Miss Kew. Gerry says later, “We all did what somebody else wanted. We lived through a day someone else’s way, thinking someone else’s thoughts, saying other people’s word” (p. 99). The message is clear: parents keep children from being themselves. Even Lone, idiot that he is, knows enough to prefer the woods to the town because “Out here I can grow like I want” (p. 111). If this is true for any child, it is especially true for the gestalt children. The more they relate to Miss Kew, the less they bond together as a gestalt; the more they come to love her, the more they act in accord with her limited expectations. Though the love is pleasant, it is ultimately a trap. Gerry realizes that he is “Miss Kew’s little boy, and something a hell of a lot bigger. I couldn’t be both, and I wouldn’t release either one” (p. 115).

Gerry finally chooses by deciding to murder Miss Kew. He thus insures the survival of the collective organism that offers the children more than even the best of parents could. In his treatment of Miss Kew, Sturgeon implies that the only thing worse for a child than having his parents reject him is having his parents love him. In the first case, the child suffers, but in the second, his identity, the very essence of his being, is threatened. This creation of a classic dilemma for the children is, I believe, the real purpose behind Sturgeon’s peculiar characterizations of parents. The grotesque, implausible “good” parents who nevertheless hurt and maim, all work to emphasize the impossibility of a parent-child bond that truly nurtures the child and at the same time allows him to “grow like I want.”

The child’s fear of parental rejection and the obverse fear of parental acceptance is at the heart of More Than Human. In a sense, it is at the heart of all Sturgeon’s work. For it is merely a special case of the loneliness and alienation that is the central problem in Sturgeon’s fiction. Sturgeon’s
profound concern with alienation is revealed in his fascination with outcasts and misfits (witness the carny freaks in The Dreaming Jewels) and in the union of souls he often uses as a climax for his stories (for example, the merging of all humanity into one mass mind in The Cosmic Rape). Science fiction is a useful mode for Sturgeon because its far-out ideas allow him to envision circumstances, sets of conditions, in which two seemingly contradictory impulses can be satisfied: the impulse toward union as an escape from loneliness, and the recoiling from union as a protection of individual identity.

More Than Human presents these conflicting impulses in terms of a child’s need for parenting, and the child’s fear of accepting what parental love can entail. The solution to the dilemma is the homo gestalt. It is the ideal replacement for obviously flawed parents. Sturgeon continually juxtaposes parent and gestalt, to the detraction of the parents. Janie finds her communion with the twins “a time of belonging, of thinking alike, of transcendent sharing. . . . Her mother hated her and feared her; her father was a remote and angry entity. . . . She was talked to, never spoken to. But here [her bond with the twins] was converse, detailed, fluent, fascinating” (p. 32). Lone, finally secure within the gestalt, thinks back on his earlier life and decides that “Prodd and his wife had shucked him off when he was in the way, after all those years, and that meant they were ready to do it in the first year and the second and the fifth—all the time, any time. You can’t say you’re a part of anything, anybody, that feels free to do that to you” (p. 60). Like the others, Gerry finds that when he joins the gestalt “something wonderful” happens: “you belong. It never happened before” (p. 97). Best of all, the homo gestalt leaves the child fully autonomous. Janie tells Hip, “Homo Gestalt is something new, something different, something superior. But the parts . . . they’re the same as the step lower, or very little different. I’m me, I’m Janie” (p. 170).

The gestalt’s relation to the child-parent bond is thus essential in understanding characterization. It is no less important in explaining the book’s structure. Sturgeon’s instincts are those of the short story writer; he seems naturally to think of a novel in terms of a series of short sketches. More Than Human is no exception. Like many of Sturgeon’s novels, it came into existence first as a short story, “Baby Is Three.” To this Sturgeon added an introductory segment explaining how the gestalt was first formed (“The Fabulous Idiot”) and a closing portion (“Morality”) showing the gestalt’s emergence as an ethical being. At the center of each of the three major sections is a regressive sequence during which the protagonist returns to a childlike state. In “The Fabulous Idiot,” Lone’s slow recovery at the Prodds is viewed by Mrs. Prodd as a regression into childhood. When Prodd tells her “you don’t have to treat him like a two-year-old,” she replies, “I do so . . . Maybe even younger . . . We’ll raise him up just
like a child” (p. 18). In “Baby Is Three,” Gerry must regress to an earlier age in order to overcome an occlusion incurred when he was eight years old. Again, the return to childhood and the painful re-emergence as an adult is emphasized in the dialogue between Gerry and the psychiatrist; Dr. Stern begins by calling Gerry “Sonny,” and ends by seeing him as the new superman. In the last section, “Morality,” Hip Barrows must also regress in order to overcome the block Gerry created in him years earlier. Janie’s careful nurturing of Hip emphasizes that he is in a childlike state from which he only gradually recovers; she tells him what has happened to him “won’t mean anything to you until you go back that far and get it” (p. 145). When Hip feels himself getting stronger, he reassures her, “I’m a big boy now” (p. 141). All three sections thus entail a symbolic return to childhood and re-emergence as an adult.

The structural correspondences between the three narrative sequences reveal how skillfully they are conceived. They embody, in their underlying structure, the necessity for the child to liberate himself from the parent. In each section, questions are raised at the outset about the protagonist’s identity. The regression is essentially a quest for identity analogous to a child’s slow realization that he is a person independent of the parent. To complete the analogy, each quest is blocked by a parent figure. For Lone, the blocking figure is Mr. Kew; for Gerry, Miss Kew; for Hip, Gerry in the guise of Dr. Thompson. The re-emergence as an adult indicates that the protagonist has achieved a secure identity that the parent figure tried to deny him. The archetypal pattern of a child’s quest for identity blocked by a parent figure is pervasive, occurring even in the minor episodes. For example the first section, though it concentrates on Lone, also includes Alicia Kew’s struggle to live a normal life uncontaminated by her father’s insane conditioning. Similarly, the main blocking figure in Gerry’s regression is Miss Kew, but to the extent Dr. Stern acts as a father figure, he too participates in the blocking and must be overcome before Gerry can realize who he is and assume full adult status.

Though the successful completion of a regressive sequence implies that the protagonist-as-child has achieved an identity independent of the blocking parent figure, it is worth noting that the protagonists do not exactly re-emerge as independent adults. More precisely, they emerge with a fully formed sense of their own identity and a renewed sense of purpose which is then channeled directly into the formation and completion and the gestalt. Encoded into the underlying structure of all three sections is the idea that the gestalt replaces flawed parents, and that it reinforces rather than undermines the child’s identity.

In a fine complication of the child’s search for autonomy, Sturgeon gradually makes us aware that the successful completion of the quest, though it implies the liberation of the child from the parent, does not
necessarily mean that the child has attained emotional or moral maturity. When Dr. Stern asks Gerry what he will do now that he realizes his status as head of the gestalt, Gerry gives the chilling reply: “Everybody’s had fun but me. The kind of fun everybody has is kicking someone around, someone small who can’t fight back. Or they do you favors until they own you, or kill you.” I looked at him and grinned. ‘I’m just going to have fun, that’s all’ ” (p. 116). Gerry’s reply shows that he has not escaped from the vicious dialectic that characterizes the relationships of children with their parents in More Than Human; he has only changed positions within the dialectic. Paradoxically, then, he has not really grown up. Janie tells Hip that Gerry’s self-realization did not make him a mature adult: “... He retreated and soon he regressed. He got childish. And his kind of childishness was pretty vicious” (p. 165).

Moreover, Gerry has not solved the book’s central problem—the escape from loneliness. To enter the vicious circle of parent-child relations is to be lonely, even if you are the parent rather than the child. The psychiatrist Stern is quick to point this out to Gerry:

“’You can do practically anything. You can have practically everything. And none of it will keep you from being alone.’”

“Shut up, shut up” ... [Gerry answers]. “Everybody’s alone.”

He nodded. “But some people learn how to live with it.”

“How?”

He said, after a time, “Because of something you don’t know anything about ... morality.” (p. 117)

Sturgeon makes the connection between the parent-child dynamic and morality by modulating what it means to be a child. Childishness now is no longer defined in terms of power, but in terms of emotional and ethical maturity. “Listen to me, orphan boy,” Hip tells the near-omnipotent Gerry, emphasizing that to be an adult means something other than to be a wielder of power. “Listen to me, cave boy ... Listen to me, Miss Kew’s boy ... Listen to me, Gestalt boy ... You want to be wanted. You want to be needed. So do I” (pp. 182–83). Being in the gestalt is no longer enough, since the gestalt itself is alone, one of a kind. Hip tells Gerry, “People all around you, you by yourself ... Does a superman have super-hunger, Gerry? Super-loneliness?” (p. 185). Finding a permanent cure for loneliness means finally finding a way to relate to other beings. The final transformations, from power to morality, from grown-up child to real adult, from isolation to community, are the subjects of the book’s last section.

Sturgeon builds up to the final transformations by indicating early that “bleshing” (Baby’s word for how the gestalt members interact) need not entail observing even elementary social amenities. This is all the more
curious because, as Beverly Friend points out in "The Sturgeon Connection," the usual emphasis in Sturgeon's fiction is on love as the solution to loneliness. We are indeed given glimpses of love in *More Than Human*—in the agonizingly brief connection between Lone and Evelyn; in the extraordinary tenderness between Janie and the twins before they become involved in the *gestalt*; in the flicker of erotic attraction between Hip and Janie. But in each case, love is supplanted by the *gestalt* bond. The loving relationships characteristic of Sturgeon's fiction are replaced in *More Than Human* by a form of bonding remarkable for its surliness.

In one sense, the lack of congeniality between *gestalt* members emphasizes that the bond is so secure it can survive dislike, or even hatred. Janie, though she feels a profound aversion for Gerry's childish viciousness, is forced to admit that "we're a part of something together, Gerry and I and the kids; something real and alive. Hating him is like hating your legs or lungs" (p. 169). At the same time, however, Janie feels the temptation to reject Gerry, and fears that she may be rejected herself by crossing him. The resulting anxiety builds throughout the final section, held in check only by the fact that the *gestalt* is bound together as a single organism. Hip tries to convince Janie she should turn on Gerry, reminding her of the Biblical injunction, "If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out. . . ." She replies, "Yes, your eye, your hand! . . . Not your head" (p. 169). The revelation in the final pages that any member can in fact be replaced shatters the *gestalt* bond, already strained to the breaking point by Gerry's refusal to grow up. When the escalating anxieties erupt in a fight, Gerry is physically subdued. What follows connects the converging themes of growing up, the child's fear of rejection and hunger for acceptance, and the possibility that morality may be the answer.

The *gestalt* acquires morality by accepting Hip as its conscience, and so finally attains maturity. Since maturity in *More Than Human* means escaping from the loneliness and alienation that characterize the state of the child, Sturgeon accompanies the new maturity with new-found sources of acceptance. First Gerry is accepted into the hitherto-unsuspected community of *gestalts*. Then, for good measure, the circle of acceptance is given one last enlargement when the *gestalt* community reveals it is part of the continuing stream of humanity. Sturgeon thus builds the tension at the end by continuing to play upon the child's fear of rejection that dominated earlier passages; he relaxes the tension and achieves resolution by linking maturity with a spiraling series of acceptances. At the same time, he is careful to emphasize that the new acceptances do not require the sacrifice of individual identity. The other *gestalts* tell Gerry, "*multiplicity is our first characteristic; unity our second. As your parts know they are parts of you, so you must know we are parts of humanity*" (p. 187, italics Sturgeon's). Sturgeon's vision of the *gestalt* as a way to reconcile a child's conflicting needs undergoes successive enlargements: from the individual members
within the gestalt, to the Gerry-gestalt within the community of gestalts, to the homo gestalts within a common human community. At each stage the emphasis is on a union that nevertheless assures individual autonomy, unity through multiplicity. One suspects Sturgeon stopped here only because he was at a loss to imagine a larger unity into which multiple humanity might be incorporated—a lack of imagination he was to rectify in The Cosmic Rape, where humanity merges into one universal mass mind, differing from the cosmic mass mind because all the human members (predictably) retain their own identities and individuality.

The plot of More Than Human thus has a perfectly coherent logic behind it, from the tentative beginnings of the gestalt through the round of acceptances at the end. But it should be noted that uncovering the underlying connections requires considerable excavation. All too often, Sturgeon fails to take advantage of his own powerful constructs. At climactic moments, just when the writing should be directing us to the event’s real significance, it is surprisingly feeble. At critical junctures Sturgeon’s directive comments actually dissipate rather than focus the converging significance of events. The effect is rather as though a Henry Moore sculpture were being covered over by pink chintz wallpaper.

Though the marring of a powerful underlying design is apparent throughout, a particularly striking example occurs in the final pages. With his knife at Gerry’s throat, Hip finally has it in his power to avenge all his wrongs. But he renounces revenge in favor of a reconciliation with his oppressor, and so completes the gestalt by becoming its conscience. As Hip sits waiting for Gerry just before this confrontation, his thoughts turn to his father:

_Who am I to make positive conclusions about morality, and codes to serve all of humanity?

Why—I am the son of a doctor, a man who chose to serve mankind, and who was positive that this was right. And he tried to make me serve in the same way, because it was the only rightness he was sure of. And for this I have hated him all my life . . . I see now, Dad, I see_! (p. 178, italics Sturgeon’s)

This should be a scene of great power. It implies that one kind of maturity—the gestalt’s completion as an ethical being—is necessarily preceded by another kind of maturity—the child’s understanding acceptance of his flawed parent. Appropriate to the original conception of the gestalt as an answer to the needs of alienated children, it deepens and enriches that conception. Now it is not simply a case of good gestalt, bad parents. Instead, the gestalt’s emergence as an ethical being depends upon the mature recognition that the parents are not ogres, only imperfect human beings. The underlying connection hints at a concatenation of meaning that should illuminate the final episode.

But the explicit connections Sturgeon makes are disappointing. Stur-
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geon would have us believe that Hip is fitted to be the gestalt’s conscience because he is the son of an ethical man. This reasoning causes problems, because it puts the emphasis not on Hip’s forgiveness, but on the doctor’s essential goodness—a proposition that strains belief. Few readers will be able to accept that Dr. Barrows’ cruel treatment of his son can be adequately explained as the insistence of an ethical man on service to mankind. Further, Sturgeon describes Hip’s forgiveness of his father as “completely intrusive in terms of his immediate problem” (p. 178) of how to deal with Gerry. One can only assume that Sturgeon is not fully conscious of the underlying design here. He is true to his instincts in creating the scene, but then is unable to explain explicitly what he must on some level know. So he attaches an “explanation,” a claim that Hip’s forgiveness of his father is an unaccountable non sequitur. To the extent Sturgeon intervenes with editorial comments, he only obscures the implicit connections.

Sturgeon continues to muddy the waters in the insights he gives Hip as a result of Hip’s meditation. Hip arranges his thought for Gerry to mind-read, and it seems reasonable to suppose Sturgeon intends it for our edification as well:

Morals are an obedience to rules that people laid down to help you live among them.

You don’t need morals. No set of morals can apply to you. You can obey no rules set down by your kind because there are no more of your kind . . . there is another code for you . . . It is called ethos.

The ethos will give you a code for survival too. But it is a greater survival than your own, or my species, or yours. What it is really is a reverence for your sources and your posterity. (p. 183)

The problem Sturgeon confronts here is a real one: what code of behavior can be valid between species? He calls “morality” that code of behavior intended to insure the survival of a species; and as such, of course, it cannot be expected to be binding on other species. But then he supposes that there is a higher code than this, something he calls “ethos.” Though the ethos is not inconsistent with any one species’ survival, it stresses the mutual reverence all life forms ought to have for one another. (This is, incidentally, apparently a favorite notion of Sturgeon’s; he elaborates on it in his essay “Science Fiction, Morals and Religion”). There may indeed be merit in these ideas. But they do little to focus the underlying connections. What Sturgeon has in mind (or perhaps I should say what he has in his instincts) is that the book’s final conflict should be a form of parent-child struggle. The homo gestalt is in a sense the child of mankind, who is its evolutionary progenitor. “Help humanity,” Hip tells Gerry, “. . . for it is your mother and your father now; you never had them before. And humanity will help you for it will produce more like you and then you will no longer be alone” (p. 183).
When the homo gestalt community comes to see itself as part of the stream of humanity, this amounts to an acceptance by the homo gestalt of its erring, fallible, inadequate parent, homo sapiens. Despite the fact that the homo gestalt has vastly superior abilities, it will nevertheless feel a "reverence" for mankind as its source, while mankind will feel a similar respect for the homo gestalt as its "posterity." The connections are there to be made, but what does Sturgeon do? He writes the passage as though the major point were a philosophical distinction between morals and ethos. As a result, the reader's attention is distracted from the implicit coherence of the underlying design.

The problems with the ending are symptomatic of the larger problem created by the presence of two competing narrative patterns. In concentrating on the implicit relation between the homo gestalt and the parent-child dynamic, I have tried to show how the patterns are not really competitive, but complementary. In the process, I may have made the text appear more coherent than it really is. In its present form, the patterns do compete, because the connection between them is not made clear. As a result, More Than Human is neither a wholly satisfactory science fiction novel, nor a fully realized psychological novel. Because Sturgeon is interested in the homo gestalt less for its own sake than as an answer to the needs of alienated children, he does little to explore it as a real future possibility. This in itself is not a fatal objection, though it does mean that readers who come to More Than Human expecting to find a science-fiction novel of ideas will be disappointed. But the novel does not work in psychological terms either, because the parent-child dynamic is treated as coincidental. Unconnected with the gestalt, it can appear as idiosyncratic, even trivial. One is apt finally to feel that More Than Human is a potentially fine book which has been badly skewed because Sturgeon did not fully understand the underlying dynamics of his own fictional constructs.

If we judge More Than Human according to the highest standards, demanding of it the luminous wholeness characteristic of great books, it clearly fails to measure up. But it fails in an interesting way. More Than Human has an emotional power all too rare in science fiction; and it has the imagination to posit a futuristic solution in a leap of faith seldom seen in mainstream literature. Moreover, the connections between the problem and the solution, the child's conflicting needs and the homo gestalt, are real and deep. More Than Human does in fact point a new direction, because it suggests one way in which science fiction and mainstream literature might be joined to their mutual advantage; from mainstream literature comes the problem, the archetypal human dilemma with all its raw emotional power; from science fiction comes the futuristic idea as a response to the dilemma, offering a resolution without falsifying the issues or denying their complexity. Had Sturgeon been aware of the underlying dynamics and forged the
connections that would bring it all into focus, *More Than Human* could stand as an important breakthrough in the attempt to combine the vision of science with the humanity of fiction. As it is, *More Than Human* fails as a realized work of art. But it is a significant failure, one whose attempt we can honor even while we recognize that it does not altogether succeed.

**Notes**

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We appreciate the assistance from scholars and researchers in furnishing us with materials for inclusion in the annuals. Notices of articles, essays, and monographs, especially those appearing in publications difficult to locate, are especially welcome. We would also like to receive notices of articles on film from sources other than Cinefantastique, Journal of Popular Film, and Literature/Film Quarterly. Items should be sent to Roger C. Schlobin (802 N. Calumet, Chesterton, IN 46304) or to Marshall Tymn (721 Cornell, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).

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The first of a series of cumulations of the annual bibliographies, The Year's Scholarship in Science Fiction and Fantasy: 1972–1975, was published by Kent State in 1979. This volume adds a number of new items from the period 1972–73, before the annual had evolved into its present form. It is our hope that this first cumulation will continue the tradition of scholarly service established by the annual bibliography; future cumulations will appear at regular intervals.

Last year an additional section, Art and Film, was added to the annual to identify more clearly the growing number of publications in these fields, bringing the total to six: General Studies, Bibliography and Reference, Collective Author Studies, Individual Author Studies and Bibliographies, Teaching Resources, and Art and Film. As in the past, cross-references to significant author discussions and mention in all sections are included in the Individual Author Studies section. Each entry is coded for easy reference and contains a descriptive annotation.

A. GENERAL STUDIES

A01 Aldiss, Brian W. This World and Nearer Ones: Essays Exploring the Familiar. London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson. A collection of thirty essays on the theme of the complex unity of art and science. Many of the essays are concerned with science fiction, but Aldiss also addresses himself to a number of other subjects, including architecture, music, painting, and film. Science fiction authors treated are James Blish, Philip K. Dick, Robert Sheckley, Josef Nesvadba, Jules Verne, Edgar Rice Burroughs, and Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. Published in conjunction with the 37th World Science Fiction Convention (“Seacon”) held in Brighton, England, in August of 1979.


A04 Attenbury, Brian L. “America and the Materials of Fantasy.” Ph.D.
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Olaf Stapledon's *Star Maker*, C. S. Lewis' *Space Trilogy*, Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle's *Inferno*, Arthur C. Clarke's *Childhood's End*, and Walter M. Miller, Jr.'s *A Canticle for Leibowitz*.

Bretnor, Reginald, ed. *Modern Science Fiction: Its Meaning and Its Future*. 2nd ed. Chicago: Advent. Originally published in 1953, *Modern Science Fiction* was one of the earliest comprehensive symposiums on the science fiction genre (preceded by *Of Worlds Beyond*, a shorter essay anthology edited by Lloyd Eshbach in 1947) and is an important document on the "golden age" of science fiction. The second edition provides a supplement of "Notes and Corrections" to the 1953 edition and an index. Contents: "The Place of Science Fiction" by John W. Campbell, Jr.; "The Publishing of Science Fiction" by Anthony Boucher; "Science Fiction in Motion Pictures, Radio and Television" by Don Fabun; "A Critique of Science Fiction" by Fletcher Pratt; "Science Fiction and the Mainstream" by Rosalie Moore; "Imaginative Fiction and Creative Fiction" by L. Sprague de Camp; "Social Science Fiction" by Isaac Asimov; "Science Fiction: Preparation for the Age of Space" by Arthur C. Clarke; "Science Fiction and Sanity in an Age of Crisis" by Philip Wylie; "Science Fiction, Morals, and Religion" by Gerald Heard; and "The Future of Science Fiction" by Reginald Bretnor.


Clarke, I. F. *The Pattern of Expectation 1644–2001*. London: Jonathan Cape. A survey of the tale of the future and an analysis of the many factors that have worked together to make the story of the future a dominant form of fiction. The book surveys three main stages in the course of futuristic literature: 1) the establishment of the tale of the future in the 1830s, 2) the beginnings of modern science fiction with the appearance of Jules Verne in the 1890s, and 3) the achievement of H. G. Wells at the turn of the century. It goes on to chronicle the continuing evolution of futuristic literature throughout the twentieth century, paying special attention to the major changes in the genre since the end of World War I. Index.

Collins, Robert A. “Extrapolation: Going Beyond the Present.” Media & Methods, 16 (November): 22–25. Fantasy and science fiction are means of envisioning the future on both a personal and an intellectual level; includes numerous allusions to contemporary writers and their works.

Darnay, Arsen. “The Future Is Past.” Bulletin of the Science Fiction Writers of America, 13 (1978): 11–13. Explores the theory that the great diversity of human societies rests on a few basic structures, that societies pass through phases, and that the phases are always repeating.

De Camp, L. Sprague, ed. The Blade of Conan. New York: Ace [paper]. A wide variety of essays (too many to list here), most reprinted from Amra, focusing on sword-and-sorcery fantasy, its practitioners (especially Robert E. Howard) and its characteristics. The anthology contains essays about Robert E. Howard, T. H. White, E. R. Eddison, A. Merritt, Talbot Mundy, and James Branch Cabell, as well as on more general topics, by writers such as L. Sprague de Camp, Lin Carter, Poul Anderson, John Pocsik, Fritz Leiber, Jerry Pournelle, Leigh Brackett, and Marion Zimmer Bradley.

Dean, John. “A Curious Note in the Wind: The New Literary Genre of Heroic Fantasy.” New Mexico Humanities Review, 2 (Summer): 34–41. An introduction to the “critically unexplored” sub-genre known as heroic fantasy. Dean traces its gestation prior to the nineteenth century; sketches its development in modern times; examines the works of Robert E. Howard, whom Dean calls the first genuine writer of heroic fantasy in the twentieth century; and analyzes two modern works: Poul Anderson’s The Broken Sword and Michael Moorcock’s Stormbringer. The study begins with a discussion of the essential ingredients of heroic fantasy.

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A26 Dubanski, Ryszard. “The Last Man Theme in Modern Fantasy and SF.” Foundation, No. 16: pp. 26–31. Sees the “Last Man” theme as historical evidence for the modern sense of the divided self.


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A38 Johnson, Roger. "Sleuths and Spooks." *Anduril*, No. 7: pp. 31–34. A comprehensive definition and survey of the psychic detective in fiction, focusing on such authors as Algernon Blackwood, William Hope Hodgson, J. Sheridan Le Fanu, Dion Fortune, Arthur Machen, Seabury Quinn, Manly Wade Wellman, Dennis Wheatley, Margery Lawrence, and August Derleth.

A39 Landow, George P. "And the World Became Strange: Realms of Literary Fantasy." In *Fantastic Illustration and Design in Britain, 1850–1930*. By
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Diane L. Johnson. Providence: Rhode Island School of Design, pp. 9–43; rpt. *Georgia Review*, 33 (Spring): 7–42. Following a survey of critical attitudes toward fantasy, Landow examines representative literary fantasies by John Ruskin, George MacDonald, George Meredith, William Morris, and William Hope Hodgson. In addition, Landow discusses the parallels between nineteenth-century fantasy art and literature, examining the works of a number of major artists.


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PETER S. BEAGLE

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MAX BEERBOHM


JOHN BELLAIRS (See B03)

GREGORY BENFORD (See E35)

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ALFRED BESTER (See also A28, C13)


MICHAEL BISHOP (See A10, A74)

JEROME BIXBY (See A34)

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G. L. BORGES (See also C17)


ANTHONY BOUCHER (See A13)

LEIGH BRACKETT (See A21)

RAY BRADBURY (See also A34, C07, C17)


MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY (See also A21, E15, E24)


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JOHN BRUNNER (See A79, C04)

FRANK BRYNING


ANTHONY BURGESS (See also A58, C14)

D29 Rabinovitz, Rubin. "Ethical Values in Anthony Burgess's *Clockwork Orange*." *Studies in the Novel*, 11: 43–50. The social conflict between libertarians and authoritarians (often called "Pelagian" and "Augustinian" by Burgess) and its background in *The Wanting Seed* and *A Clockwork Orange*.

EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS (See A01)

WILLIAM BURROUGHS

D30 Polumbo, Donald. "William Burroughs' Quartet of Science Fiction Novels as Dystopian Social Satire." *Extrapolation*, 20: 321–29. *Naked Lunch* and its three sequels, *The Soft Machine*, *Nova Express*, and *The Ticket That Exploded*, are a collective example of dystopian fiction. They are novels of ideas that use the trappings of science fiction rather than being science fiction novels in their own right.

JAMES BRANCH CABELL (See also A21)

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analysis of Cabell's revisions of his early novels—The Eagle's Shadow, The Cords of Vanity, The Rivet in Grandfather's Neck, and The Cream of the Jest—with the intention of integrating them into his multi-volume Life of Manuel with particular attention to Cabell's handling of the nature of the artist.

JOHN W. CAMPBELL, JR. (See also A13)

D32 Panshin, Alexei and Cory. "John Campbell's Vision." Starship, 16 (Spring): 18–20. An overview of Campbell's career as a writer and an editor and an examination on his impact on and place in the field.

KAREL ČAPEK (See A66)

ORSON SCOTT CARD

D33 Moser, Cliff. "An Interview with Orson Scott Card." Science Fiction Review, 8 (August): 32–35. Card offers his criteria for what science fiction is, and comments on the moral and religious elements in his own work and in the genre, his introduction to science fiction, and his favorite works.

JOHN F. CARR (See also D150)

D34 Carr, John F. "In the Heat of the Light." Bulletin of the Science Fiction Writers of America, 14: 28–30. A discussion of the author's Clown Cycle as an example of a future history that encompasses over a quarter-of-a-million years and that culminates in humanity's evolution into a new species.

LEWIS CARROLL (See also A50, A56, C05, E25)

D35 Adelman, Richard Parker. "Comedy in Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass." Ph.D. dissertation, Temple University. DAI, 41: 257A–58A. A chapter-by-chapter explication of the comedy in the Alice books and "Wasp in the Wig" based on the principles set forth in Henry Bergson's "Laughter" (1900) plus full texts of the parodies that Carroll created for the Alice books and the poems that inspired them.


D37 Cohen, Morton N. "Lewis Carroll and the House of Macmillan." Browning Institute Studies in Victorian Literary and Cultural History, 7: 31–70. A historical study of Carroll's incredible dealings with his publisher, Macmil-
lan, and a chronicle of his insistence on the perfection of the editions of his works and his intolerance of any mistakes by Macmillan.


LIN CARTER (See A21)

SUZY MCKEE CHARNAS


C. J. CHERRYH (See also A16, D143)

D41 McGuire, Patrick. “Water into Wine: The Novels of C. J. Cherryh.” *Starship*, 16 (Spring): 47–49. The success of Cherryh's novels is due to her ability to humanize and revitalize traditional and formulaic elements.

G. K. CHESTERTON (See also C18)


ARTHUR C. CLARKE (See also A12, A13, A28, D159, F03)

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projected series of author studies. Each volume will follow a unified format, consisting of a chronological table of the author's life and career, a bio-critical introduction, chapters on major works and groups of lesser works, annotated primary and secondary bibliographies, and an index. This first book-length introduction to all of Clarke's fiction will be especially useful to the new reader, the beginning teacher, and the scholar desiring an overview of his career. A revised edition published in 1980 includes *The Fountains of Paradise*, supposedly Clarke's last novel.

HAL CLEMENT (See C13)

ELIZABETH COATSWORTH (See B03)

D. G. COMPTON

D46 Compton, D. G. “The Profession of Science Fiction: XVI: By Chance Out of Conviction.” *Foundation*, No. 17: pp. 5–12. In this autobiographical essay, part of *Foundation*’s continuing series by science fiction and fantasy writers, Compton explains the travails and triumphs of his career.

SUSAN COOPER (See A09)

F. MARION CRAWFORD

D47 Moran, John C. “Recent Interest in F. Marion Crawford—A Bibliographical Account.” *The Romantist*, No. 1: pp. 53–56. The recent revival of interest in Crawford as a writer of weird-horror fiction can be seen in the number of his stories reprinted in anthologies of the genre.


ARSEN DARNAY (See A20)

L. SPRAGUE DE CAMP (See A13, A20, C13)

LESTER DEL REY (See A23, A24)

SAMUEL R. DELANY (See also A58, C09, E35)

future cultures, and the narrative complexity of his works. Contains a useful bibliography, complete with publishing history, of Delany's novels, short stories, essays, letters, introductions, and films.


AUGUST DERLETH (See A38)

PHILIP K. DICK (See also A01)


EMILY DICKINSON


GORDON R. DICKSON

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*Science Fiction Writers of America*, 14: 65–74. Furnishes biographical details that led to the creation of Dickson's Child Cycle, its creation, scope, and chronology.

D57 Thompson, Raymond H. "Shai Dorsai! A Study of the Hero Figure in Gordon R. Dickson's *Dorsai*." *Extrapolation*, 20: 223–29. A discussion of Dickson's use of the hero figure to explore ideals of human behavior.

THOMAS M. DISCH (See F09)

HANS DOMINIK (See C10)

STEPHEN R. DONALDSON


LORD DUNSANY (See also A60)


E. R. EDDISON (See A20)

HARLAN ELLISON (See also D143)


ELEANOR FARJEON

between childhood fantasy play and mature creative processes through an examination of the important "wise child within" motif, an important part of Farjeon's fiction and fantasy in general. Concludes with recommendations for parents, librarians, and teachers about the role of imagination and creativity in all children.

PHILIP JOSÉ FARMER (See also C04)


JACK FINNEY (See also A34, F21)

D65 Johnson, Glen M. "'We'd Fight. . . We Had To.' *The Body Snatchers* as Novel and Film." *Journal of Popular Culture*, 13 (Summer): 5–16. Johnson concentrates on the written versions of *The Body Snatchers* (in Collier's and by Dell), with allusions to the 1956 film variant and its two endings. He explores the novel's use of the "monster" formula; its themes of subversion, anxiety, and victimization; its characterization; its criticism of various political activities of the 1950s; and finally compares the four endings of the novel and the film. The article is followed by a brief exploration of the 1978 film version: "A Note on *The Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, 1978 version."

RONALD FIRBANK (See C15)

JAMES ELROY FLECKER


DION FORTUNE (See A38)

ALAN GARNER (See A09)

RANDALL GARRETT (See also E16)


DAVID GERROLD (See E09, E13, E14)

STEPHEN GOLDIN (See E17)
KENNETH GRAHAME (See also A50)


ROGER LANCELYN GREEN (See A35, D103)

JAMES GUNN (See A31, C13)

H. RIDER HAGGARD (See also C12)

D69 Browne, Phiefer. “Men and Women, Africa and Civilization: A Study of the African Novels of Haggard, Greene, and Bellow.” Ph.D. dissertation, Rutgers University. *DAI*, 40: 246A. This study of the characteristics of the “African Novel” includes a chapter on Haggard’s *King Solomon’s Mine* and *She*.

JOE HALDEMAN (See A58)

EDWARD EVERETT HALE


E. E. Y. HALES


ROBERT A. HEINLEIN (See also A07)


D73 Hull, Elizabeth Anne. “Justifying the Ways of Man to God: The Novels of Robert A. Heinlein.” *Extrapolation*, 20: 38–49. In analyzing the appeal of
Heinlein's best works, Hull contends that the Heinlein addict reads his work for the pleasure of responding to the moral and political questions raised. The themes of political power and personal freedom are examined in *Starship Troopers, Double Star, The Puppet Masters, The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress, Stranger in a Strange Land,* and *I Will Fear No Evil.*

D74 Parkin-Speer, Diane. "Robert A. Heinlein: The Novelist as Preacher." *Extrapolation,* 20: 214–22. Uses *Stranger in a Strange Land, I Will Fear No Evil,* and *Time Enough for Love* as examples of Heinlein's championing of an unorthodox sexual philosophy and his frank portrayal of unconventional sexual relationships, which marked a significant new stage in his development. His recent didactic focus "seriously reduces the pleasurable qualities of his fictions."

FRANK HERBERT (See also A41, A49)


WILLIAM HOPE HODGSON (See A38, A39)

ROBERT E. HOWARD (See also A21, A22)

D77 Lord, Glenn, ed. *The Howard Collector: By and About Robert E. Howard.* New York: Ace [paper]. A potpourri of the best fiction, letters, poetry, and essays by and about Howard from the pages of *The Howard Collector* (1961–73). Critical essays of note are "Robert Ervin Howard" by E. Hoff­man Price; "Burkett News" by Mrs. T. A. Burns; "Around the Supper Table" by James C. White; "Acheron—A Revisionary Theory" by Robert Yaple; "Howard's Cannibalizing" and "Conan's Parents" by Fred Blosser; and "Nameless Cults: A History" by Charles O. Gray.

FRED HOYLE (See A28)

ALDOUS HUXLEY (See also A79, C01, C02)

utopia, dystopia, mythicism, and the "kingdom of Heaven" as they exist and evolve in Huxley's *Brave New World*, *Ape and Essence*, and *Island* as Huxley explores spiritual and social thought.


D82 Watt, Donald. "The Manuscript Revisions of *Brave New World*." *Journal of English and Germanic Philology*, 77 (1978): 367–82. The manuscript of *Brave New World* at the University of Texas at Austin Library reveals significant and detailed insights into Huxley's creative process.

DAHLOV IPCAR (See B03)

M. K. JOSEPH


CHARLES KINGSLEY (See A56)

RUDYARD KIPLING (See A56)

OTIS ADELBERT KLINE


CYRIL KORNBLUTH (See also A58, C08)

D85 Platt, Charles. "C. M. Kornbluth: A Study of His Work and Interview with
Roger C. Schlobin and Marshall B. Tymn

the Widow." *Foundation*, No. 17: pp. 57–63. A survey of the major elements of Kornbluth's fiction followed by his widow's comments on various aspects of his life, career, and works.

KATHERINE KURTZ (See also E12)


KURD LASSWITZ (See C10)

ANDREW LANG (See A14)

MARGERY LAWRENCE (See A38)

URSULA K. LE GUIN (See also A09, A40, A51, A58, A79, C04, C09, E26)


D91 Rabkin, Eric S. "Determinism, Free Will, and Point of View in Le Guin's The Left Hand of Darkness." Extrapolation, 20: 5–19. In Western culture the traditional antagonism between determinism and free will is frequently inescapable. However, this novel, through its environmental and sexual determinism, transcends the Western point of view. The Taoist philosophy of the book shows this dualism to be subjective and dramatizes that point through the characters' contrastive natures.


EDWARD LEAR (See A56)

FRITZ LEIBER (See also A21, C13, E10)

D94 Leiber, Fritz. "Travails of the Fantasy Novel: A Project Unborn." Foundation, No. 16: pp. 12–26. Leiber explains why his nonfiction study of the fantasy novel was never finished (a sample chapter on Gulliver's Travels is appended); also includes a sample of Leiber's "personal zine."

D95 Leiber, Justin. "Fritz Leiber and Eyes." Starship, 16 (Summer): 9–18. Fritz
Leiber's son offers a biographical interpretation of his father's fiction and career.

D96 Morgan, Chris. *Fritz Leiber: A Bibliography 1934–1979*. United Kingdom: Morgenstern [paper]. Currently the best bibliography of Leiber's work, listing articles, books, short stories, and media publications. Complete publication history is furnished for books, and reprint information for articles and short stories is supplied. Also listed are Leiber's special magazine issues and writing awards. Index.

JUSTIN LEIBER (See D95)

STANISLAW LEM (See also A68, D143)


D98 Lem, Stanislaw. "The Profession of Science Fiction: XV: Answers to a Questionnaire." Trans. Maxim and Delores Jakubowski. *Foundation*, No. 15: pp. 41–50. In this continuing feature of *Foundation*, Lem responds to a series of questions formulated by a group of critics and authors. He comments on his creative methodology, influences and sources, the role of science fiction and its relation to science, his own work and the movie version of *Solaris*, the place of a science fiction writer outside the Anglo-American sphere, and his interaction with the Science Fiction Writers of America.


DORIS LESSING (See also C06)

D100 Ahearn, Marie L. "Science Fiction in the Mainstream Novel: Doris Lessing." *Extrapolation*, 20: 355–67. Some of the ways that Lessing has used science fiction and to what advantage in *Briefing for a Descent into Hell*.

C. S. LEWIS (See also A09, A12, A35, A61, B03, B04, C11, D70)

D102 Christensen, Michael J. *C. S. Lewis on Scripture*. Waco, TX: World Books. A literary chronicle of the role of the Bible in Lewis’ writing and life.


D104 Hodgens, Richard. “Some Aspects of Perelandra.” *CSL: The Bulletin of the New York C. S. Lewis Society*, 10 (March): 1–6. Drawing on contemporary knowledge of the planet Venus, Hodgens assesses Lewis’ extrapolation to examine his setting and to determine if this novel is science fiction or fantasy.


D107 Kotzin, Michael C. “Mrs. Moore as the Queen of Underland.” *Mythlore*, 6 (Summer): 46. Proposes that Jane King Moore, the mother of one of Lewis’ friends, is the model for the Queen of Underland in *The Silver Chair*.


New York C. S. Lewis Society. *Bibliography of the Works of C. S. Lewis.* New Haven, CT: NYCSLS [paper]. This ten-page leaflet contains a chronology of Lewis’ life and a chronological checklist of his works, which is a valuable supplement to Walter Hooper’s “A Bibliography of the Writings of C. S. Lewis” in *C. S. Lewis at the Breakfast Table and Other Reminiscences* (see D103).


O’Hare, Colman. “The Hero in C. S. Lewis’ Space Novels.” *Renaissance*, 31: 142–54. O’Hare examines the evolution of Ransom, the protagonist of Lewis' Space Trilogy, and speculates that the character is a composite of Christ, J. R. R. Tolkien, and Lewis himself.


Patterson, Nancy-Lou. “Guardaci Ben: The Visionary Woman in C. S. Lewis’ Chronicles of Narnia and *That Hideous Strength.*” *Mythlore*, 6 (Summer): 6–10; 6 (Winter): 20–24. Preceded by a brief introduction to the archetype of the visionary woman, Patterson explores the woman-as-seer in Lewis’ Narnia Chronicles and in the final novel of his Space Trilogy.


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D118 Sammons, Martha C. *A Guide Through Narnia*. Wheaton, IL: Harold Shaw [paper]. A well-classified guide to all the different aspects of Narnia, including its fauna, flora, geography, and chronology.


DAVID LINDSAY


JACK LONDON (See also C16)


H. P. LOVECRAFT (See also E10)

D123 Faig, Kenneth W., Jr. *H. P. Lovecraft: His Life, His Work*. West Warrick, RI: Necronomicon Press [paper]. An informal work that includes a biographical essay on Lovecraft, a detailed chronology of important dates in his life, and an appendix listing his fiction, poetry, and nonfiction (by S. T. Joshi).

D124 Mosig, Dirk W. "Lovecraft: The Dissonance Factor in Imaginative Fiction." *Gothic*, 1: 20–26. A cogent analysis of Lovecraft's fiction via the application of Leon Festinger's psychological theory of cognitive dissonance, which also provides insights into the general fields of horror and
imaginative literature as well. This essay also appeared in *Platte Valley Review*, 7: 129-44.


RICHARD LUPOFF (See also D53)

D126 Elliot, Jeffrey. "Interview: Richard Lupoff." *Starship*, 16 (Summer): 21-26. Lupoff comments on his career and works.

RICHARD LYON (See D143)

ANNE MCCAFFREY


GEORGE MACDONALD (See also A14, A35, A45, A50, A56, B03)


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Arthur Machen (See A38)

BARRY N. MALZBERG (See D88)

Katherine Mansfield


George R. R. Martin


George Meredith (See A39)

A. Merritt (See A21)

Walter M. Miller, Jr. (See A12, A28, C04)

Michael Moorcock (See A22, A23, A47, A48)

John Morressy (See E22)

William Morris (See also A14, A39, A60)

D135 Currie, Robert. "Had Morris Gone Soft in the Head?" Essays in Criticism, 29: 341–56. Currie argues that Morris' late prose romances are central to his work and develop his major "social and psychological preoccupations."

Roger C. Schlobin and Marshall B. Tymn


TALBOT MUNDY (See A21)

EDITH NESBIT (See A56, C03)

JOSEF NESVADBA (See A01)

RUTH NICHOLS (See B03)

LARRY NIVEN (See also A12, C07, E09, E14)

D139 Elliot, Jeffrey. "Larry Niven." *Starship*, 16 (Fall): 11, 17–23. Niven analyzes the difficulties of writing science fiction and if it's teachable, and comments on the nature of science fiction in general and his own works in particular.


ANDRE NORTON (See A74, C19)

LIAM O'FLAHERTY


ANDREW J. OFFUTT

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by C. J. Cherryh, Offutt reflects on his tenure as President of the Science Fiction Writers of America, with specific references to the abortive attempt to make Stanislaw Lem an honorary member and to the actions of Harlan Ellison at the 1979 World Science Fiction Convention; his own works; his personality quirks; his editorship of the Swords Against Darkness anthologies; the reluctant heroism of his characters; his collaboration with Richard Lyon; and the nature of fantasy and fandom.

GEORGE ORWELL (See C02, C14, C16)

ALEXEI AND CORY PANSHIN (See D32)

MERVYN PEAKE


MARGE PIERCY (See also C06)


H. BEAM PIPER

The most successful of the political future histories in science fiction incorporate either a strong socio-economic or political theme, use a powerful historical philosophy, or transform historical events into plot models. H. Beam Piper used all these elements in his crowning creation, the Terrohuman Future History, a unique chronicle of the future spanning more than four millennia. A discussion of Piper's use of political themes, historical philosophy, and historical paradigms.

JOHN POCSIK (See A21)

FREDERIK POHL (See A58, C08, C13)

ELIZABETH POPE (See B03)

JERRY POURNELLE (See also A12, A21, A55, E14)


________. “Jerry Pournelle.” *Starship*, 16 (Fall): 11–17. Pournelle describes his career, his entry into science fiction and his background in fandom, the influence of other writers and his scientific background on his fiction, his philosophic views on science and technology and how they are included in his writing, and the genesis of *Inferno* and *Lucifer's Hammer*.

JOHN COWPER POWYS


FLETCHER PRATT (See A13)

E. HOFFMAN PRICE (See D77)

CHRISTOPHER PRIEST (See A52)

RICHARD L. PURTILL (See D185)

THOMAS PYNCHON (See also C05, F06, F22)

Cocks, Geoffrey. “War, Man, and Gravity: Thomas Pynchon and Science Fiction.” *Extrapolation*, 20: 368–77. Sees Pynchon's *Gravity's Rainbow* as a science fiction masterpiece that challenges “some of the basic and san-
guine assumptions upon which contemporary notions of science fiction are founded." Most notable is Pynchon's concern with the dualism that is represented in the species homo sapiens—the fear and denial of death.

SEABURY QUINN (See A38)

RABELAIS


MACK REYNOLDS (See also C04)

D156 Stableford, Brian. "The Utopian Dream Revisited: Socioeconomic speculation in the SF of Mack Reynolds." *Foundation*, No. 16: pp. 31–54. A thorough overview of Reynolds' career and his utopian social and economic extrapolations. This essay is followed by an "Afterword" by Reynolds in which he denies Stableford's contention that he is seeking a utopia in his works and responds that he is offering his readers just the possibility of social and economic change toward a better and more rational world.

ANNE RICE

D157 Roberts, Bette B. "Anne Rice's *Interview with a Vampire*." *New Mexico Humanities Review*, 2 (Spring): 49–55. The breakdown and broadening of sex roles within the gothic and vampire traditions of Anne Rice's *Interview with a Vampire*.

JOHN RUSKIN (See A14, A39)

JOANNA RUSS (See C06)

ROBERT SHECKLEY (See also A01)


CHARLES SHEFFIELD

MARY SHELLEY (See also A53, C12, E04, F10, F22)


M. P. SHIEL


ROBERT SILVERBERG (See also A49, A74, C04, C07)


D165 Letson, Russell. “‘Falling Through Many Trapdoors': Robert Silverberg.” Extrapolation, 20: 109–17. Argues that since the early 1960s Robert Silver-
berg's fiction has "pursued the modernist themes of anxiety and alienation, that he has shaped science fiction materials to deal with themes that were not previously part of the American sf mainstream." Analyzes "Schwartz Between the Galaxies," "Breckenridge and the Continuum," "The Science Fiction Hall of Fame," and *The Stochastic Man*.

CLIFFORD D. SIMAK (See also A07, A28, A74)

D166 Ower, John. "'Aesop' and the Ambiguity of Clifford Simak's *City.*" *Science-Fiction Studies*, 6: 164–67. Via the seventh section of City, "Aesop," Ower examines the contrastive societies of dog and man to show how each reveals the other's weaknesses through symbol and structure.

KATHLEEN SKY (See A63, E13)

CLARK ASHTON SMITH


E. E. "DOC" SMITH (See E17)

NORMAN SPINRAD


BRIAN STABLEFORD (See also A65, D18, D156)


OLAF STAPLEDON (See also A12, A79)


GEORGE R. STEWART (See A79)
Roger C. Schlobin and Marshall B. Tymn

BRAM STOKER (See also A37, F19)

D171 Senf, Carol A. "Dracula: The Unseen Face in the Mirror." *Journal of Narrative Technique*, 9: 160–70. An analysis of the narrative structure of *Dracula* that illuminates the functions of good and evil in the novel.

CRAIG STRETE (See A49, A74)

ARKADY AND BORIS STRUGATSKY


D173 Suvin, Darko. "The Strugatskys and Their 'Snail on the Slope.'" *Foundation*, No. 17: pp. 64–75. Following a bibliography of their works, an analysis of the phases of the Strugatsky brothers' career with particular focus on *Snail on the Slope*. This essay will be the introduction to the Bantam edition of their works.

THEODORE STURGEON (See also C13)

D174 Hassler, Donald M. "Images for an Ethos, Images for Change and Style." *Extrapolation*, 20: 176–88. A discussion of Theodore Sturgeon as a "form-changer, transforming simple materials into near limitless proliferations and a variety of forms," which he does with words, narrative lines, and protagonists "who possess a similar fecundity of inventiveness and controlled variation." Works treated are *More Than Human* and *The Cosmic Rape*.

THOMAS BURNETT SWANN

D175 Collins, Robert A. *Thomas Burnett Swann: A Brief Critical Biography and Annotated Bibliography*. Boca Raton, FL: Thomas Burnett Swann Fund [paper]. An absorbing and informed portrait of Swann that makes use of previously unpublished letters, fanzine material, and other Swann papers. This handsomely produced chapbook, the first such attention Swann has received, includes a chronological, fully annotated bibliography of his writing.

WILLIAM THACKERAY (See A14)

JAMES TIPTREE, JR. [pseud. of ALICE SHELDON]

identification of Tiptree's definitions of humanity's dual nature as seeker and destroyer.

D177 Tiptree, James, Jr. "Everything But the Name Is Me." *Starship*, 16 (Fall): 31–34. Alice Sheldon discusses her pseudonymous career as Raccoona Sheldon and James Tiptree, Jr. and reveals her reactions to the unveiling of her true identity.

J. R. R. TOLKIEN (See also A60, A61, B04, C11, D58, D59, D113, E25, E32)

D178 Allan, Jim, ed. *An Introduction to Elvish and to Other Tongues and Proper Names and Writing Systems of the Third Age of the Western Lands of Middle-Earth as Set Forth in the Published Writings of Professor John Ronald Reuel Tolkien*. United Kingdom: Bran's Head, 1978 [paper]. An attempt to give validity to the Elvish languages in Tolkien's works by treating them, in part, as true historical tongues of real peoples. Contents are divided into four major sections: The Eldarin Tongues, Other Tongues, Personal Names, and Writing Systems. These are further divided into subsections too numerous to list here.


D180 Green, William H. "The Four-Part Structure of Bilbo's Education." *Children's Literature*, 8: 133–40. A definition and exploration of the four "sub­tales" that transform Bilbo from a little fellow to a proven hero in *The Hobbit*.


D183 O'Neill, Timothy R. *The Individuated Hobbit: Jung, Tolkien and the Archetypes*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin. Establishes an extensive correlation between Carl Jung's theory of the collective unconscious and Tolkien's mythology for Middle-Earth. O'Neill points out parallels between the themes and characters of the *Lord of the Rings* and Jung's archetypes and demonstrates how Tolkien's fiction "can be read in Jungian terms as the central human struggle for what Jung calls individuation—the healthy
realization of self.” Includes a glossary of key terms and a bibliography. Index.


D185 Purtill, Richard L. “Other Perilous Realms.” Mythlore, 6 (Fall): 3–6. An analysis of how “Leaf by Niggle” differs from Tolkien's other works through its allegorical, explicitly religious, and non-elven qualities.

D186 St. Clair, Gloriana. “The Lord of the Rings as Saga.” Mythlore, 6 (Spring): 11–16. After summarizing Tolkien's views on fantasy in “On Fairy-Stories” and some of the critical interpretations of the Lord of the Rings as fairy tale, epic, romance, and novel, St. Clair elaborates on the trilogy as an example of the saga form.


D188 Tyler, J. E. A. The New Tolkien Companion. New York: St. Martin. A revision of Tyler's The Tolkien Companion (1976), which was a compilation of almost every known fact, name, “foreign word,” date, and etymological allusion to appear in Tolkien's history of Middle-Earth, with a detailed guide to the various Elvish writing systems, together with explanatory maps, charts, and genealogical tables developed by the compiler. The updated and revised edition incorporates information on The Silmarillion.

P. L. TRAVERS (See A35, C03)
E. C. TUBB


A. E. VAN VOGT (See also A07, C07)


Thiessen, J. Grant. "A. E. van Vogt: A Brief Checklist." *Science-Fiction Collector*, No. 8: pp. 7-22. A listing of van Vogt's short stories and novels that cites original magazine, hardcover, and paperback appearances; a few anthology appearances are noted, but these are incomplete. Contents of collections are listed.

_____ . "An Interview with A. E. van Vogt." *Science-Fiction Collector*, No. 8: pp. 4-7. Van Vogt discusses his early years as a science fiction writer and his interest in dianetics, which temporarily interrupted his writing career.

JOHN VARLEY


JULES VERNE (See also A01, A52, E29)


BORIS VIAN

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Roger C. Schlobin and Marshall B. Tymn


JOAN D. VINGE

D197 Schweitzer, Darrell. “An Interview with Joan D. Vinge.” Science Fiction Review, 8 (March/April): 8–12. Vinge on the role of the female science fiction writer and discrimination in the field, the stress on character and the anthropological background in her own fiction, and why the fantasy field is dominated by women.

KURT VONNEGUT, JR. (See also A01)


MANLY WADE WELLMAN (See A38)

H. G. WELLS (See also A31, A52, A53, A66, C01, F28)


D201 Beauchamp, Gorman. “The Island of Dr. Moreau as Theological Grotesque.” Papers on Language and Literature, 15: 408–17. A thorough analysis of Wells's novel as a theological, not a scientific, grotesque in which Moreau is a microcosmic metaphor for God, the island a metaphor for His creation, and Moreau's victims a metaphor for the world's population.


D203 Hughes, David Y. “Criticism in English of H. G. Wells's Science Fiction: A


D206 Reed, John R. "The Literary Piracy of H. G. Wells." Journal of Modern Literature, 7: 537–42. Wells's allusions to and borrowings from other writers are contrasted between his earlier and later novels.

DENNIS WHEATLEY (See A38)

T. H. WHITE (See A21)

CHARLES W. S. WILLIAMS (See also B04, C11, C18)


D208 Manlove, C. N. "The Liturgical Novels of Charles Williams." Mosiac, 12: 161–81. An extensive exploration of the strong liturgical elements in Williams' novels with emphasis on The Place of the Lion, Many Dimensions, Descent into Hell, and All Hallows' Eve.


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PHILIP WYLIE (See A13)

JACK WILLIAMSON (See also A28)


JOHN WYNDHAM


IVAN YEFREMOV (See A68)

JANE A. YOLEN (See B03)

ROGER ZELAZNY (See also C04, C19)


D216 ———. "Roger Zelazny's Form and Chaos Philosophy." Science Fiction, 2: 129–50. Part of Zelazny's success is due, in part, to "a well-conceived philosophical position which encompasses his view of the human condition and provides the conceptual substructure for his stories." Yoke defines this "form-and-chaos" philosophy in Zelazny's works and concludes that the doctrine is fundamental to the author's thinking and instrumental in shaping his fiction. This study, like the ones above (see C19, D215), profits from Yoke's access to otherwise unavailable information due to his friendship with Zelazny.

E. TEACHING RESOURCES

E01 Becker, Muriel. "Start Them Early." Media & Methods, 16 (November):
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36–37, 52. A list of guidelines for teachers of science fiction on the elementary and junior high school levels.

E02 Cook, John T., Jr. "Student Attitude: A Comparison of Science Fiction Literature and Reading Values." Ed.D. dissertation, Brigham Young University. DAI, 40: 3931A. A survey of 168 tenth-grade students on three reading levels reveals that exposure to a science fiction unit does not influence reading and general attitudes toward the genre.

E03 Elkins, Charles, and Darko Suvin. "Preliminary Reflections on Teaching Science Fiction Critically." Science-Fiction Studies, 6: 263–70. A justification for reading science fiction critically in the classroom with comments on the distinctions between literature and para-literature, the specific qualities of science fiction, the goals of teaching the genre, and the necessary teaching stance.

E04 *Frankenstein.* Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library. 2 filmstrips, 2 cassettes, guide, $35. #SFX33. Realistic, exceptionally beautiful paintings powerfully depict the variety of landscapes and the interaction of characters, while dramatic readers convey the intense emotions of Mary Shelley's grotesque tale. A highly effective adaptation of a science fiction/gothic-horror classic. For high school and public library collections.


E09 *An Hour with David Gerrold: The Involuntary Human.* Garden Grove, NY: Hourglass Productions. 1 cassette, $4.98. Gerrold animatedly discusses his past and future books, analyzes his writing, and offers some personal insights on growth and maturity. He comments briefly on his writing for television. Of interest to dinosaur lovers and fans of his book,
Deathbeast, are his ideas about writing and filming the book. Gerrold entices with samples from his forthcoming limerick book, discusses his collaboration with Larry Niven, and talks about Star Trek.

E10 An Hour with Fritz Leiber: The Author and His Works. Garden Grove, NY: Hourglass Productions. 1 cassette, $4.98. The grand master of fantasy and science fiction and six-time Hugo-award winner discusses his major novels, quotes Shakespeare and other poets, and talks about Fafhrd, Grey Mouser, and his game, Lankhmar. He also expands on his first published story and provides information on his scientific background, his correspondence with H. P. Lovecraft, and the personal, scientific, and supernatural backgrounds for his stories.


E12 An Hour with Katherine Kurtz: An Introduction to the Author and Her Work. Garden Grove, NY: Hourglass Productions. 1 cassette, $4.98. The author of the Deryni series recounts her personal background and reveals how her degree in Medieval English history and membership in the Society for Creative Anachronism have contributed to the writing of her novels. She also touches on her experiences in fandom and her works in progress.

E13 An Hour with Kathleen Sky: Comments on Star Trek and Other Matters. Garden Grove, NY: Hourglass Productions. 1 cassette, $4.98. The author of the best-selling Vulcan and sought-after speaker at science fiction conventions, speaks out on many subjects, including Star Trek and fandom, with empathy and an “insider's” knowledge. Other highlights are comments on the David Gerrold School of Writing and previews of her new fantasy trilogy and future history novel.

E14 An Hour with Larry Niven: The Extrapolated Larry Niven. Garden Grove, NY: Hourglass Productions. 1 cassette, $4.98. Niven gives the listener insight into the creation of his Ringworld setting and into why Ringworld Engineers had to be written. The unique Niven humor and hard-science approach are evident as he discusses his novels and created universes. His collaborations with Jerry Pournelle and David Gerrold are also covered among other highlights, which include Niven's anecdotes about the Hugo awards, fandom, his short stories, and his life.

E15 An Hour with Marion Zimmer Bradley: A Personal Note. Garden Grove, NY: Hourglass Productions. 1 cassette, $4.98. The author of the popular
Darkover novels and other science fiction begins by warmly and humorously relating her experiences in fandom. She continues by discussing her writing, her recommendations to young writers, and the influences of other authors on her work. Other topics include the personal background to the Darkover novels and telepathy.

E16 An Hour with Randall Garrett: Magic and Mystery and Lord Darcy. Garden Grove, NY: Hourglass Productions. 1 cassette, $4.98. Garrett, science fiction writer, humorist, and actor, takes the listener on a tour of Lord Darcy's world, giving insights into his famous fantasy detective. He talks about the genesis of the character, the technique of writing a mystery, and the manner in which Joseph Campbell came to publish the Lord Darcy stories in a science fiction magazine. Also included are Garrett's book reviews in verse and humorous anecdotes about the authors and the science fiction magazines of the 1950s.

E17 An Hour with Stephen Goldin: The Making of a Science Fiction Writer. Garden Grove, NY: Hourglass Productions. 1 cassette, $4.98. In his inimitable witty manner, Goldin reveals some of the secrets behind his writing of the ten Doc Smith Family D'Lambert books and some insights into the Doc Smith universe. Goldin touches on other subjects, such as his Star Trek novel Trek to Madworld, his apprenticeship as a starving young author, his stint as a space scientist, and his editing and writing.

E18 Joyce, Davis B. “The Past Through Tomorrow: Understanding History Through Science Fiction.” Teaching History, 3 (Fall 1978): 47–51. Drawing on the results of a seminar held at the University of Tulsa, a plan for the use of science fiction to understand history on the college level.

E19 Kensicki, Nancy Evans. “Principles and Practice in Course Design for Science Fiction with Particular Observations on the Theme of the Depersonalized Human Being in a Technological Society.” D. A. dissertation, The Catholic University of America. DAI, 40: 1460A. Following a history of the academic acceptance of science fiction, the objectives and nature of a science fiction course are noted with a proposed course model, which is amplified by a discussion of the theme of the alienated individual with references to nine different novels.


Moskowitz, Sam. The Spectrum of Science. New York: Cinema Sound, 1978. 1 cassette, $11.95. #441. With radio host Heywood Hale Brown, the author of Strange Horizons: The Spectrum of Science Fiction (1976) recalls the early days of science fiction and the writers who contributed to its development.


Senatore, Margaret. “Besides Just Reading the Book.” Media & Methods, 16 (November): 36–37, 53. Suggestions for channeling the enthusiasm surrounding science fiction into language arts and skill development.

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea: A Review of the Novel. Wilton, CT: Current Affairs Films. 1 filmstrip, 1 cassette, guide, $34.95. #599. A reading motivation unit that should find applications in junior and senior high school English classes. Imaginative photographs of Jules Verne's Nautilus, the book's characters, and the extraordinary technological advances envisioned in this novel should stimulate student interest.

manufacturer and fully indexed, an extensive listing of visual and recorded media that includes annotations for each item.


E33 Wehmeyer, L. B. "Futuristic Children's Novels as a Mode of Communication." *Research in the Teaching of English*, 13: 137–52. A methodology and analysis system for determining the "gatekeeper role" of children's novels in the classroom (using the Westley-MacLean model), which concludes with the view that children's novelists continue to offer pessimistic views of the future.

E34 Wheatley, Barbara. "Teaching Linguistics Through Science Fiction." *Extrapolation*, 20: 205–13. A description of "Aspects of Language: The Languages of Science Fiction and Fantasy," a freshman-sophomore course at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for students with no background in linguistics. The course was created to help students overcome their misconceptions about linguistic science.


F. ART AND FILM

F01 Austin, Bruce. "An Interview with Robert Wise." *Literature/Film Quarterly*, 6 (1978): 294–313. The director of *Star Trek: The Movie* discusses his career, his relationship with Val Lewton, the influences upon his films, the state of the film industry, the television editing of some of his films, the new technology in the cinema, and his directing techniques. Illustrated.

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that have been offered for the success of the Star Trek television series, Blair presents the Edenic mythos as her candidate for its popularity.


F05 Clarke, Frederick S., and Steve Rubin. “Making Forbidden Planet.” Cinefantastique, 8 (Spring): 4–67. The behind-the-scenes story of the planning, production, and release of the forerunner of big-budget, modern science fiction movies, with special emphasis on its visual effects and elaborate production design.


F08 Dean, Joan F. “Between 2001 and Star Wars.” Journal of Popular Film, 7 (1978): 32–41. The twenty-nine science fiction films produced between 2001 in 1968 and Star Wars in 1977 “are indications of the imagination, problems and issues of the society which produced and bought them.” These films “mirror a developing neo-isolationism . . . ; a diminishing fear of nuclear apocalypse . . . ; and a growing concern with domestic, terrestrial issues—most of which are related to totalitarian government control of people's lives or to over-population, food shortages, pollution and ecology.” While the science fiction film of the early 1970s demonstrated an obsessive concern with the affairs of this planet, Star Wars and Close Encounters are important for returning the medium to the realms of outer space and life on other planets.

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F14 Hark, Ina Rae. "Star Trek and Television's Moral Universe." Extrapolation, 20: 20–37. Asserts that Star Trek is not a science fiction novel nor short story, but a television program and that its appeal lies in its striking differences from the general run of television series. What set Star Trek apart from most series was its willingness to deal with moral choices.


F16 Leach, James. "The Man Who Fell to Earth: Adaptation by Omission." Literature/Film Quarterly, 6 (1978): 371–79. The relationship of Newton's bank of television sets in Nicholas Roeg's The Man Who Fell to Earth to the film's non-linear and frequently dislocated narrative structure; also includes a number of other observations on the film's themes and overall structure. Illustrated.

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F20 ______. “*Metropolis,* the Lights Fantastic: Semiotic Analysis of Lighting Codes in Relation to Character and Theme.” *Literature/Film Quarterly,* 6 (1978): 342–46. Demonstrates how lighting techniques in Fritz Lang’s film work in conjunction with its imagery, symbolism, characterization, and theme of the technologically subjugated man.

F21 Saleh, Dennis. *Science Fiction Gold: Film Classics of the 50s.* New York: Comma/McGraw Hill [paper]. Detailed commentary on fourteen outstanding science fiction films released from 1950 to 1956. Historical background and production information are provided for each of the following films: *Destination Moon,* *The Day the Earth Stood Still,* *When Worlds Collide,* *It Came from Outer Space,* *Invaders from Mars,* *War of the Worlds,* *Beast from 20,000 Fathoms,* *Them,* *Creature from the Black Lagoon,* *It Came from Beneath the Sea,* *This Island Earth,* *Forbidden Planet,* and *Invasion of the Body Snatchers.* Illustrated.


F25 Valenti, Peter L. “The Cultural Hero in the World War II Fantasy Film.” *Journal of Popular Film,* 7: 310–21. Views the fantasy film as a substitute for the values that caused the world to immerse itself in a raging war. The fantasy film offered a postulation of “overarching mythic values in a contemporary setting” and ignored those constraints not only on daily life but also on moral possibilities.

F26 Van Wert, William F. “Film as Science-Fiction: Nicholas Roeg’s *The Man Who Fell to Earth.*** Western Humanities Review,* 33 (Spring): 141–148. Sees Roeg’s film as a culmination of his fascination with alienation and
examines the film as three-films-in-one about 1) an alien who is enslaved by his inferiors, 2) a commentary on taboos and prejudices, and 3) a critique of media.

F27 Wood, Dennis. "The Stars in Our Hearts: A Critical Commentary on George Lucas' Star Wars." Journal of Popular Film, 6 (1978): 262–79. In response to some film critics' comments that Star Wars has a simplistic moral vision and naive characterizations, Wood terms the movie "a subtle meditation on what it means to be alive in a world pervaded by moral and physical death, and a discriminating exploration of man's relations with his technologic extensions."

Nebula Contender: No Gulf of Misunderstanding

The Snow Queen, by Joan D. Vinge. The Dial Press, 1980. $10.95.

“She was meant to do this thing; she would not fail. No gate was impassable, there was no gate of space or time that could not be crossed, no gulf of misunderstanding or of faith, as long as she held to her goal.” So writes Joan Vinge of Moon Dawntreader Summer, her heroine in The Snow Queen. This is a significant and representative passage from the novel, for it both describes Moon's independent and steadfast nature and it reflects the novel's general theme of communication. Like Betha Torgussen of The Outcasts of Heaven Belt, Mythili Fukinuki of “Legacy,” Amanda Montoya of “Phoenix in the Ashes,” and many of Vinge's other protagonists, Moon is alienated from her peers and her culture, partially because of her special gifts but primarily because of her independent nature. It is this quality of character that Moon shares with Vinge's other heroines, and it is this quality of character that isolates them from their societies. Moreover, it is this isolation that must be broken down by communication. From the world of her “Heaven Belt” stories to Tiamat, the principal setting of The Snow Queen, Vinge stresses “the need to communicate even to the smallest degree with every creature. . . .”

The alienation theme is well integrated into the novel. The major characters are alienated from each other, they are alienated from their essential natures, and they are alienated from Nature itself. The Summer and Winter peoples are alienated from one another. Tiamat itself is entering “the
Change," a period where it will be cut off from the other civilized planets of the Hegemony for a hundred and fifty years because the twin suns about which it orbits are drawing near to the Star Gate, a black hole whose event horizon provides a tunnel through space and time to the other worlds.

For Vinge, alienation is not the destructive, irreversible state of Jean Paul Sartre or even the paralytic state described by Saul Bellow in The Dangling Man. Rather, it is withdrawal from humanity, accompanied by varying degrees of loneliness, forced on her characters by their compelling drive to realize their personalities fully. They can escape this state with both integrity and dignity if they will but persevere in their attempts to understand themselves, to align themselves with Nature, and to communicate fully with all creatures, especially in emotional contexts with their fellow beings.

Moon is no exception. The fact that she is the clone of Arienrhod, the Snow Queen, and that she bears the special seed of the sibyls within her, is both a bane and a blessing. It is a blessing because it will permit her to change the very pattern of her culture to benefit all its people, but realizing these gifts drives her deterministically to her destiny. It is a fate she cannot deny because it is the logical outgrowth of her personality. On the other hand, it also forces her alienation from her own kind. It is her choosing to become a sibyl, for example, that drives Sparks, her cousin and lover, into the arms of Arienrhod and spells his corruption.

One of the novel's sources, Hans Christian Andersen's "The Snow Queen," defines the relationship between Moon and Sparks and broadly generates not only the characters of Moon, Sparks, and Arienrhod but also some of the events of the story as well. In Andersen's fairy tale, Kay, the young boy, is struck in the eye and the heart by slivers of glass from a magic mirror invented by a wicked hobgoblin and later shattered. The mirror has the power to distort all that is beautiful and to turn the heart cold. This is what happens to Kay, and he eventually goes off to live with the Snow Queen, oblivious to Gerda, the young girl who loves him. Persistently, however, she finds him, learns what is wrong with him, and heals him with her kiss, its power drawn from the strength of her innocence. Similarly, Sparks leaves the southlands when his attempt to become a sibyl is rejected and makes his way to Carbuncle, Tiamat's major city, where he ousts Starbuck, the Snow Queen's right hand and henchman, and then becomes her lover. The attraction is logical since Arienrhod is an exact if older duplicate of Moon and figuratively an evil mirror of her. As Sparks becomes more and more deeply involved with Arienrhod, he becomes cold, insensitive, and corrupt, but Moon persists in finding him and curing him with her love. Significantly, by the end of both stories, Summer has arrived, for at the mythic level, both dramatize the renewal of vegetation theme.
Star Cluster

*The Snow Queen* is a rich novel that excellently displays Vinge's talents as a writer. She creates an intriguing and entertaining plot in unraveling how Moon fulfills her destiny as Summer Queen, discovers the secret of the mers (sea creatures whose blood yields a youth-sustaining substance called the "water of life"), uncovers the purpose of the sibyls, renews Sparks, and retains the technological secrets the Hegemony wishes to withdraw as it prepares to leave Tiamat. She creates memorable characters in her delineation of Moon, Sparks, Arienrhod, Jerusha (the police inspector), and BZ (her aide). Even minor characters are sketched so finely that they achieve dimensionality. As Steven Spruill has indicated in his "Afterword" to the Binary Star #4 edition of "Legacy," Vinge has both the insight to understand what the characters would say, feel, and do in the world in which they have been cast, and the talent to transmit it.

This is not to imply that the novel is perfect, for it is not. It tries to do and say too much. Periodically, it hammers away at a point which has already been made quite nicely. Occasionally there are inconsistencies in the characters, as when Herne, the original Starbuck, engages in an analysis of his motives far deeper than the reader expects him capable of. There is some fuzziness in the symbolism. The character-name Fate, for Fate Ravenglass Winter, the blind mask maker, implies a role more controlled than Vinge makes it, and the association of Moon with the moon and Sparks with the sun is often confused by the extrinsic meanings of the symbols and a similar lack of strict control. And at times, as critic Jack Sullivan of *The New York Times* has written, the language does fail and the flight of the story is dragged down by banal dialogue.

But these criticisms are minor when weighed against the assets of the novel. In his comments about "Legacy," Steven Spruill makes an observation about Vinge's craftsmanship which is equally appropriate to *The Snow Queen*. It is "the ability to steadily draw the reader along the continuum between realities [that of the story and that of real life], deeper and deeper into the reality of the story." It points to the novel's superiority in the area of "worldcraft." Vinge puts forth an absolutely amazing mass of detail that captures the reader early and will not release him until the story reaches conclusion. The conception of the world and its characters is a fantastic feat of imagination, and ordering its detail and imagery is a tremendous effort in discipline. As its dustjacket suggests, *The Snow Queen* "is a brilliant tapestry of idea, character, and adventure."

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Anyone who teaches science fiction at the college level or above—and science fiction teachers at any level if at all possible—will want to read *The
Number of the Beast, if only to be prepared for students who will surely be eager to discuss it.

A big book (over 400 pp.), The Number of the Beast is similar to Time Enough for Love in its episodic plot structure and roughly equals I Will Fear No Evil in thematic repetitiveness. As in Time Enough for Love, Heinlein has used various narrative voices, but with somewhat greater discipline, or at least a discernible pattern. Aside from chapters 43 (told by Smith) and 48 (narrated in third person, objective viewpoint), the rest of the narrative rotates among the four principal characters who form a group protagonist. The first is Doctor D. T. (Deety) Burroughs (D. T. for Dejah Thoris, who else?), Beautiful Daughter of a Mad Scientist as she introduces herself, Ph.D. in math (but “I'm not that good a mathematician, sir. My work is usually simplifying software. Child's play compared with n-dimensional spaces”) who after one blissful tango marries a perfect stranger mostly because he smells nice. The second is Zebadiah (Zeb, Zebbie) J. (for John) Carter (not to be confused with his cousin Zebulon E.), Ph.D. in Education because he “undertook to prove that a man can get a doctorate from a major university without knowing anything and without adding anything whatever to human knowledge . . . To prove that degrees per se are worthless.” The third is Doctor Jacob (Jake) Burroughs, widower and father of Deety, discoverer of the time travel principle which (with Deety’s help) allows Zeb's heliocar to be converted to a parallel-universe-travel machine. The fourth is Hilda (Sharpie) Corners, a self-educated woman with no degrees who has learned to manipulate the world from a position of little nominal power: “I am strong for women's rights but was never taken in by unisex nonsense. I don't yearn to be equal; Sharpie is as unequal as possible, with all the perks and bonuses and special privileges that come from being one of the superior sex . . . I feel no shame in making use of the strongest muscles, namely male ones (but my own strongest muscle is dedicated to the service of men—noblesse oblige). . . . ‘Never tell a man anything he doesn't need to know, and lie with a straight face rather than hurt his feelings or diminish his pride.’ ” She marries Jake to complete the family. Obviously these four feisty, opinionated, Libertarian characters will offend some readers, and anyone who does not like one of them will probably dislike them all, for they are more alike than different. Those minor problems which arise in their interactions stem from their similarities and shortcomings, specifically the self-centeredness each has to overcome. They each finally discover that the privileges of command are attached to concomitant responsibilities and that the buck must finally stop in one individual’s hand, and so learn to be less ornery underlings.

En route to this insight, they learn some other wisdom in the style of Heinlein at his strongest, by examining light gray versus dark gray moral issues. For example, the four are persuaded to help the British colony on a
para-Mars in their battle against the Russian colony because of the relative moral superiority of the British: “Our transportees are malefactors under our laws—but once here, they are as free as other Englishmen. . . . The Russian prisoners are . . . the people they used to send to the Siberian salt mines. Political prisoners. . . . Whether they are treated better or worse than serfs in Russia I do not know. But one thing I do know. They work their fields [of addictive drugs] with men; we work ours with wogs [subhuman cannibalistic animals].”

Heinlein, of course, is not the first science-fiction author to experiment with shifting narration; Le Guin, for example, juxtaposes two major narrators in The Left Hand of Darkness. But Heinlein's problems in rotating among the four are compounded geometrically. Not using a third-person omniscient narrator avoids the intrusive editorial voice, which is a good idea for an openly didactic writer like Heinlein; but the reader can be easily disoriented, forgetting who is narrating at any given moment, not just because the characters seem so philosophically unified in their personal moral perspective in spite of small stylistic clues (for example, only Zeb calls Hilda “Sharpie”), but also because Heinlein relies very heavily on dialogue to tell his tale. And while dialogue usually makes the pace of the action seem rapid, in a number of places in The Number of the Beast the dialogue seems overwritten and repetitious as each character has to declare essentially the same insights to all of the others. The primary external threat to the protagonists, the “Black Hats,” remains on the periphery of the action, and the problem is shelved with disappointing ease at the end.

Those who like science fiction combined with fantasy will not be as offended as purists who demand that scientific plausibility not be stretched beyond certain limits of consistent internal logic. For instance, though one may willingly suspend disbelief in the efficacy of magic while visiting the land of Oz, it is a strain to swallow the possibility that Glinda's good works on the bathroom remain useful once the group departs for other “realities.”

But Heinlein does provide an interesting perspective on the concept of reality when the group learns that their truth is only one of many: “all worlds are equally real. Or unreal.” And Heinlein tosses in a tantalizing throwaway line (look for it yourself) three quarters of the way through the book to jar the reader into realizing that these characters come from their own reality, not ours. He also plays with names, such as Gay Deceiver, the computer personality that guides their car, and with words in general; for example, one of Gay's various escape programs is “Termite,” another “Bugout.”

The permissive sexual attitudes of The Number of the Beast seem much less shocking in 1980 than similar ones in Stranger in a Strange Land were in the early sixties, but these mores still no doubt represent a minority viewpoint. Heinlein solves the problem of coping with pregnancies result-
ing from promiscuous sexual affairs by making his female characters astonishingly eager to bear children—all in the name of scientific curiosity to see what mixing genes will produce—and providing all of his protagonists with an endless money supply to insure funds to raise their offspring. But the story lacks a vivid portrayal of children to create versimilitude and flesh out the story plausibly as in, for instance, *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*.

The book is most understandable if regarded as a serious but not solemn fan letter from Heinlein to his fans. There are direct allusions, names and titles and fictional places and characters, and indirect ones (for example, a lime jello joke) to make the insider feel like one of the cognoscenti, and to pique the interest of the neos. The entire last chapter caps the capstone of Heinlein's future history, frosting on the cake perhaps for *Time Enough for Love* lovers, but certainly largely unintelligible to anyone who has not read at least *Stranger in a Strange Land*, and it cannot be recommended in good faith as an introduction to Heinlein's work for a novice reader. Like *Paradise Lost*, surely not even the most devoted fan would wish it one line longer. It is best to read it at leisure to pass long winter evenings.

Elizabeth Anne Hull


These "three never-before-published visions of immortality" each achieve a unique excellence that underscores the strength and diversity possible when one uses science fiction materials. Bishop's "Cold War Orphans," the slightest of the tales, employs the narrative framework of a youth reflecting upon letters he has received from his father, a U-2 pilot based in the Near East. The result is a provocative metaphor of spiritual escape. Malzberg's "Le Croix" ("The Cross") reminds one of Moorcock's *Behold the Man*, but treats the theme of religious obsession with much greater subtlety and complexity. Of all the writers one associates with "speculative fiction," Malzberg is one of the few who has shown continuous growth. McAllister's "Their Immortal Hearts," which gives its title to the volume, is in some ways the most ambitious of the works in its creation of a richly textured future extraterrestrial planet and culture. In many ways his work recalls the best of Silverberg in *Capricorn Games* and *Unfamiliar Territory*, although one hastens to add that McAllister is definitely his own man. All in all, this is one of the prize volumes of the year and should be included in all collections for the variety and quality of the works. This is particularly true because the edition is essentially privately printed in a small edition made possible by grants; such ventures need to be encouraged.
The editors have brought together eleven of the stories which Clifton wrote between 1952 and 1962; they include his first and last works, for he died in 1963. As Barry Malzberg points out in an “Afterword,” this is the first collection of his works. As such it is an invaluable addition to all library collections and the most significant title in the new Alternatives series, at least to date. Perhaps the most intriguing attribute of the tales of this now-obscure author is their tone, for in their criticism of man and his ventures into space, they recall something of the distress of Simak’s City and anticipate the irony and bitterness associated with so much of the science fiction of the 1960s. Two themes dominate the works: the encounter with aliens, ranging from the sharp barbs of “What Have I Done?” (1952) to the pathos and denunciation of “Hang Head, Vandal!” (1962). The second theme deals with exceptional children, the best being “Star, Bright” (1952) and “Crazy Joey” (1953), the latter one of his collaborations with Alex Apostolides. Together with “Hide! Hide! Witch!” it became a part of his novel, They’d Rather Be Right (1957, serialized in Astounding in 1954). Interestingly, the stories were collaborations with Apostolides, but the novel was written with Frank Riley. Despite the few stories that he did produce during his short career, Clifton has both an historical and literary significance because of the quality of his narratives and, as noted, their departure from the generally optimistic tone of the period. Significantly, despite his criticism of the military mind, his attacks were not upon society but upon the nature of man. This fine anthology may spur Southern Illinois or another publisher to reprint his novels, none of which achieved a wide audience during his lifetime. In addition to They’d Rather Be Right, his novels include Eight Keys to Eden (1960) and When They Came from Space (1962).


This is the first volume of a projected British series which will publish only original stories. Grant declares that as editor he has no critical ax to grind and has chosen the stories only because they gave him pleasure and provided “reader enjoyment—of an intellectually stimulating kind....” Those who associate British science fiction with New Worlds will find Aries I very different, and very enjoyable. It ranges across the entire spectrum of “soft” and “hard” sf. At one end is David Langford’s outrageous spoof of pulp heroes, “Sex Pirates of the Blood Asteroid”; at the other, Terry Tapp’s “And Englishmen,” an horrific brief tale recalling Forster’s
"The Machine Stops." Other particularly noteworthy items include Bob Shaw and Malcolm Harris' "The Edge of Time," which, like a number of the stories, builds to a nice twist of a theme. It is one of three devoted to time travel. Colin Wilson's "Timeslip" pretends to be an actual history—or case-study—that takes place here-and-now. Eve Devereux's "MT (and hence to be filled)" also handles humorously another common theme, teleportation. The contributions of Robert Holdstock, Christopher Priest and David Redd, and Steven Spruill provide solid treatments of traditional themes. All in all, *Aries I* does hold promise of being the first in a significant series.


Nostalgia aside, the value of this collection lies in the introduction it will give new readers to many of the series which gave flavor to the so-called "golden age." It is a valuable acquisition for those libraries and individuals who do not have access to a run of the magazines. The only writer to be represented twice is James Blish—with "Bridge" from the "Cities in Flight" series and "Surface Tension" from the "Pantrophy" series. Other entries include Brian Aldiss' "Hothouse" (from the series of that name), Clifford D. Simak's "Aesop" (from *City*), J. G. Ballard's "The Cloud Sculptors of Coral D" (from the "Vermillion Sands" group), and Larry Niven's "The Relic of Empire" ("Known Space"). Both Arthur C. Clarke's White Hart and Sprague de Camp and Fletcher Pratt's Gavagan's Bar are represented. One does not want to catalogue titles; suffice to say that Pohl has selected nearly twenty stories recalling those series which shaped science fiction during the crucial period after World War II.


Any collection of Harlan Ellison's stories is noteworthy, *Shatterday* especially so because it contains such tales as "Jeffty Is Five," "How's The Night Life on Cissalda?" "Flop Sweat," "In the Fourth Year of the War"—one of the finest of the works included because it is such an effective account of possession/schizophrenia—and "The Executioner of the Malfomed Children"—an account of one method of maintaining the status quo. The collection is made up, with two exceptions, of stories published between 1977 and 1980 so that this is current Ellison. He enriches the volume with an introduction and notes to each of the tales; he asserts that they are united by their concern for the "mortal dreads" which we all share, and assures the reader that "you are not alone." This is a must for all libraries and teachers/students, for it is the inimitable Harlan Ellison at his best.
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Reprint Series

When Gregg Press chose to emphasize the works of contemporary authors, I believe I protested that I wanted the series to maintain a greater historical perspective and concentrate upon older titles. I have changed my mind, for the series editors, David G. Hartwell and L. W. Currey, have been making a judicious selection of titles, many of which have never before been published in hardback. One should have guessed their intent when they chose James Tiptree's *10,000 Light Years from Home* in 1976. Among their releases in 1980 were D. G. Compton's *The Continuous Katherine Mortenhoe* and Kate Wilhelm's *The Mile-Long Spaceship*, both with excellent introductions by Susan Wood. In addition to their Andre Norton and Poul Anderson titles, in 1980 they have emphasized Frank Herbert: *The Dragon in the Sea* and *Whipping Star*, as well as *The Worlds of Frank Herbert*, which includes nine stories published originally between 1958 and 1967. Among current selections are Philip Jose Farmer's *Dare* and *Inside Outside*, the fourth and fifth Farmer novels issued by Gregg. One can really only suggest that every scholar and library obtain a complete catalog from Gregg Press because the entire series is worth having, particularly because of the generally fine introductions written especially for the series.

Two other reprint series worthy of attention are those published by Donning (Starblaze Editions) and by Borgo Press. Both are paperback. Under direction of R. Reginald, Borgo has been best known for its monographs of individual authors, but in turning to fiction, it has made such wise choices as Leonard Wibberley's *Beware of the Mouse*. The strength of the Donning books thus far has been their editing and illustration by Polly and Kelly Freas. Beginning with Robert Asprin's *Another Fine Myth* and Algis Budrys' *Some Will Not Die*, both in 1978, more recent titles include Katherine MacLean's short story collection *The Trouble with You Earth People*. To date, however, one of the high points of the series has been Randall Garrett's *Takeoff!* (1979), in which he parodies authors ranging from Burroughs and Bester to Lovecraft and van Vogt; also included in the volume are a number of his reviews in verse. Incidentally, two of his collaborations with Robert Silverberg (as Robert Randall) have been announced as forthcoming: *The Shrouded Planet* and *The Dawning Light*. Donning's selections may seem to aim at those who are well acquainted with the field, but their general quality is such that they deserve to be seriously considered by all major collections. Both Donning and Borgo, incidentally, are of a size which makes rebinding satisfactory, if libraries so choose.

A final reprint item which should be obtained by all individuals and
libraries collecting in the areas of science fiction and popular culture is the two-volume facsimile edition of the first thirty-five numbers of *The Frank Reade Library* issued by Garland Publishing Company. E. F. Bleiler has done an excellent introduction, in which he asserts, "Frank Reade embodied the science fiction of his day in America." One is struck by the mixture of western materials and science fiction, and as one enumerates the boy's inventions—steam horse, "Steam Tally-ho," electric boat, and electric tricycle among them—one realizes how much later writers of juvenile series were indebted to Frank Reade. A must.

**Juveniles**

In the autumn Atheneum issued four titles, all of them of such a quality that any one might be a candidate for the Newbery Award. In *Caves of Fire and Ice* Shirley Rousseau Murphy has dramatized a quest which takes Skellie of Carriol through the barrier of Time as she tries to find Ramad of the Wolves, who, in turn, seeks Telien, his beloved. The dramatic conflict centers upon the search for the shards of runestone which somehow seem to control the future of the planet Ere. The haunting tone of the novel echoes the best of the sword-and-sorcery motif. Much more realistic is Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's *Shadows on the Wall*, the first book of the so-called York Trilogy. Focusing upon the young Dan Roberts, it fuses together the ghostly appearance of Roman soldiers in York (a "Prologue" recalls that the Ninth Legion "disappeared from all record"), gypsies, and the fear that the young protagonist and his father carry the defective gene causing Huntington's disease. The elements of the mystery are fused together skillfully, but the work ends abruptly, as one might expect from the first part of a proposed trilogy. In contrast to these two, Willo Davis Roberts has blended together mystery and humor in the tale of Katie, *The Girl with the Silver Eyes*, who possesses the power of telekinesis. As so often happens when the theme of exceptional children is introduced into science fiction, the main interest lies in the tensions between Katie (and three young friends who have similar powers) and the adult world. From this conflict rises the humor. A much different encounter occurs in Josephine Rector Stone's *The Mudhead*, whose young protagonist encounters aliens upon a primitive world. All four are recommended for library collections.

**Paperbacks**

Choosing titles for a one-term course in science fiction and fantasy seems more difficult than ever because of the quality and variety of paperbacks
now available. The emphasis by various publishers upon fantasy, upon the works of newer authors, and upon original titles provides the chance to give such a course a breadth that often has not been possible. If the publishers will keep these titles in print, the richness of course offerings should be assured—and the possibility of showing the scope of the field should remain unmatched.

Where to begin? Perhaps the best method is to point out titles which should be seriously considered for class adoption. A number of titles have been reissued and so are available—in some cases for the first time in a number of years. For example, new printings of John Brunner's *Timescoop* (Dell), Arthur C. Clarke's *Dolphin Island* (Berkley), Hal Clement's *Close to Critical* (Ballantine), Roger Zelazny and Philip K. Dick's *Deus Irae* (Dell), and Dick's *The Man in the High Castle* (Berkley) have recently been released.

Meanwhile Mark Hurst has edited a new collection of Dick's short fiction, *The Golden Man* (Berkley), titles from the 1950s and 1960s, except for one from 1974, which may give the best insight into Dick's growth (and recurrent themes) available in a single volume. John Brunner's first novel in several years at least, *Players at the Game of People* (Del Rey Books, Ballantine), promises to be one of his most provocative works.

Del Rey Books has also issued Piers Anthony's *Split Infinity*, Anne McCaffrey's *Dragonflight* and *The White Dragon*, Clifford Simak's *The Visitors*, and Fred Pohl's *Beyond the Blue Event Horizon*. His *Man Plus* and *Jem* are available from Bantam.

Ursula K. Le Guin's *Malafrena* (Berkley) has been in paper since early autumn, within a year of its cloth edition, as might be expected. More surprising (and very welcome) is the attention being given Fritz Leiber. Pocket Books has published the only edition of *The Sinful Ones* under that title since its original book appearance in 1953, as well as bringing together nine of his stories, most of them from the 1970s, in the collection, *Heroes and Horrors*. His *Our Lady of Darkness* (Berkley) has also been reprinted.

Pocket Books has also published two other important original collections, Roger Zelazny's *The Last Defender of Camelot*, sixteen stories dating from 1963 to 1979, compiled with forenotes and an introduction by Zelazny himself; and *The Best of Walter Miller, Jr.*, containing fourteen stories written during the 1950s before *A Canticle for Leibowitz*.

For those who prefer original anthologies giving a cross-section of what is new in the field, there is Judy-Lynn del Rey's *Stellar 6* (Del Rey Books)—perhaps the finest of the continuing series—with new stories by Jack Williamson, Anne McCaffrey, and Clifford Simak. Le Guin has teamed up with Virginia Kidd to edit two anthologies, *Edges* (Pocket Books), with stories by Avram Davidson, Sonya Dorman, Gene Wolfe, and Thomas
Disch, and *Interfaces* (Ace), with stories by Robert Holdstock, Vondra N. McIntyre, D. G. Compton, Gene Wolfe, and James Tiptree, Jr.

For those who prefer sword-and-sorcery, Playboy Press Paperbacks has the trilogy entitled “The War of Powers”—*The Sundered Realm, The City in the Glacier*, and *The Destiny Stone*—in which Fost Longstrider and Princess Moriana seek The Amulet of Living Flame. The latest title in another of their series, “Adventures of the Empire Princess,” is *The Falcon of Eden* by Graham Diamond. While Steven Spruill’s *Hellstone*, a treatment of the myth of the Loch Ness monster, should prove to be one of their most popular titles, their most significant contribution to the field recently has been the issuing of George Alec Effinger’s *Utopia 3*, originally published as *Death in Florence*, in which Effinger creates a seeming paradise amid the abandoned cities of Europe. It is one of his most delightful sustained efforts in recent years.

Most recent among Del Rey Books’ original titles is the provocative *The Venus Belt* by L. Neil Smith, but their major accomplishment has been the reissuing of five Thorne Smith titles as well as twelve of L. Frank Baum’s Oz stories, the latest being *The Tin Woodman of Oz*. (One should note that in *The Fantasy Tradition in American Literature*, Brian Attebery considers Baum’s creation of Oz fundamental to the development of a truly American fantasy.)

From Dell come *Junction* by Jack Dann and *Find the Changeling* by Gregory Benford and Gordon Eklund, although their 1979 imprint, Phyllis Eisenstein’s *Shadow of Earth* (presenting an alternate universe in which the Spanish Armada conquered England) remains one of their most readable books.

Berkley remains one of the several most dependable houses in the field so far as number and quality of works are concerned, particularly now that they publish separate science fiction and fantasy lines. Among their most important recent volumes in science fiction are the collection of John Varley’s stories, *The Barbie Murders*, Philip Jose Farmer’s 1968 novel *A Woman a Day*, Barry R. Longyear’s *Manifest Destiny*, and Elizabeth A. Lynn’s *A Different Light* (Berkley has issued her most recent novel, *The Northern Girl*, in cloth). Foremost among their recent fantasy titles are Eric Van Lustbader’s *The Sunset Warrior*, Glen Cook’s *All Darkness Met*, and the reprinting of Robert E. Howard’s *Skull-Face*. One of Berkley’s most important contributions to the scholarship of the field is Charles Platt’s *Dream Makers*, a collection of twenty-eight interviews with sf writers. As of this date it seems the best collection of interviews recently published.

Pocket Books has another consistently fine line of titles, especially because of the number of works that are original publications, including

Bantam Books continues to issue Doc Savage, although equally important are Robert E. Howard's *The Road to Azrael*, a collection of five of his stories; significantly, acknowledgment of previous publication is given for only two of them.

In December Bantam released L. Sprague de Camp's *Conan and the Spider God*. Nor should one forget that Samuel R. Delany's autobiographical "essay" *Heavenly Breakfast* bears the Bantam imprint.

Finally, for now, those who are addicted to the lost race novel will find entertainment in Stephen Tall's *The People Beyond the Wall* (DAW Books), enigmatic in that it combines the traditional Arctic scene with the suggestion of an alternate world. Also of interest from DAW is C. J. Cherryh's translation of *The Green Gods* by N. C. Henneberg, "The 'A. Merritt' of France."

I regret the catalogue effect that this discussion of current paperbacks may seem to have. It was unavoidable both because of the quantity of noteworthy titles which have appeared recently and because of the limitation of space resulting from other commitments. All of the books named here deserve close attention and merit adoption into the various science fiction and fantasy courses offered this spring. Their existence—especially in that so many of them are by writers who have done most of their work in the 1970s—suggests that the field will continue to grow and capture the imagination.

T.D.C.
The Launching Pad
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New York in 1981 without the need for a special petition, the Executive Committee of the Popular Culture Division agreed to let me chair a session. I hope to announce that program, though not the exact time of it, in the June issue.

There will also be several science fiction meetings at the annual PCA Convention in Cincinnati this spring.

One editorial matter regarding *Extrapolation* does need to be mentioned because of some confusion that has arisen. All business and production matters are handled from the Kent State University Press. So far as editorial matters are concerned, Professors Carl Yoke and Mary T. Brizzi from Kent State act as Associate Editors (Mary is now working on a special women-in-science-fiction issue scheduled for the fall). The point of all of this is simply that all manuscripts should be submitted to me at the College of Wooster. I will then decide upon them after conferring with Carl and Mary or after sending them to members of the Editorial Board. We will try to notify you and reach a decision as quickly as possible. But please do send your articles to me here at Wooster and not to Kent.

In the December issue we included notice of a number of novels which should be contenders for this year’s Nebula Award. In this issue we introduce a new department, “Star Cluster,” which will review that fiction—cloth and paper, new and reprint—which we judge to be the best of the current field. Like “Science Fiction in the Classroom” it may not appear in every issue, but we will try to keep on top of the significant new titles. I think it safe to suggest that review in *Extrapolation* will strongly imply that the book should be among the acquisitions of libraries and might well be adopted for classroom use. Certainly notice will mean that we think a given work adds something important to the field.

I must conclude on a solemn note. In November at a meeting of writers and fans in Toledo, Mike Glicksohn told me that Susan Wood had died. A tenured member of the English Department at the University of British Columbia and a recipient of the Hugo as a Fan Writer, Susan time and again proved that she combined the best qualities of academe and fandom. I believe, for example, that her essay on Ursula K. LeGuin, which she did for the first volume of *Voices for the Future*, remains one of the finest, most comprehensive introductions to LeGuin’s works published thus far. At Houston her colleagues from British Columbia spoke highly of her, as others have in such places as *Locus* and *Starship*. I first met Susan while she was still an undergraduate. This fall she provided bibliographical help to a student of mine who was working on the poetry of Margaret Atwood. We have lost a charming woman and an astute critic.

T.D.C.
New Series Titles Augment Variety of Scholarly Studies


Roger Zelazny: A Primary and Secondary Bibliography, by Joseph Sanders. G. K. Hall, 1980. $15.00.

Both of these volumes add to the stature of what must be the basic and definitive series of bibliographies of works related to individual writers within the genre. The Delany volume has a sixty-page "Introduction," primarily biographical and therefore helpful because it gives, except for Delany's writings themselves, the most comprehensive sketch of his life and career. What impresses one most, however, is that there are only thirty-nine entries in Delany's "Fiction" and seventy in his "Nonfiction," while there have been two hundred seventy-four "Critical Studies" of his work, a few of them as yet unpublished. (These include, of course, book reviews.) This implies that among the younger writers Delany has received as much attention, if not more, than any of his contemporaries. One could wish that the annotations by Peplow and Bravard were more even in quality; a few entries have no annotations whatsoever and others are sketchy. This same listing of brief reviews exists somewhat in the Zelazny volume, although Sanders' work, as a whole, may be taken as a model to be imitated. Of particular interest are the sections which list Zelazny's poetry (thirty-five items), and those appendices which provide information regarding his "Nominations, Awards, and Honors," the "Foreign Language Editions" of his works, and the descriptions of holdings of his "Manuscripts and Papers." The briefer "Introduction" (xxvii pp.) concentrates upon his
career. As in previous titles in the series, entries in all sections of both books are listed chronologically within the year of original publication. Sanders worked closely with Zelazny, and his notes regarding the publication of the fiction are particularly valuable. All in all, the two titles indicate that the series—now under the general editorship of L. W. Currey—is essential to all library collections and, perhaps more selectively because of the number of volumes, necessary to the private holdings of individual scholars.


The difficulty with the Starmont series is its brevity; both of these volumes run only to sixty-four pages. Yet both are also first-rate introductions to the major works of the writers, for Starmont gives only incidental attention—at least here—to the biographies of the writers. Frane gives his emphasis to individual chapters on Conjure Wife, Gather Darkness, The Wanderer and A Specter Is Haunting Texas, as well as chapters to the materials dealing with “The Change War” and Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser. The result is a compact introduction to Leiber, but the study needs to be expanded. Because of Haldeman’s involvement in Viet Nam and his subsequent thematic attention to warfare, Ms. Gordon has devoted more attention to his biography, culminating that section with his attending the Milford Conference in 1970, where he met Ben Bova, who was influential in helping him get his first novel, War Year, published. She devotes individual chapters to the novels The Forever War, Mindbridge, and All My Sins Remembered, as well as one to his collection of stories, Infinite Dreams. Quoting Haldeman, Gordon agrees that he is at heart a novelist whose stories fall somewhat short of their potential primarily because of the lack of space for development. Both volumes include brief, annotated bibliographies of primary and secondary sources. The Starmont series has its value as an introduction to a wide number of science fiction and fantasy writers, many of whom would perhaps not be included in other series.

Robert A. Heinlein: America as Science Fiction, by H. Bruce Franklin. Oxford University Press, 1980. $18.95 cloth; $4.95 paper.


These two titles are the initial entries in the series to be edited by Robert Scholes, and I understand that in some cases at least Scholes has matched critic and author. McConnell’s treatment of Wells comes as no surprise
because he edited the fine edition of *The Time Machine* and *The War of the Worlds* for Oxford. In his opening chapter, which is concerned with the art of Wells's science fiction, McConnell declares that through “a combination of historical moment and personal strategy, he transformed the scientific and social controversy of his time into an extended fable of apocalypse and terror that is sometimes grim and sometimes ennobling in its vision of the human condition, but always compelling and crafted with immense skill.” After his introductory appraisal, McConnell considers “The Age of Unease: The Background of Wells.” He then makes close studies of the important early works in three chapters—“Evolutionary Fables: *The Time Machine* and *The Island of Doctor Moreau*”; “Realist of the Fantastic: *The Invisible Man* and *The War of the Worlds*”; and “Dreams of Things to Come: *The First Men in the Moon, The Food of the Gods,* and *In the Days of the Comet.*” A final chapter traces the later Wells. A number of illustrations, several of them from the original editions of the novels, add to the volume. McConnell has produced a well-balanced assessment of Wells which may well prove the most valuable recent single volume study of his works. Franklin’s study of Heinlein is equally provocative. He considers all of Heinlein’s fiction “a revelation of the formative powers” which have shaped twentieth-century America. In short, as a Marxist Franklin finds/uses Heinlein as a symbolic expression of the complexities of his culture. In this sense his study is not only penetrating but refreshing, for through his study of the fiction, Franklin shows an appreciation of Heinlein’s artistry. There is not simply the hostile reaction of the liberal/ radical against the man who has come to typify the conservative voice in science fiction. A number of illustrations also enhance this volume. If these two initial volumes represent the continuing quality of the Oxford series, then it may well become the essential single-author series.


To be released in late January, this latest addition to the Writers of the 21st Century series (edited by Martin Harry Greenberg and Joseph D. Olander) adds significantly to our understanding of a writer valued by his contemporaries but neglected by academic critics. This state of affairs is reflected in the fact that four of the eight essays have been contributed by such professional writers as Norman Spinrad and Robert Silverberg. Among other contributors Peter Close, a British sociologist, is at work on a full-length study of Vance, while Mark Willard is completing a concordance of Vance’s fiction. Marshall Tymn, with an eight-page bibliography—all but one page of which is devoted to primary materials—is the only representative of the academic scene. The re-
sult is that the volume combines knowledgeability with a freshness of perception, although some readers may feel that, overall, too much attention is given to discussions of plot.


This volume of criticism contains ten essays first presented at the 1979 Eaton Conference at the University of California-Riverside. Its stated intent is to “suggest connections between science fiction and other aspects of Western Culture.” Harry Levin’s “Science and Fiction” is the widest ranging essay, emphasizing the continuing literary response to science and placing science fiction in a historical perspective. Other high points of the collection include Gregory Benford’s “Aliens and Knowability: A Scientist’s Perspective,” Eric S. Rabkin’s “Fairy Tales and Science Fiction,” Patrick Parrinder’s “Science Fiction as Truncated Epic,” and Thomas H. Keelings’s “Science Fiction and the Gothic.” Although each of the essays is interesting in itself, the cumulative effect is that one has been there before, even when Thomas A. Hanzo proposes an all-encompassing definition of science fiction based upon the criterion that it treats the future in the past tense, thereby becoming a “proleptic structure.” **Bridges to Science Fiction** is one of the first titles in a new series, to be called Alternatives, whose general editors are Martin Harry Greenberg and Joseph D. Olander.


This anthology reprints sixteen essays, including items by Thomas O. Mabbott, Edmund Wilson, Fritz Leiber, Jr., and Robert Bloch, the earliest dating from the 1940s. Inasmuch as no acknowledgments are given, the original essays—excluding the introductory items by S. T. Joshi, including one in collaboration with Kenneth W. Faig, Jr.—seem to be Edward Lauterbach’s “Some Notes on Cthulhuian Pseudobiblia,” J. Vernon Shea’s “On the Literary Influences Which Shaped Lovecraft’s Works,” and two essays by Peter Cannon, one tracing the influence of Vathek on “The Dream-Quest of Unknown Kadath” and the other considering Lovecraft “in Hawthornian Perspective.” Since this is not the only comparatively recent volume on Lovecraft, its chief value lies in making accessible to the contemporary reader essays which have either been long unavailable or published in a journal that does not have a wide circulation. Its selections have been well chosen and should provoke further critical appraisal of HPL.

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