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## Science Fiction Literature through History: An Encyclopedia [2 volumes]

Gary Westfahl 2021-07-31 This book provides high school and undergraduate students, and other interested readers, with a comprehensive survey of science fiction history and numerous essays addressing major science fiction topics, authors, works, and subgenres written by a distinguished scholar. This encyclopedia deals with written science fiction in all of its forms, not only novels and short stories but also mediums often ignored in other reference books, such as plays, poems, comic books, and graphic novels. Some science fiction films, television programs, and video games are also mentioned, particularly when they are relevant to written texts. Its focus is on science fiction in the English language, though due attention is given to international authors whose works have been frequently translated into English. Since science fiction became a recognized genre and greatly expanded in the 20th century, works published in the 20th and 21st centuries are most frequently discussed, though important earlier works are not neglected. The texts are designed to be helpful to numerous readers, ranging from students first encountering science fiction to experienced scholars in the field. Provides readers with information about written science fiction in all

its forms—novels, stories, plays, poems, comic books, and graphic novels Includes original interviews with major writers like Ted Chiang, Samuel R. Delany, Kim Stanley Robinson, and Connie Willis that are not available elsewhere Features numerous sidebars with additional data about various subjects and key passages from several classic works Includes hundreds of bibliographies of sources that provide additional information on various specific topics and the genre of science fiction as a whole

**World Building** Stephen Gillett 1996 With Stephen Gillett's help, you'll be on solid ground, no matter what kinds of worlds you create for your science fiction. World-Building explains science to help you make your fiction plausible. You'll give your worlds the pull of gravity, aware of the effects on inhabitants and the planets themselves. Mix elements and build planets with chemically credible, geologically accurate characteristics – and anomalies – that affect those who live there. Create planetary "engines," convincing atmospheres and fact-based weather patterns. Colonize a truly weird world: ancient Earth. Explore our neighboring planets and their satellites for SF possibilities. Light and heat your landscapes with the right types of stars. See how things might be on a "chloroxygen" world and other hypothetical places.

**Gene Wolfe: 14 Articles on His Fiction**

Michael Andre-Driussi  
2017-08-25 Ten essays and four reviews, originally published from 1993 to 2014, in "The New York Review of Science Fiction," "Foundation," "Extrapolation," "Ultan's Library," "The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction," "The Internet Review of Science Fiction," "Quantum," and a chapbook on "The Fifth Head of Cerberus." Some of them are available for free online, but many are hard to find. Topics include: \*Six pieces on "The Book of the New Sun." \*An investigation on the possible star system in "The Fifth Head of Cerberus." \*Two overviews of Wolfe's work, one focusing on his short stories, the other on his novels. \*A look at the Japanese translation of "The Book of the New Sun."

*The Armies of Memory* John Barnes  
2006-03-21 Giraut Leones, special agent for the human Thousand Cultures' shadowy Office of Special Plans, is turning fifty--and someone is trying to kill him. Giraut's had a long career; the number of entities that might want him dead is effectively limitless. But recently Giraut was approached by the Lost Legion, an Occitan underground linked to an alliance of illegally human-settled worlds beyond the frontier. Also, it turns out that the Lost Legion colony has a "psypyx" --a consciousness-recording--of Shan, onetime boss of the Office of Special Plans. If they have that, they have literally thousands of devastating secrets. Now, returning to his native Nou Occitan, Giraut will encounter violence and treachery from human and artificial consciousnesses alike. As bigotry and mob violence erupt throughout the rapidly destabilizing interstellar situation, Giraut will be called on to make the ultimate sacrifice, for the sake of civilization itself... At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*Fantastic Transmedia* C. Harvey  
2015-05-26 Contemporary culture is packed with fantasy and science fiction storyworlds extending across multiple media platforms. This book

explores the myriad ways in which imaginary worlds use media like films, novels, videogames, comic books, toys and increasingly user-generated content to captivate and energise contemporary audiences. *Cinema As a Worldbuilding Machine in the Digital Era* Alain Boillat  
2022-02-15 This essay examines the primacy of worldbuilding in the age of CGI, transmedia practices and "high concept" fiction by studying the principles that govern the creation of a multiverse in a wide range of film and TV productions. Emphasis is placed on Hollywood sci-fi movies and their on-screen representation of imaginary machines that mirror the film medium, following in the tradition of Philip K. Dick's writings and the cyberpunk culture. A typology of worlds is established, as well as a number of analytical tools for assessing the impact of the coexistence of two or more worlds on the narrative structure, the style (uses of color, editing practices), the generic affiliation (or hybridity), the seriality and the discourse produced by a given film (particularly in fictions linked to post-9/11 fantasies). Among the various titles examined, the reader is offered a detailed analysis of the Resident Evil film series, Total Recall and its remake, Dark City, the Matrix trilogy, Avatar, Source Code and other time-loop films, TRON and its sequel, Christopher Nolan's Tenet, and several TV shows - most notably HBO's Westworld, but also Sliders, Lost, Fringe and Counterpart. *Subcreation: Fictional-World Construction from J.R.R. Tolkien to Terry Pratchett and Tad Williams* Stefanie Schult  
2017-01-26 The doctoral thesis argues that the term Subcreation with its revised and broadened definition, in part differing from J.R.R. Tolkien's original term sub-creation, may be used for the discussion of the making of fictional worlds in literary discourse. The successful conception of a fictional world depends on the reader's willing suspension of disbelief. This depends both on the author and his skilled composition of

the world and all its aspects, as well as on the reader's acceptance of this invented fictional world. The author needs to create a narrative with an inner consistency, which is crucial to achieving the effect of the reader's immersion in the fictional world. The fundamental aspects that an author needs to realize to achieve successful Subcreation have been structured into and analysed in four categories: Language and Linguistic Variation, Physiopoeia, Anthropoeia and Mythopoeia. Furthermore, this thesis shows that, as contemporary examples of fantastic literature, both Tad Williams's and Terry Pratchett's fictional worlds are successfully created through the realization of these aspects of Subcreation. Apart from commenting on the success of the subcreative process, this thesis also remarks upon the cultural influences both authors include in their writings. While both may be considered Anglophone in a general categorization, Pratchett's Discworld retains a feeling of 'Britishness' that is not to be found in Williams's Otherland. The thesis proposes several approaches to Subcreation that may be studied subsequently. So, for example, it may be possible to determine the success of an author's Subcreation by collecting empirical data. Apart from literary works this field of studies may also include other media.

**Building Imaginary Worlds** Mark J.P. Wolf 2014-03-14 Mark J.P. Wolf's study of imaginary worlds theorizes world-building within and across media, including literature, comics, film, radio, television, board games, video games, the Internet, and more. Building Imaginary Worlds departs from prior approaches to imaginary worlds that focused mainly on narrative, medium, or genre, and instead considers imaginary worlds as dynamic entities in and of themselves. Wolf argues that imaginary worlds—which are often transnarrative, transmedial, and transauthorial in nature—are compelling objects of inquiry for Media Studies. Chapters touch on: a theoretical analysis of how world-

building extends beyond storytelling, the engagement of the audience, and the way worlds are conceptualized and experienced a history of imaginary worlds that follows their development over three millennia from the fictional islands of Homer's Odyssey to the present internarrative theory examining how narratives set in the same world can interact and relate to one another an examination of transmedial growth and adaptation, and what happens when worlds make the jump between media an analysis of the transauthorial nature of imaginary worlds, the resulting concentric circles of authorship, and related topics of canonicity, participatory worlds, and subcreation's relationship with divine Creation Building Imaginary Worlds also provides the scholar of imaginary worlds with a glossary of terms and a detailed timeline that spans three millennia and more than 1,400 imaginary worlds, listing their names, creators, and the works in which they first appeared.

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*Aproximación a las ciencias planetarias* Ma Ángeles & Bárcena 2004  
**The Oxford Handbook of Children's Film** Noel Brown 2022 The Oxford Handbook of Children's Film offers a uniquely comprehensive study of children's cinema from an interdisciplinary, nuanced, global perspective.

**The Chronicle Gate vol. 2 : Alphine** N. Lang What if you discovered what once was just belief...Is truth. Sinya and Taylinn go off into space in search of Taylinn's father, Jasper, and Sinya's home world Earth. Along the way they meet new friends and explore new worlds by way of The Chronicle Gate but when Taylinn's sister and friends from Ethereal get pulled into the battle of Mer-Dragons they all must learn to do the one thing they were taught was against the Fay Goddess law: Fight! Or Ethereal may be doomed to destruction. In order to learn to fight though they have to travel to Alphine, the plain of the Fay! Discovering a mystery about the Elousen race.

**Science Fiction Analog** 1990  
**En route vers les étoiles** Jean-Pierre Urbain 2016-09-29T00:00:00-04:00 C'était l'Amérique, puis la Lune, ce sera bientôt Mars et même les satellites de Jupiter. L'espèce humaine n'arrête pas d'aller de conquête en conquête pour élargir ses horizons. D'ici quelques centaines d'années, le système solaire pourrait être sillonné de navettes qui vont ravitailler des colonies établies un peu partout sur les astres voisins. Et après? Il n'y a pas de limites à l'imagination. Ce livre original raconte aux jeunes de 10 ans et plus, comment pourrait se vivre le grand saut hors du système solaire. Un voyage - sans retour - qui va durer des siècles à bord d'un vaisseau spatial semblable à une immense noix de Grenoble. Rêve? Fabulation? En route vers les étoiles nous rappelle qu'un des principaux moteurs de la conquête spatiale est la créativité. Car c'est de cette façon que commencent les grandes aventures. Ainsi, les jeunes lecteurs sont invités à planifier, à leur façon, ce voyage dans l'espace en se faisant

tour à tour architectes, urbanistes, ingénieurs, psychologues, philosophes ou encore horticulteurs. Cet ouvrage mi-pédagogique mi-visionnaire initie aussi les lecteurs à la fabrication de maquettes. Comme le font toutes les agences spatiales du monde, il est utile de confectionner des maquettes de vaisseaux ou de bases spatiales avant de réaliser des projets de mission. Prêt pour le départ? Voici votre premier passeport pour les étoiles! Destination: Zarmina, une planète située à 20,3 années-lumière de la Terre.

Mondi virtuali Mario Gerosa 2006  
You Write It: Science Fiction John Hamilton 2009-01-01 This title gives children the tools they need to turn their creativity into readable, cohesive stories. Written by award-winning author and screenwriter John Hamilton, *You Write It!* Lays out for kids the format, organization, and development of a science fiction book. Novice writers of all ages will find this book a detailed yet easy-to-follow guide for turning thoughts and ideas into readable written works. ABDO & Daughters is an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

**Teaching Science Fact with Science Fiction** Gary Raham 2004 Strap yourself in and teach today's lesson with insight from some exciting futures as envisioned by the best classic and contemporary authors.

**The Mammoth Book of Extreme Science Fiction** Mike Ashley 2010-07-31 Here are 25 stories of science fiction that push the envelope, by the biggest names in an emerging new crop of high-tech futuristic SF - including Charles Stross, Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Peter Hamilton and Neal Asher. High-tech SF has made a significant comeback in the last decade, as bestselling authors successfully blend the super-science of 'hard science fiction' with real characters in an understandable scenario. It is perhaps a reflection of how technologically controlled our world is that readers increasingly look for science fiction that considers the fates of mankind as a result of increasing scientific domination. This anthology brings together the

most extreme examples of the new high-tech, far-future science fiction, pushing the limits way beyond normal boundaries. The stories include: "A Perpetual War Fought Within a Cosmic String", "A Weapon That Could Destroy the Universe", "A Machine That Detects Alternate Worlds and Creates a Choice of Christs", "An Immortal Dead Man Sent To The End of the Universe", "Murder in Virtual Reality", "A Spaceship So Large That There is An Entire Planetary System Within It", and "An Analytical Engine At The End of Time", and "Encountering the Untouchable."

*Analogue Science Fiction/science Fact* 1990

**Amazing Stories** 1994

**The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Science Fiction and Fantasy** Gary Westfahl

2005 A comprehensive three-volume reference work offers six hundred entries, with the first two volumes covering themes and the third volume exploring two hundred classic works in literature, television, and film.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Reference Index, 1992-1995 Halbert W. Hall 1997

This ambitious work provides single-point, unified access to some of the most significant books, articles, and news reports in the science fiction, fantasy, and horror genres. Entries are arranged in two sections—author (subarranged by title) and subject—and may have up to 50 subject terms assigned. No other reference tool addresses the secondary literature of this fast-growing and dynamic field with such in-depth subject coverage as this work, nor approaches its breadth of coverage. Aimed at academic libraries, large public libraries, some school and medium-sized public libraries, and individual scholars, this index supplements *Science Fiction and Fantasy Reference Index: 1985-1991* (Libraries Unlimited, 1993) and *Science Fiction and Fantasy Reference Index: 1878-1984* (Gale Research, 1987).

Forthcoming Books Rose Arny 2001-08

Nanotechnology and the Resource Fallacy Stephen L. Gillett 2018-03-22

Dwindling global supplies of conventional energy and materials resources are widely thought to

severely constrain, or even render impossible, a "first-world" lifestyle for the bulk of Earth's inhabitants. This bleak prospect, however, is wrong. Current energy resources are used grotesquely inefficiently as heat ("fuels," after all, are "burned"), so that well over half of the energy is simply dissipated into the environment. In turn, conventional materials resources, particularly of metals, are geologically anomalous deposits that also are typically processed by the prodigious application of raw heat. Simultaneously, rising levels of pollution worldwide are a challenge to remediate as they require the extraction of pollutants at low concentration. Nanotechnology, the structuring of matter at near-molecular scales, offers the prospect of solving all these problems at a stroke. Non-thermal use of energy, in broad emulation of what organisms do already, will not only lead to more efficient use but make practical diffuse sources such as sunlight. Pollution control and resource extraction become two aspects of the same fundamental problem, the low-energy extraction of particular substances from an arbitrary background of other substances, and this also is in emulation of what biosystems carry out already. This book sketches out approaches both for the efficient, non-thermal use of energy and the molecular extraction of solutes, primarily from aqueous solution, for purification, pollution control, and resource extraction. Some long-term implications for resource demand are also noted. In particular, defect-free fabrication at the molecular level is ultimately likely to make structural metals obsolete.

**Science-fiction Studies** 1993

**Book Review Index** 2004 Every 3rd issue is a quarterly cumulation.

*Faint Echoes, Distant Stars* Ben Bova 2009-10-13 Our neighboring planets may have the answer to this question. Scientists have already identified ice caps on Mars and what appear to be enormous oceans underneath the ice of Jupiter's moons. The atmosphere on Venus appeared harsh and

insupportable of life, composed of a toxic atmosphere and oceans of acid - - until scientists concluded that Earth's atmosphere was eerily similar billions of years ago. An extraterrestrial colony, in some form, may already exist, just awaiting discovery. But the greatest impediment to such an important scientific discovery may not be technological, but political. No scientific endeavor can be launched without a budget, and matters of money are within the arena of politicians. Dr. Ben Bova explores some of the key players and the arguments waged in a debate of both scientific and cultural priorities, showing the emotions, the controversy, and the egos involved in arguably the most important scientific pursuit ever begun.

Off the Main Sequence Tom Easton 2006-10-01 Tom Easton has served as the monthly book review columnist for Analog Science Fiction for almost three decades, having contributed during that span many hundreds of columns and over a million words of penetrating criticism on the best literature that science fiction has to offer. His reviews have been celebrated for their wit, humor, readability, knowledge, and incisiveness. His love of literature, particularly fantastic literature, is everywhere evident in his essays. Easton has ever been willing to cover small presses, obscure authors, and unusual publications, being the only major critic in the field to do so on a regular basis. He seems to delight in finding the rare gem among the backwaters of the publishing field. "A reviewer's job," he says, "is not to judge books for the ages, but to tell readers enough about a book to give them some idea of whether they would enjoy it." And this he does admirably, whether he's discussing the works of the great writers in the field, or touching upon the least amongst them. This companion volume to "Periodic Stars" (Borgo/Wildside) collects another 250 of Easton's best reviews from the last fifteen years of "The Reference Library." No one does it better, and no other guide provides such lengthy or discerning

commentary on the best SF works of recent times. Complete with Introduction and detailed Index.

**Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror**

1991 A comprehensive bibliography of books and short fiction published in the English language.

**A Basic Guide to Writing, Selling, and Promoting Children's Books** Betsy Blizzard Lee 2000

**American Book Publishing Record** 1996

**Practices of Speculation** Jeanne Cortiel 2020-12-31 This volume offers innovative ways to think about speculation at a time when anticipation of catastrophe in an apocalyptic mode is the order of the day and shapes public discourse on a global scale. It maps an interdisciplinary field of investigation: the chapters interrogate hegemonic ways of shaping the present through investments in the future, while also looking at speculative practices that reveal transformative potential. The twelve contributions explore concrete instances of envisioning the open unknown and affirmative speculative potentials in history, literature, comics, computer games, mold research, ecosystem science and artistic practice.

**The Write Stuff** Writer's Digest Books (Firm) 1998 Excerpts from recently published books in the field of creative writing technique, authorship, etc.

Through Struggle, the Stars John J. Lumpkin 2011-08-26 In 2139, a network of artificial wormholes has allowed humanity to reach nearby stars, where nations fiercely compete to settle new colony worlds. War is imminent between Earth's top powers, China and Japan, for reasons that no one entirely understands. Neil Mercer, a freshly commissioned officer in the United States Space Force, is assigned to shepherd a senior spy on a covert mission that risks drawing America into the conflict. In a story featuring high adventure, interstellar intrigue and some of the most scientifically realistic space combat depicted in fiction, Neil and his comrades must face difficult questions about duty, citizenship and national interest as they struggle to

discover why the war threatens to engulf every nation on Earth. Recommended for fans of Tom Clancy, Patrick O'Brian, and Robert Heinlein. Also available as an e-book at [www.thehumanreach.net](http://www.thehumanreach.net). "It's all great, good fun . . ." -- Don Sakers, *Analog Science Fiction and Fact*, May 2012 "... a fine and fast-paced read, very much recommended." -- Paul T. Vogel, *The Midwest Book Review*, January 2012

**The Chronicle Gate Vol 1 : Ethereal**

N. Lang 2020-09-16 What if you ended up on a planet. . . and had no idea how you got there? On a planet called Ethereal live creatures known as the Elouse. A couple of kids discover a human child and take him in. While their dad, Jasper, tries to find the planet "Earth" (which doesn't exist in their galaxy) their mom, Ellen, and her girls, Taylinn, and Avigale are left to welcome and care for, Sinya, who has no recollection how he got there in the first place. Sinya tries to fit in his surroundings and make friends but some are too afraid, including Taylinn and Avigale. Taylinn finds out her dad is going away in a secret space ship, but she over hears that the mission is really "to save his family from him?" Could he mean Sinya? Sinya starts seeing Mer-Dragons, a made-up tale told to him by Avigale and Taylinn but this Mer-Dragon talks to a being known as "Malic," one that means danger for Jasper and the family. But no one will believe him. When Taylinn finally sees the truth of the danger for herself, she tries to alert her friends, but just like Sinya, no one will believe her, including her mother. Now in order for Sinya to get back home, these unlikely pair must team up to save Jasper, and his family from the coming danger of Mer-Dragons!

Analog 1996

**Access** 2008

To Crush the Moon Wil McCarthy 2021-03-02 CONCLUSION TO THE GROUNDBREAKING QUEENDOM OF SOL SERIES Once the Queendom of Sol was a glowing monument to humankind's loftiest dreams. Ageless and immortal, its citizens lived in peaceful splendor. But as Sol buckled

under the swell of an immorbid population, space itself literally ran out. . . . Conrad Mursk has returned to Sol on the crippled starship Newhope. His crew are the frozen refugees of a failed colony known as Barnard's Star. A thousand years older, Mursk finds Sol on the brink of rebellion, while a fanatic necro cult is reviving death itself. Now Mursk and his lover, Captain Xiomara "Xmary" Li Weng, are sent on a final, desperate mission by King Bruno de Towaji—one of the greatest terraformers of the ages—to literally crush the moon. If they succeed, they'll save billions of lost souls. If they fail, they'll strand humanity between death and something unimaginably worse. . . . At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (Digital Rights Management). About Wil McCarthy: "McCarthy is an entertaining, intelligent, amusing writer, with Heinlein's knack for breakneck plotting and, at the same time, Clarke's thoughtfulness."—Booklist "Imagination really is the only limit."—The New York Times "The future as McCarthy sees it is a wondrous place."—Publishers Weekly "A bright light on the SF horizon."—David Brin "Wil McCarthy demonstrates that he has a sharp intelligence, a galaxy-spanning imagination, and the solid scientific background to make it all work."—Connie Willis "In nearly every passage, we get another slice of the science of McCarthy's construction, and a deeper sense of danger and foreboding . . . McCarthy develops considerable tension."—San Diego Union-Tribune "An ingenious yarn with challenging ideas, well-handled technical details, and plenty of twists and turns."—Kirkus

The Christian Writer's Market Guide 2014 Jerry B. Jenkins 2014-01-31 For more than 25 years, The Christian Writer's Market Guide has been the most comprehensive and highly recommended resource available for Christian writers, agents, editors, publishers, publicists, and writing teachers. In addition to providing a wealth of tips and ideas for publishing in the Christian industry,

The Christian Writer's Market Guide also includes up-to-date information on hundreds of book publishers, periodicals, agents, conferences, contests, editorial services niche markets, self-publishing services, and more. This is the ultimate reference tool for the aspiring Christian writer.

*Aliens & Alien Societies* Stanley Schmidt 2011-05-30 "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." - Hamlet, William Shakespeare Stanley Schmidt guides you toward a better understanding of our universe to create beings who will live in your science fiction. *Aliens and Alien Societies* explains science to help you make your fiction plausible. You'll avoid bringing

characters from solar systems unlikely to support life. Discover the galaxy's vastness and imagine the technology needed to cross it. Put biochemistry on your side to put viable creatures on your pages. Learn how engineering shapes life and why this suggests that intelligent inhabitants of other planets might have similarities to humans. Develop well-founded cultures and logical languages. Introduce aliens to people or other aliens. Portray them as individuals, true to their species. In this book, possibilities abound and lines between knowledge and conjecture blur enthrallingly. *Aliens and Alien Societies* is thoughtful, clear and utterly fascinating. It is filled with facts to help you write believable fictions about the things in heaven and earth.