

# *Science Fiction*

*Out of This World Data*

# Awards to Know

## The Hugo Award & a Few Winners

<http://www.thehugoawards.org/>

The Hugo Awards, to give them their full title, are awards for excellence in the field of science fiction and fantasy. They were first awarded in 1953, and have been awarded every year since 1955. The awards are run by and voted on by fans.

### A tiny list of winners:

Robert Silverberg; Mike Resnick; Nancy Kress; Connie Willis; Harry Turteldove; Lois McMaster Bujold; Dan Simmons; Neil Gaiman; Arthur C Clarke; James Blish; Isaac Asimov; George R.R. Martin; Octavia Butler; Jane Yolan; Emma Bull; Nalo Hopkinson; C. J. Cherryh; William Gibson

## The Nebula Award & a Few Winners

<http://www.sfgwa.org/nebula-awards/>

The first award was given in 1965. The fiction Nebulas are awarded in four different categories: *novel*, *novella*, *novelette*, and *short story*.<sup>[1]</sup> From 1973 to 1977 and again from 1999 through 2008, a script award was also presented, but in 2009, that was replaced with the Bradbury Award.<sup>[2]</sup>

### A tiny list of winners:

Terry Pratchett; Ursula LeGuin; Harry Harrison; Nancy Kress; Michael Moorcock; Peter Beagle; Anne McCaffrey; Elizabeth Moon; Neil Gaiman; Robert Silverberg; Connie Willis

## *Some publishers to know*

**Pyr** <http://www.pyrsf.com/index.html>

**Tor / Forge** <http://us.macmillan.com/TorForge.aspx>

<http://www.sfsite.com/depts/press01.htm>

[Harcourt Trade Publishers](#)

[HarperCollinsPublishers Australia](#)

[Victor Gollancz](#)

[Avon Eos Books](#)

[Bantam Spectra Books](#)

[The Science Fiction Book Club](#)

[Firebird](#)

[Hodder Headline](#)

[Chaosium](#)

[Penguin Putnam](#)

[Polaris](#)

[HarperCollins UK Voyager](#)

[Knopf](#)

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[Del Rey Books](#)

[Simon & Schuster](#)

[House of Stratus](#)

[DAW Books](#)

[HarperPrism](#)

[Tor Books](#)

<http://speculativevision.com/network/Publishers/>

# *Trends in Science Fiction*

Steampunk: Victorian society goes high-tech    *Search "steampunk"*

Tech-based/Deep Space Adventures: Space stations; intergalactic travel; alien invasions abound    *Search as word "human-alien science"*

Alternate History: Lincoln lives, & sometimes fights vampires; Hitler dies & Russia rules the world; the South wins the War Between the States    *Search as word "alternative histories science"*

Eco-politics: Dystopian horrors & Edenic dictatorships

Eco-class struggle: YA fiction    *Search, and search, and search! Try one author, and link on the genre or search the publisher.*

Genre merging: fantasy-SF, romance/SF&F, PI SF&F    *Search by genre & publisher.*

Vampires and Werewolves will try to get into everything. You don't even have to look for these!

# ***Recommended Authors--From lighter to heavier; with a few titles, series, & comments***

**Mercedes Lackey** *Tales of the 500 Kingdoms* series--retells fairy tales with some scathingly cheerful commentary \* Delightful

**Jasper Fforde** *Thursday Next* series and *Nursery Crimes* series--time travel and living nursery rhyme characters \* Quirky

**Terry Pratchett** *Discworld* series-*Alas poor Rincewind!* Cheers for Sam Vimes of beleagued and befouled Ankh-Morpork \* Political commentary in (vauge) disguise

**Connie Willis** Doomsday Book; Blackout & All Clear; To Say Nothing of the Dog penetrating examination of human behavior, of cultural norms, and of the utter silliness of homo sapiens--time travel without the hype; the honor and glory of goodness \* Stunning and beautifully written

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**Neil Gaiman** Great YA and graphic novels; American Gods and Anansi Boys \*bizarrely delightful

**Charles DeLint** Mystery of Grace; Spirits in the Wires; *Newford* novels--fantasy with serious aspects; very early writer of urban fantasy; focuses on built relationships and women's issues \*\* Do not confuse his dark novels with urban fantasy\*\* Spiritual focus without the gods being treated with great hoopla

**Jim Butcher** *Codex Alera* series; *Dresden Files* series--*Alera* series merges science and magic as ecological forces with political ramifications; *Dresden Files* combines hard core noir with urban magic and trips to fairy \* Nothing pretty here--all consequences are serious

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**CH Cherryh** *Union-Alliance series; Foreigner series* Science is science & humans are human; Cherryh's works explore the place these meet. No sympathy for corporations, relentless dedication to humanity in any of its forms. An author who can create virtually characters free of cultural gender restrictions \*Challenging on all levels

**Robert Silverberg** Probably best known for the *Majipoor Chronicles*; some of his science fiction includes Hot Sky at Midnight; The Face of the Waters; & The New Springtime; Silverberg focuses on how humanity develops when challenged by the unprecedented \*Interesting, intellectual, and solid

**Mike Resnick** *Weird West series*--where Doc Holliday and Thomas Edison battle shamans in a steampunk wild west--it works! *Fable of Tonight: John Justin Mallory* mysteries--utterly silly and completely delightful struggles of the misplaced P.I.; *Galactic Comedy* series--which is not humorous; a study of mankind and its many ways of failing; *Ivory*--a novel on an alien world that explains 20th century African history; Birthright: The Book of Man--his first, and a defining work \* Incredibly masculine writer with an astonishing scope & range

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