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Genre fiction has always been a complex mixture of themes and elements. The increasing popularity of “genre blends,” or fiction that straddles the traditional labels, means greater pleasure for readers but a greater challenge for readers’ advisory. In this informative and entertaining book McArdle gets library staff up to speed on these engaging titles, showing how such crossover fiction appeals to fanbases of multiple genres. Complete with booklists, summaries, read-alikes, and thorough indexes, this guide Covers suspense, fantasy, historical fiction, horror, mystery, romance, and science fiction, as well as non-genre titles that don’t neatly fit into any categoriesOffers guidance for shelving, displaying, and marketing genre blendsShows how to make the most of online discovery tools in cataloging these titlesIncludes “Blend MVPs,” a section spotlighting several popular authors who regularly move between genres, and a useful bibliography of additional resources Providing a unique look at how common genres are often combined, this guide will open up new worlds of fiction to readers’ advisors and those whom they serve. The Exodus Towers features all the high-octane action and richly imagined characters of The Darwin Elevator—but the stakes have never been higher. The sudden appearance of a second space elevator in Brazil only deepens the mystery about the aliens who provided it: the Builders. Scavenger crew captain Skyler Luiken and brilliant scientist Dr. Tania Sharma have formed a colony around the new Elevator’s base, utilizing mobile towers to protect humans from the Builders’ plague. But they are soon under attack from a roving band of plague-immune soldiers. Cut off from the colony, Skyler must wage a one-man war against the new threat as well as murderous subhumans and thugs from Darwin—all while trying to solve the puzzle of the Builders’ master plan . . . before it’s too late for the last vestiges of humanity. Praise for The Darwin Elevator “A hell of a fun book.”—James S. A. Corey, New York Times bestselling author of Abaddon’s Gate “[Jason M.] Hough’s first novel combines the rapid-fire action and memorable characters associated with Joss Whedon’s short-lived Firefly TV series with the accessibility and scientific acumen of [James S. A.] Corey’s ‘Expanse’ series.”—Library Journal (starred review) “The best part about alien stories is their mystery, and Jason Hough understands that like no other. Full of compelling characters and thick with tension, The Darwin Elevator delivers both despair and hope along with a gigantic dose of wonder. It’s a brilliant debut, and Hough can take my money whenever he writes anything from now on.”—Kevin Hearne, New York

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For nearly three decades, Gardner Dozois has been presenting his weighty and eclectic annual selection of short science fiction that deserves to be better known to a wider audience. It has consistently been voted Year’s Best Anthology by the readers of *Locus* magazine, overwhelmingly more often than any other collection. Unfailingly, Dozois’s selection offers the very best stories of the year, showcasing outstanding new talents alongside acknowledged masters of the genre. This year’s collection is no exception, including the work of over 30 writers, including: Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Sarah Monette and Elizabeth Bear, Paul McAuley, Linda Nagata, Indrapremit Das, Pat Cadigan, Andy Duncan, Brit Mandelo, Carrie Vaughn and many more. It includes, as ever, Dozois’s magisterial summation of 2012 in SF. Praise for previous editions: This annual compilation of the previous year’s best short stories and novellas, together with a comprehensive summation of the state of the genre and an extensive “honourable mentions” list, has become an institution over the past three decades. *The Guardian*. Quantity as well as quality . . . every piece is a treasure. *The Times*. For more than a quarter century, Gardner Dozois’s *Mammoth Book of Best New SF* has defined the field. It is the most important anthology, not only annually, but overall. Charles N. Brown, publisher of *Locus Magazine*. New authors rub shoulders with old hands, and strong work from relative novices Hannu Rajaniemi and Lavie Tidhar suggest that SF’s future is as bright as ever. *Financial Times*. When a terrible accident claims the life of Eleanor’s twin, her family is left in tatters, and her reality begins to unravel, dropping her in and out of unfamiliar worlds. When she returns to her own time and place, hours and days have flown by without her. One fateful day, Eleanor leaps from a cliff...and vanishes. In a strange in-between place, she meets a mysterious stranger who understands the weight of her family history: Eleanor’s twin wasn’t the only tragic loss. And unless Eleanor can master her strange new abilities, she may not be the last. The twenty-three stories in this collection imaginatively take us far across the universe, into the very core of our being, to the realm of the gods, and the moment just after now. Included here are the works of masters of the form and of bright new talents, including: Stephen Baxter, M. Shayne Bell, Rick Cook, Albert E. Cowdrey, Tananarive Due, Greg Egan, Eliot Fintushel, Peter F. Hamilton, Earnest Hogan, John Kessel, Nancy Kress, Ursula K. Le Guin, Paul J. McAuley, Ian McDonald, Susan Palwick, Severna Park, Alastair Reynolds, Lucius Shepard, Brian Stableford, Charles Stross, Michael Swanwick, Steven Utley, Robert Charles Wilson

Supplementing the stories is the editor’s insightful summation of the year’s events and lengthy list of honorable mentions, making this book a valuable resource in addition to serving as the single best place in the universe to find stories that stir the imagination and the

heart. In Margaret Atwoods MaddAddam-trilogie wordt een wereld beschreven die even futuristisch als angstaanjagend dichtbij is. In drie beklemmende romans wordt de lezer meegezogen in een postapocalyptische samenleving. Maar binnen het schrikbeeld en de gevolgen van allesverwoestende golven en ziektes maakt Atwood met haar schrijfstijl evenveel ruimte voor humor, en lijken liefde en hoop nooit helemaal vergaan. Door de huidige maatschappij een kritische spiegel voor te houden maakt Atwood haar trilogie nu relevanter dan ooit. Wereldwijd werden de losstaande delen *Oryx en Crake*, *Het jaar van de vloed* en *MaddAddam* geprezen, en bewees Margaret Atwood zich definitief als de aansprekendste literaire toekomstvoorspeller van dit moment. Voor het eerst worden de drie romans nu gebundeld – vooralsnog wereldwijd een unicum. Margaret Atwood (Ottawa, 1939) wordt beschouwd als de 'Grande dame' van de Canadese literatuur. Ze woon in Toronto en verwierf de afgelopen halve eeuw een miljoenenpubliek. Haar bekendste roman, *The Handmaid's Tale*, werd een razend succesvolle televisieserie, met in de hoofdrol Elisabeth Moss. In september 2019 verschijnt de langverwachte opvolger van dit boek, *De testamenten*. 'Meeslepend, opwindend (...) Margaret Atwood is een levende legende.' *The New York Times Book Review* 'Atwoods zinnen bevatten meer ritme en swing dan die van de meeste twintigers.' *The Times* A fantastic collection of recent stories from some of science fiction's greatest up-and-coming authors, including many award-winners. David Hartwell and Patrick Nielsen Hayden have long been recognised as some of the most skilled and trusted arbiters in science fiction, but Twenty-First Century Science Fiction presents fans with a first opportunity to see their considerable talents combined, and also to get a unique perspective on what's coming next in the genre. The anthology includes authors ranging from bestselling and established favourites to incandescent new talents, including Cory Doctorow, Catherynne M. Valente, John Scalzi, Jo Walton, Charles Stross, Elizabeth Bear and Peter Watts. The stories selected include winners and nominees of all of the science fiction genre's major awards. Stories include Bacigalupi's 'The Gambler' (Hugo, Nebula, Sturgeon and BSFA nominee), Bear's 'Tideline' (Hugo and Sturgeon winner), Cooper's 'Savant Songs' (Sturgeon nominee), Cornell's 'One of Our Bastards Is Missing' (Hugo nominee), Gregory's 'Second Person Present Tense' (Sturgeon nominee), Mary Robinette Kowal's 'Evil Robot Monkey' (Hugo nominee), David Levine's 'Tk'tk'tk' (Hugo winner), David Moles's 'Finisterra' (Hugo nominee, Sturgeon winner), Hannu Rajaniemi's 'His Master's Voice' (BSFA and Sturgeon winner), Rachel Swirsky's 'Eros', *Philia*, *Agape* (Hugo and Sturgeon nominee), Peter Watts's 'The Island' (Hugo winner, Sturgeon nominee). Elke ochtend wacht Melanie in haar cel tot ze wordt opgehaald en naar het klaslokaal wordt gebracht. Als ze aan de beurt is, houdt Sergeant haar onder schot terwijl twee van zijn mannen haar in de rolstoel vastgespen. Ze vinden haar niet aardig, denkt ze. Ze grapt dat ze niet zal bijten. Maar niemand lacht. Melanie is een heel bijzonder meisje. Emotioneel geladen, beklemmend en aangrijpend van begin tot eind. Het meisje met alle gaven/e is de krachtigste en meest bijzondere thriller die je dit jaar zult lezen. Te midden van de onrust tijdens de burgeroorlog in Sierra Leone is er nauwelijks aandacht voor de brute moorden op vijf vrouwen. En niemand stelt vragen bij de 'bekentenissen' die uit drie kindsoldaten werden geslagen. Behalve Reuters-correspondente Connie Burns. Na getuige te zijn geweest van een barbaarse aanval op een prostituee, gelooft Connie dat een buitenlander hiervoor verantwoordelijk is. Ze heeft hem al eerder gezien en vermoedt dat hij de chaos van de oorlog gebruikt om zijn sadistische fantasieën ten aanzien van vrouwen te botvieren. Maar niemand wil naar haar luisteren. Twee jaar later, in Irak, heeft een nieuwe poging van Connie om de wandaden van de sadistische moordenaar aan het licht te brengen verwoestende gevolgen. Doodsbang duikt zij onder in Engeland en onderneemt een derde poging om hem te ontmaskeren, ook al weet ze dat hij naar haar op zoek zal gaan. In the new millennium, what secrets lay beyond the far reaches of the universe? What mysteries belie the truths we once held to be self-evident? The world of science fiction has long been a porthole into the realities of tomorrow, blurring the line between life and art. Now, in *The Year's Best Science Fiction: Thirty-*

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Janus Mikani and Celeste Ritsuko work all hours in the Criminal Investigation Division, keeping the citizens of Dorstaad safe. They're assigned a potentially volatile case where one misstep could end their careers. A ruthless killer is stalking the gaslit streets, weaving blood and magic in a lethal ritual that could mean the end of everything they hold dear... **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** Jason M. Hough's pulse-pounding debut combines the drama, swagger, and vivid characters of Joss Whedon's *Firefly* with the talent of sci-fi author John Scalzi. In the mid-23rd century, Darwin, Australia, stands as the last human city on Earth. The world has succumbed to an alien plague, with most of the population transformed into mindless, savage creatures. The planet's refugees flock to Darwin, where a space elevator—created by the architects of this apocalypse, the Builders—emits a plague-suppressing aura. Skyler Luiken has a rare immunity to the plague. Backed by an international crew of fellow “immunes,” he leads missions into the dangerous wasteland beyond the aura's edge to find the resources Darwin needs to stave off collapse. But when the Elevator starts to malfunction, Skyler is tapped—along with the brilliant scientist, Dr. Tania Sharma—to solve the mystery of the failing alien technology and save the ragged remnants of humanity. Praise for *The Darwin Elevator* “A hell of a fun book.”—James S. A. Corey, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Abaddon's Gate* “[Jason M.] Hough's first novel combines the rapid-fire action and memorable characters associated with Joss Whedon's short-lived *Firefly* TV series with the accessibility and scientific acumen of [James S. A.] Corey's ‘*Expanse*’ series.”—*Library Journal* (starred review) “The best part about alien stories is their mystery, and Jason Hough understands that like no other. Full of compelling characters and thick with tension, *The Darwin Elevator* delivers both despair and hope along with a gigantic dose of wonder. It's a brilliant debut, and Hough can take my money whenever he writes anything from now on.”—Kevin Hearne, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Iron Druid Chronicles* “Newcomer Hough displays a talent for imaginative plotting and realistic dialogue, and the brisk pacing and cliffhanger ending will keep readers enthralled and eagerly awaiting the next installment.”—*Publishers Weekly* “Jason M. Hough does a great job with this huge story. The world of Darwin and the Elevator is deliciously complex and satisfying. Skyler, Tania, and all the other characters are delightfully drawn and fun to spend time with. . . . The story unfolds with just the right balance of high adventure, espionage, humor, and emotional truth. . . . As soon as you finish, you'll want more.”—*Analog* “A debut novel unlike any other . . . This is something special. Something iconic. *The Darwin Elevator* is full of majesty and wonder, mystery and mayhem, colorful characters and insidious schemes.”—*SF Signal* “Fun, action-packed and entertaining . . . a sure contender for science fiction debut of the year!”—*Pat's Fantasy Hotlist* “Claustrophobic, intense, and satisfying . . . I couldn't put this book down. *The Darwin Elevator* depicts a terrifying world, suspends it from a delicate thread, and forces you to read with held breath as you anticipate the inevitable fall.”—Hugh Howey, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wool* The best science fiction and fantasy stories of 2021, selected by series editor John Joseph Adams and guest editor

Veronica Roth. This year's selection of science fiction and fantasy stories, chosen by series editor John Joseph Adams and bestselling author of the *Divergent* series Veronica Roth, showcases a crop of authors that are willing to experiment and tantalize readers with new takes on classic themes and by exchanging the ordinary for the avant-garde. Folktales and lore come alive, the dead rise, the depths of space are traversed, and magic threads itself through singular moments of love and loss, illuminating the circulatory nature of life, death, the in-between, and the hereafter. The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2021 captures the all-too-real cataclysm of human nature, claiming its place in the series with compelling prose, lyrical composition, and curiosity's never-ending pursuit of discovering the unknown. Part one of a thrilling action-adventure sci-fi duology featuring indomitable characters, incredible worlds, and plenty of rip-roaring action and thrills! Rescue operation—or suicide mission? Skyler Luiken and his ragtag crew of scavengers, scientists, and brawlers have a new mission: a long journey to a distant planet where a race of benevolent aliens are held captive behind a cloud of destructive ships known as the Swarm Blockade. No human ships have ever made it past this impenetrable wall, and Skyler knows not what to anticipate when they reach their destination. Safe to say that the last thing he expects to find there is a second human ship led by the tough-as-nails captain, Gloria Tsandi. These two crews—and their respective captains—initially clash, but they will have to learn to work together when their mutual foe closes in around them and begins the outright destruction of their vessels—along with any hope of a return to Earth. Praise for *Injection Burn* and *Escape Velocity* “Blockbuster page-turners with great characters, adventure and thrills . . . classic-era science fiction for a new generation.”—Heradas Review “If you’re a fan of fast-paced, intense sci-fi, check out Jason M. Hough’s *Injection Burn*.”—Stitch’s Media Mix “Great fun.”—Reading Glutton, on *Injection Burn* “A perfect on-ramp for new readers as well as a great continuation for fans of the previous books in the series.”—Whatchamacallit Reviews, on *Injection Burn* “Complex, suspense-filled and just what I needed . . . a marvelous sci-fi adventure.”—Tome Tender, on *Injection Burn* Nebula award-nominated author Ted Kosmatka's latest novel is *The Flicker Men*: a gripping tale about the struggle between science and theology, free will and fate. Research scientist Eric Argus has four months to prove himself during a probationary period with Hansen Research. Haunted by his past and struggling with alcohol abuse, he is certain that he will squander this opportunity. That is until a mysterious crate from a now-defunct laboratory arrives at his office. The contents of the crate give Eric an idea for an experiment, which is all he needs to keep his job. But the significance of his findings will be more than he, or anyone else, could have ever imagined. Find out why Hugh Howey calls *The Flicker Men* "Brilliant, disturbing, and beautifully told." With this inaugural volume at Tor, the annual Nebula Award collection is reborn as a fiction-only anthology, edited by the incomparable Kevin J. Anderson. This collection of nominees for 2010's Nebula Awards includes all of the prior year's most celebrated stories, and will be published in time for the 2011 Nebula Awards in May, 2011. 2009's award winners, announced in May 2010, include Kage Baker's novella "The Women of Nell Gwynne's," Eugie Foster's novelette "Sinner, Baker, Fabulist, Priest; Red Mask, Black Mask, Gentleman, Beast," Kij Johnson's short story "Spar," plus Paolo Bacigalupi's novelette, "The Gambler." At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Part two of a thrilling action-adventure sci-fi duology, beginning with *Injection Burn*, featuring indomitable characters, incredible worlds, and plenty of rip-roaring action and thrills! Search, destroy, survive! Captains Skyler Luiken and Gloria Tsandi (and their respective crews) have smashed through the deadly Swarm Blockade but now find themselves scattered around the planet Carthage and the space stations she holds in her orbit. Their mission is now twofold: destroy the military compounds of a race of nefarious alien overlords and find a way back home to Earth. Standing in their way are a race of horrifying, technologically advanced aliens armed with incredible weapons. Low on supplies and with their ability to communicate compromised, the surviving

humans must rely on all their cunning, strength, and plain old good luck to turn the tables and overcome their foes. Praise for *Injection Burn* and *Escape Velocity* “Blockbuster page-turners with great characters, adventure and thrills . . . classic-era science fiction for a new generation.”—Heradas Review “If you’re a fan of fast-paced, intense sci-fi, check out Jason M. Hough’s *Injection Burn*.”—Stitch’s Media Mix “Great fun.”—Reading Glutton, on *Injection Burn* “A perfect on-ramp for new readers as well as a great continuation for fans of the previous books in the series.”—Whatchamacallit Reviews, on *Injection Burn* “Complex, suspense-filled and just what I needed . . . a marvelous sci-fi adventure.”—Tome Tender, on *Injection Burn*

How to Traverse Terra Incognita is Dean Francis Alfar's second collection of speculative fiction. These short stories draw from the traditions of fantasy, science fiction, and horror: a man recreates a country for his queen, fandom turns dangerous for a writer, toys attempt to escape their sad circumstances, and a door into the realm of the gods appears. What if science proved the existence of the human soul? 'If Stephen Hawking and Stephen King wrote a novel together, you'd get *The Flicker Men*. Brilliant, disturbing, and beautifully told' Hugh Howey, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Wool* series *** *The Man Eric Argus*, a washed-out quantum physicist given one last shot at redemption *The Experiment* An investigation into the mysterious composition of light and matter *The Discovery* Unexpected and unprecedented evidence for the existence of the human soul *The Consequences* A staggering revelation about the hidden structure of the universe. And an unimaginable reality that should never have been uncovered . . . *** Praise for Ted Kosmatka: 'A well-written, utterly convincing thriller that left my mind reeling for days. It latched on after the first chapter and didn't let go until the last word ... as thoughtful as it is thrilling. It kept me up way, way past my bedtime.' Daniel H. Wilson, author of *Robocalypse* 'Prophet of Bones contains some incredibly tantalizing glimpses of hard science in a world constrained by theological received truth, and the detailed discussions of scientific methodology just add to the fascination' i09.com 'A masterwork of intrigue and menace ... I was enthralled ... An eye-opening and page-turning read without parallel' Clive Cussler

*We schrijven eind achttiende eeuw. Europa staat op de drempel van een industriële revolutie, de eerste luchtschepen varen net uit en het volk lijkt eindelijk in opstand te durven komen tegen de wrede, koude magiërs die het continent onder controle houden. Magiërs die de lucht om hen heen letterlijk bevriezen en de technologische vooruitgang van het gewone volk verafschuwen. Cat Barahal en haar nichtje Bee volgen op school lessen in nieuwe technologieën, maar hen wordt ook geleerd de koude magiërs te vrezen. Als op een dag zon koude magiër aanklopt bij het huis van haar oom en tante, waar Cat sinds de dood van haar ouders woont, verandert haar leven van de ene dag op de andere. Haar oom en tante worden gehouden aan een contract dat jaren geleden is afgesloten en Cat wordt zonder pardon aan de magiër uitgehuwelijkt. Wie kan zij nog vertrouwen nu zelfs haar familie haar in de steek laat... Het perfecte voorbeeld van een goed uitgedachte wereld en een belofte voor toekomstige titels. Rob H. Bedford, *SFF World* Kate Elliott is Amerikaanse. Ze woont en werkt momenteel in Hawaï, waar ze schrijft aan een nieuw boek in de wereld van *Koude Magie*. The very best short SF fiction of any given year as recommended and nominated by the members of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America: the best novella, novelette and short story. Here you will find the cream of the crop of science fiction and fantasy - startling ideas, the intricate construction of new worlds and mind-bending experimental writing. This anthology includes not only the Nebula Award-winning works in each short-form category, but also all the nominees in the novelette and short story categories. Here you will find colourful fantasy, outstanding speculative fiction, steampunk, edgy writing on the fringes of the mainstream and uncompromisingly hard SF in stories set in the distant past, an off-kilter present day, the far future or some times in between. This new volume of *The Year's Best Science Fiction* carries on the proud tradition, with stories by Pat Murphy, Bruce McAllister, Bruce Sterling, Kate Wilhelm, Alexander Jablovkov, Walter Job Williams, Paul J. McAuley, Neal Barrett, Jr., Ursula K. Le Guin, Robert*

Silverberg, James Patrick Kelly, Octavia E. Butler, Howard Waldrop, Pat Cadigan, Lucius Shepard, Karen Joy Fowler, Joseph Manzione, Ian Watson, Susan Palwick, Michael Flynn, Dean Whitlock, R. Garcia y Robertson, Gene Wolfe, Michael McDowell, Orson Scott Card, Michael Bishop, Kim Stanley Robinson. More than ever, this anthology truly is the best science fiction of the year--the one volume no SF fan can be without. In science fiction's early days, stories often looked past 1984 to the year 2000 as the far unknowable future. Here now, on the brink of the twenty-first century, the future remains as distant and as unknowable as ever . . . and science fiction stories continue to explore it with delightful results: Collected in this anthology are such imaginative gems as: "The Wedding Album" by David Marusek. In a high-tech future, the line between reality and simulation has grown thin . . . and it's often hard to tell who's on what side. "Everywhere" by Geoff Ryman. Do the people who live in utopian conditions ever recognize them as such? "Hatching the Phoenix" by Frederik Pohl. One of science fiction's Grand Masters returns with a star-crossing tale of the Heechee---the enigmatic, vanished aliens whose discarded technology guides mankind through the future. "A Hero of the Empire" by Robert Silverberg. Showing that the past is as much a province of the imagination as the future, this novelette returns to an alternate history when the Roman Empire never fell to show us just how the course of history can be altered. The twenty-seven stories in this collection imaginatively take us to nearby planets and distant futures, into the past and into universes no larger than a grain of sand. Included here are the works of masters of the form and of bright new talents. Supplementing the stories are the editor's insightful summation of the year's events and a lengthy list of honorable mentions, making this book a valuable resource in addition to serving as the single best place in the universe to find stories that stir the imagination and the heart. In the new millennium, what secrets lay beyond the far reaches of the universe? What mysteries belie the truths we once held to be self evident? The world of science fiction has long been a porthole into the realities of tomorrow, blurring the line between life and art. Now, in *The Year's Best Science Fiction: Twenty-Eighth Annual Collection* the very best SF authors explore ideas of a new world. This venerable collection of short stories brings together award winning authors and masters of the field such as Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Damien Broderick, Carrie Vaughn, Ian R. MacLeod and Cory Doctorow. And with an extensive recommended reading guide and a summation of the year in science fiction, this annual compilation has become the definitive must-read anthology for all science fiction fans and readers interested in breaking into the genre. *The Plague Forge* delivers an unbeatable combination of knockout action and kick-ass characters as the secrets to the ultimate alien mystery from *The Darwin Elevator* and *The Exodus Towers* are about to be unraveled. The hunt is on for the mysterious keys left by the alien Builders. While Skyler's team of immune scavengers scatters around the disease-ravaged globe in search of the artifacts, Skyler himself finds much more than he expected in the African desert, where he stumbles upon surprising Builder relics—and thousands of bloodthirsty subhumans. From the slums and fortresses of Darwin to the jungles of Brazil and beyond, Skyler and company are in for a wild ride, jam-packed with daunting challenges, run-and-gun adventure, and unexpected betrayals—all in a race against time to finally answer the great questions that have plagued humanity for decades: Who are the Builders, and what do they want with Earth? Praise for *The Darwin Elevator* “A hell of a fun book.”—James S. A. Corey, New York Times bestselling author of *Abaddon's Gate* “[Jason M.] Hough's first novel combines the rapid-fire action and memorable characters associated with Joss Whedon's short-lived *Firefly* TV series with the accessibility and scientific acumen of [James S. A.] Corey's 'Expanse' series.”—Library Journal (starred review) “The best part about alien stories is their mystery, and Jason Hough understands that like no other. Full of compelling characters and thick with tension, *The Darwin Elevator* delivers both despair and hope along with a gigantic dose of wonder. It's a brilliant debut, and Hough can take my money whenever he writes anything from now on.”—Kevin Hearne, New York Times bestselling author of *The Iron Druid*

Chronicles “Newcomer Hough displays a talent for imaginative plotting and realistic dialogue, and the brisk pacing and cliffhanger ending will keep readers enthralled and eagerly awaiting the next installment.”—Publishers Weekly “Jason M. Hough does a great job with this huge story. The world of Darwin and the Elevator is deliciously complex and satisfying. Skyler, Tania, and all the other characters are delightfully drawn and fun to spend time with. . . . The story unfolds with just the right balance of high adventure, espionage, humor, and emotional truth. . . . As soon as you finish, you’ll want more.”—Analog “A debut novel unlike any other . . . This is something special. Something iconic. The Darwin Elevator is full of majesty and wonder, mystery and mayhem, colorful characters and insidious schemes.”—SF Signal “Fun, action-packed and entertaining . . . a sure contender for science fiction debut of the year!”—Pat’s Fantasy Hotlist “Claustrophobic, intense, and satisfying . . . I couldn’t put this book down. The Darwin Elevator depicts a terrifying world, suspends it from a delicate thread, and forces you to read with held breath as you anticipate the inevitable fall.”—Hugh Howey, New York Times bestselling author of Wool Jurassic Park meets The Hunger Games in this stunning new high-energy, high-concept tale from first-time novelist Ted Kosmatka, a Nebula Award and Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award finalist. Brilliant geneticist Silas Williams oversees U.S. selections for the Olympic Gladiator competition, an internationally sanctioned bloodsport with only one rule: No entrants may possess human DNA. Desperate to maintain America’s edge in the upcoming Games, Silas’s superior engages an experimental supercomputer to design the ultimate, unbeatable combatant. The result is a highly specialized killing machine, its genome never before seen on earth. But even a genius like Silas cannot anticipate the consequences of allowing a computer’s cold logic to play God. Growing swiftly, the mutant gladiator demonstrates preternatural strength, speed, and—most chillingly—intelligence. And before hell breaks loose, Silas and beautiful xenobiologist Vidonia João must race to understand what unbound science has wrought—even as their professional curiosity gives way to a most unexpected emotion: sheer terror. “Blends the best of Crichton and Koontz.”—Publishers Weekly (starred review) “Outstanding . . . very like something Michael Crichton might have written . . . [a] bold mix of horror and SF . . . Expect big things from [Ted] Kosmatka.”—Booklist (starred review) “Kosmatka successfully captures the thrill of groundbreaking technology. . . . The pleasure of his polished, action-packed storytelling is deepened by strong character development. This near-future SF thriller . . . seems destined for the big screen.”—Library Journal (starred review) In the new millennium, what secrets lay beyond the far reaches of the universe? What mysteries belie the truths we once held to be self evident? The world of science fiction has long been a porthole into the realities of tomorrow, blurring the line between life and art. Now, in *The Year's Best Science Fiction: Thirtieth Annual Collection* the very best SF authors explore ideas of a new world through their short stories. This venerable collection brings together award winning authors and masters of the field such as Robert Reed, Alastair Reynolds, Damien Broderick, Elizabeth Bear, Paul McAuley and John Barnes. And with an extensive recommended reading guide and a summation of the year in science fiction, this annual compilation has become the definitive must-read anthology for all science fiction fans and readers interested in breaking into the genre. The multiple Locus Award-winning annual compilation of the year's best science fiction stories With stories about consciousness and conscience, about heroes and horrors, this volume offers up two dozen dazzling stories from some of science fiction's greatest writers, including: Neal Barret, Jr., Terry Bisson, Pat Cadigan, Arthur C. Clarke, L. Sprague de Camp, Bradley Denton, Greg Egan, Joe Haldeman, Lukas Jaeger, Kathe Koja, Nancy Kress, Jonathan Lethem, Ian R. McLeod, Tom Maddox, Maureen F. McHugh, Ian McDonald, Frederik Pohl, Robert Reed, Robert Silverberg, Michael Swanwick, Steven Utley, Ian Watson, Kate Wilhelm, Connie Willis. Rounded out by a list of Honourable Mentions and Gardner Dozois's annual summation of the year in science fiction, this anthology is the single best guide available to the best possible tomorrows and alternate yesterdays

of the past year. Biofictions introduces three novel concepts: 'biofiction,' 'bioimagination,' and 'biodiscourse' to talk about intersections of literary and visual texts and biotechnology. The book proposes a new interdisciplinary area of research that correlates processes of genetics and literature, based on two critical approaches. One, drawing parallels between the genetic codes, human language, formal (binary) language, and posthuman communication and the role of meaning and imagination in these forms of communication. Two, by defining 'biofictions' as a critical scientific-artistic concept and as a corpus of texts that engage ideas and developments in molecular biology. Syncretic connection between biotechnology and literature is especially evident in an open science movement and the literary artistic genre of biopunk, discussed across chapters. The study includes well-known contemporary texts, such as David Foster Wallace's *Infinite Jest*, that are recontextualized as biofiction; it offers a rereading of important but neglected novels such as Thomas Disch's *Camp Concentration* (1967); and it analyzes new visual texts such as the TV series *Altered Carbon* and *Ghost in the Shell* films. Based on these wide-ranging examples and new critical concepts, the book argues that coming up with possible alterations for the genetic code or intended traits for the organism is a discursive practice that brings into being bionarratives that are both organic and literary. Chapter 1 of this book is freely available as a downloadable Open Access PDF under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-No Derivatives 4.0 license. "Featuring Maurice Broaddus, Tim Waggoner, Matthew Wayne Selznick, Donald J. Bingle, Janine Spendlove, Bryan Young, and fifteen more authors, this collection of essays cover topics from crafting believable ecosystems, creatures, and legal systems to the ways you can best share your world with your audience."--Page 4 of cover.

Het leven bestaat uit keuzes. Door één pad te kiezen, sluit je het andere af. Maar wat als dat nu eens niet zo is? Wat als je in een andere werkelijkheid dat andere pad volgt. Wat als je spijt krijgt van je keuzen? 'Ben je gelukkig met je leven?' Dat zijn de laatste woorden die Jason Desson hoort vóórdat de gemaskerde ontvoerder hem bewusteloos slaat. En voordat hij wakker wordt en merkt dat hij vastgeketend is aan een ziekenhuisbed, omgeven door mensen die hij niet kent, die gekleed zijn in beschermende pakken en een man die Jason nog nooit heeft gezien naar hem glimlacht en zegt: 'Welkom terug, vriend.' IN de wereld waarin Jason Wakker is geworden is niets zoals hij gewend is. Zijn vrouw is niet zijn vrouw. Zijn zoon is nooit geboren. Jason zelf is geen doorneeprofessor in natuurkunde. Is déze wereld of de wereld waar hij vandaan komt een droom? En zelfs als de wereld die hij zich herinnert echt is, hoe kan hij die dan ooit weer terugvinden? De antwoorden liggen in een reis die wonderlijker en afschuwelijker is dan alles wat hij zich ooit had kunnen voorstellen. Een reis die hem dwingt naar de donkerste krochten van zijn ziel te kijken, terwijl hij het moet opnemen tegen een angstaanjagende, nagenoeg onverslaanbare vijand. De Robotoorlog is ten einde. De mens heeft gezegevierd over de robots. Of lijkt dat alleen maar zo? Slechts enkele minuten na de overwinning op Archos R-14 staat een gruwelijke nieuwe vijand op. De robots zijn terug en ze zijn sterker dan ooit. In de Verenigde Staten probeert de veertienjarige Mathilda Perez het leven van haar broer te redden en het nieuwe gevaar het hoofd te bieden. Intussen doet uitvinder Takeo Nomura in Tokyo een belangrijke ontdekking in de strijd tegen de nieuwe supermachine. This year's edition of *The Year's Best Science Fiction* demonstrates once again why the anthology received the 1988 Locus Award for the best anthology in the field. Gardner Dozois presents the finest writing of the year, from both new writers and old favorites, including Walter Jon Williams, James Patrick Kelly, Brian Stableford, Steven Gould, Harry Turtledove, Eileen Gunn, Nancy Kress, Mike Resnick, Bruce McAllister, Connie Willis, Lewis Shiner, Judith Moffett, Bruce Sterling, Robert Silverberg, George Alec Effinger, Howard Waldrop, Kim Stanley Robinson, James Lawson, Michael Swanwick, John Kessel, Stephen Kraus, Pat Cadigan, Kristine Kathryn Rusch, D. Alexander Smith, Kathe Koja, Kim Newman, Lucius Shepard. Encompassing the entire genre, this year's edition once again brings you the best science fiction stories available anywhere. "Dozois's best-of-the-year collection has become a landmark of the

genre."--Publishers Weekly Prophet of Bones is a thrilling novel by Ted Kosmatka. An ancient discovery. A hidden past. A deadly conspiracy to bury the truth. He was told his was the only name on their list. But for brilliant young anthropologist Paul Carlsson, asked to examine the cache of bones found on as remote Indonesian jungle island, fascination soon turns to fear. Because waiting for him east of Java is evidence of something that shouldn't exist; a revelation that if made public will turn scientific and religious orthodoxy on its head. If Carlsson discovers the truth too many powerful interests have far too much to lose. But not every prophet is without honour. And Carlsson, alone and on the run, is determined to reveal the discovery to a world in which the church and science have conspired to hide it. A world which, it's been proven, is only 5,800 years old... Prophet of Bones is Ted Kosmata's enthralling second novel. The Games showcased Kosmata's imaginative genius and Prophet of Bones is no different. Fans of Robert Harris, Michael Crichton and Sam Bourne will be hooked. Praise for Ted Kosmata: 'A masterwork of intrigue and menace. I was enthralled.' Clive Cussler 'A hell of a storyteller ... one of those increasingly rare novels that immediately takes you on a journey into the world of the author's wondrous imagination ... truly hard to put down. This is what a novel is about.' Nelson DeMille Ted Kosmatka studied biology at Indiana University. He has worked as a zookeeper, steel mill worker, lab technician, and videogame writer for the extremely successful studio, Valve, publisher of mega-hits such as the Half-Life series and Portal. His work has been nominated for both the Nebula and Hugo awards and won the 2010 Asimov's Reader's Choice Award. He lives in the American Pacific Northwest. www.tedkosmatka.com "A high-speed thriller. . . . The pages turn rapidly with well-orchestrated suspense." - The New York Times "If Stephen Hawking and Stephen King wrote a novel together, you'd get The Flicker Men. Brilliant, disturbing, and beautifully told." -Hugh Howey, New York Times bestselling author of the Wool series A quantum physicist shocks the world with a startling experiment, igniting a struggle between science and theology, free will and fate, and antagonizing forces not known to exist Eric Argus is a washout. His prodigious early work clouded his reputation and strained his sanity. But an old friend gives him another chance, an opportunity to step back into the light. With three months to produce new research, Eric replicates the paradoxical double-slit experiment to see for himself the mysterious dual nature of light and matter. A simple but unprecedented inference blooms into a staggering discovery about human consciousness and the structure of the universe. His findings are celebrated and condemned in equal measure. But no one can predict where the truth will lead. And as Eric seeks to understand the unfolding revelations, he must evade shadowy pursuers who believe he knows entirely too much already. In 1988 wordt Saul Adler aangereden op Abbey Road. Er is niets aan de hand. De jonge, beeldschone historicus kan zich gewoon nog laten fotograferen op de plek van de beroemde Beatleshoes door zijn vriendin, kunststudente Jennifer Moreau, zoals ze van plan waren. Nog dezelfde dag maakt zij het echter uit en vertrekt Saul voor onderzoek naar communistisch Oost-Berlijn, waar hij mensen ontmoet die hem zijn leven lang zullen bijblijven. In 2016 wordt Saul Adler aangereden op Abbey Road. Hij wordt met spoed naar het ziekenhuis gebracht. In de dagen die volgen is hij maar nauwelijks bij bewustzijn. Oude herinneringen dringen zich op, mensen verzamelen zich rond zijn bed. Jennifer Moreau is erbij, maar er is ook iemand die ontbreekt. 2012 Nebula Award Winner 2012 Locus Award Winner 2013 Hugo Nominee 2013 Sturgeon Award Nominee In the year 2035, all that is left of humanity lives in the Shell. No one knows why the Tesslies attacked in 2014, devastated the environment, and nearly destroyed humanity. Or why the aliens imprisoned twenty-six survivors in a sterile enclosure built on the barren remains of the Earth. Fifteen-year-old Pete, one of only six children born in the Shell, is determined to lead humanity to a new beginning. But Pete struggles to control his anger as, one by one, the survivors sicken and die. Although the Earth appears to be slowly healing, the Shell's inhabitants may not live long enough to see it. The only chance for humanity lies within brief time portals. Peter and the survivors hatch a desperate plan: to increase their numbers by abducting

children from the past. In the year 2013, a brilliant CIA consultant sees a pattern in seemingly unrelated kidnappings. As Julie Kahn's predictive algorithms reveal that the world is in imminent danger, she discovers that she may also play a role in its possible rebirth. Julie and Pete are rapidly converging in time—a chance encounter between them may be the Earth's only hope. For well over a quarter of a century, Gardner Dozois has been defining the field with his annual selection of the very best of recently published science fiction. Every year he showcases truly exceptional contemporary writing, both by undisputed masters of the genre and outstanding up-and-coming writers. Comprising thirty-three fantastic stories by authors of the calibre of Paolo Bacigalupi, James S. A. Corey, Ann Leckie, Paul McAuley and Ian McDonald, and including, as ever, Dozois' illuminating summation of the year in science fiction and his extensive recommended reading guide, this year's collection is better than ever. Voted Year's Best Anthology by the readers of Locus magazine an unparalleled eighteen times, Dozois's annual selection has become the definitive must-read anthology for both devoted sci-fi fans and newcomers to SF. This edition of The Year's Best Science Fiction collects twenty-five of the finest works of speculative fiction to see print in 1990, stories from the genre's every edge, and from its heart. Among the many marvels are tales from the field's most accomplished artists: Ursula K. Le Guin's "The Shobies' Story" returns to the Hainish worlds with a reality-defining story, while Joe Haldeman's "The Hemmingway Hoax" embarks from our world on a time-defying trip through other possibilities. Kate Wilhelm, Michael Moorcock, Robert Silverberg, and John Brunner demonstrate too with their stories why they remain among the most popular science fiction writers of all time. With the closing of a decade and cyberpunk virtually becoming reality, many of the leading writers of the eighties have begun to bring new insight and vision to their fiction: Bruce Sterling examines a classic clash of cultures in "We See Things Differently," and James Patrick Kelly's "Mr. Boy" presents a hard-edged story about the guts of growing up. Lewis Shiner's "White City" and Connie Willis's "Cibola" both seek peace--of sorts--amid spectacle, and works by Nancy Kress, Lucius Shepard and Robert Frazier, Pat Murphy, and John Kessel also dazzle and amaze. Among the many other stories in this volume are powerhouse piece by Terry Bisson, Molly Gloss, Ian McDonald, Charles Sheffield, Alexander Jablokov, and Dafydd ab Hugh, as well as towering new mindscapes from young talents such as Jonathan Lethem, Ian R. MacLeod, Greg Egan and Ted Chiang. A wonderful tour through possible, probable, and virtual realities, The Year's Best Science Fiction is an ideal assemblage of the year's short fiction. This volume is essential to anyone who reads sf. "A virtually indispensable series."--Kirkus Reviews

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