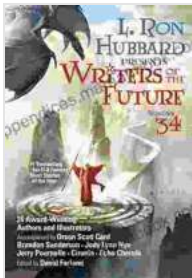


Unveiling the Extraordinary: The Best New Sci-Fi and Fantasy Short Stories of the Year

In the vast literary landscape, where imagination reigns supreme, science fiction and fantasy short stories stand as beacons of creativity and innovation. These miniature masterpieces transport us to distant worlds, challenge our perceptions, and ignite our sense of wonder. As the year draws to a close, it's time to uncover the hidden gems, the extraordinary tales that have left an indelible mark on the genre.



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A Literary Tapestry of Enchantment

This year's crop of short stories showcases an eclectic blend of styles, from the ethereal beauty of lyrical prose to the gripping intensity of hard science fiction. Nebula, Hugo, and Philip K. Dick Award-winning authors have woven intricate tapestries of imagination, inviting readers to lose themselves in uncharted territories.

- **"The Only Harmless Great Thing" by Brooke Bolander (Nebula Award Winner):** A haunting exploration of grief, loss, and the ephemeral nature of existence.
- **"And This Is How to Stay Alive" by Shingai Njeri Kagunda (Hugo Award Winner):** A powerful and thought-provoking allegory about colonialism, environmentalism, and the resilience of the human spirit.
- **"Omphalos" by Ted Chiang (Philip K. Dick Award Winner):** A mind-bending exploration of the nature of reality, time, and the limits of human understanding.

Edge-of-Your-Seat Science Fiction

For those who crave the thrill of the unknown, this year's science fiction offerings are nothing short of electrifying. Bold ideas and cutting-edge technology collide in these gripping tales that push the boundaries of our scientific understanding.

- **"The Martian Job" by Michael Swanwick:** A futuristic heist thriller that puts a unique spin on corporate espionage and interplanetary travel.
- **"The Last Human" by Zack Parsons:** A chilling and thought-provoking story that examines the potential consequences of advanced artificial intelligence.
- **"The Quantum Thief" by Hannu Rajaniemi:** A mind-bending exploration of quantum physics, memory, and the nature of identity.

Enchanting Fantasy Realms

Escape into the realm of the imagination, where magic weaves its spell and wonders abound. This year's fantasy short stories transport readers to worlds of ancient legends, epic battles, and ethereal beauty.

- **"The Lady of the House" by Kij Johnson (Nebula and Hugo Award Winner):** A haunting and atmospheric tale that explores the power of storytelling and the secrets that lie within ancient walls.
- **"When You Dance, They All Dance" by Margaret Killjoy:** A lyrical and evocative story that celebrates the transformative power of dance and the bonds that unite people.
- **"The Cartographer's Craft" by Amy Leah:** A magical and imaginative tale that follows a father and daughter on a perilous journey to the edge of the world.

Anthologies to Treasure

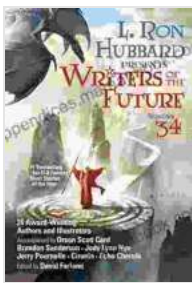
For those seeking a comprehensive journey into the world of short fiction, anthologies offer a treasure trove of literary delights. These curated collections present a diverse range of voices and stories, ensuring something for every reader.

- **"The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2022" edited by John Joseph Adams and Charlie Jane Anders:** Featuring stories from award-winning and bestselling authors, this anthology showcases the year's most exceptional tales.
- **"The Year's Best Dark Fantasy & Horror 2022" edited by Paula Guran:** For those who crave the thrill of the macabre, this anthology gathers the most chilling and atmospheric stories.

- **"Mythic" edited by Orson Scott Card:** Celebrating the genre's rich history, this anthology brings together stories inspired by ancient myths and legends.

Stepping Into the Unknown

As we eagerly anticipate the literary works that await us in the coming year, let us cherish the extraordinary short stories that have graced our pages. Each tale is a portal to a new world, a spark that ignites our imaginations and expands our understanding of the human experience. Whether we are drawn to the adrenaline-pumping thrills of science fiction or the enchanting realms of fantasy, these stories offer an invitation to escape, to dream, and to embrace the boundless possibilities of the literary imagination.



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