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The Rise and Fall of American Science Fiction, from the 1920s to the 1960s Gary Westfahl, 2019-10-14 By examining important aspects of science fiction in the twentieth century this book explains how the genre evolved to its current state Close critical attention is given to topics including the art that has accompanied science fiction the subgenres of space opera and hard science fiction the rise of SF anthologies and the burgeoning impact of the marketplace on authors Included are in depth studies of key texts that contributed to science fiction s growth including Philip Francis Nowlan s first Buck Rogers story the first published stories of A E van Vogt and the early juveniles of Isaac Asimov Arthur C Clarke and Robert Heinlein

Uncovering Lives Alan C. Elms, 1997-05-01 Psychobiography is often attacked by critics who feel that it trivializes complex adult personalities explaining the large deeds of great individuals as George Will wrote by some slight the individual suffered at a tender age say 7 when his mother took away a lollipop Worse yet some writers have clearly abused psychobiography for instance to grind axes from the right Nancy Clinch on the Kennedy family or from the left Fawn Brodie on Richard Nixon and others have offered woefully inept diagnoses such as Albert Goldman's portrait of Elvis Presley as a split personality and a delusional paranoid And yet as Alan Elms argues in Uncovering Lives in the hands of a skilled practitioner psychobiography can rival the very best traditional biography in the insights it offers Elms makes a strong case for the value of psychobiography arguing in large part from example Indeed most of the book features Elms s own fascinating case studies of over a dozen prominent figures among them Sigmund Freud the father of psychobiography B F Skinner Isaac Asimov L Frank Baum Vladimir Nabokov Jimmy Carter George Bush Saddam Hussein and Henry Kissinger These profiles make intriguing reading For example Elms discusses the fiction of Isaac Asimov in light of the latter's acrophobia fear of heights and mild agoraphobia fear of open spaces and Elms includes excerpts from a series of letters between himself and Asimov He reveals an unintended subtext of The Wizard of Oz that males are weak females are strong think of Scarecrow Tin Man the Lion and the Wizard versus the good and bad witches and Dorothy herself and traces this in part to Baum s childhood heart disease which kept him from strenuous activity and to his relationship with his mother in law Matilda Joslyn Gage a distinguished advocate of women's rights And in a fascinating chapter he examines the abused childhood of Saddam Hussein the privileged childhood of George Bush and the radically different psychological paths that led these two men into the Persian Gulf War Elms supports each study with extensive research much of it never presented before for instance on how some of the most revealing portions of C G Jung s autobiography were deleted in spite of his protests before publication Along the way Elms provides much insight into how psychobiography is written Finally he proposes clear guidelines for judging high quality work and offers practical tips for anyone interested in writing in this genre Written with great clarity and wit Uncovering Lives illuminates the contributions that psychology can make to biography Elms s enthusiasm for his subject is contagious and will inspire would be psychobiographers as well as win over the most hardened skeptics The

History of the Science-fiction Magazine Michael Ashley, 2000 The second of three volumes this book takes up the story to reveal a turbulent period that was to witness the extraordinary rise and fall and rise again of science Mike Ashley charts the SF book years in the wake of the nuclear age that was to see the golden age of science fiction Scientoloav in Popular Culture Stephen A. Kent, Susan Raine, 2017-07-14 This multidisciplinary study of Scientology examines the organization and the controversies around it through the lens of popular culture referencing movies television print and the Internet an unusual perspective that will engage a wide range of readers and researchers For more than 60 years Scientology has claimed alternative religious status with a significant number of followers despite its portrayals in popular culture domains as being bizarre What are the reasons for the vital connections between Scientology and popular culture that help to maintain or challenge it as an influential belief system This book is the first academic treatment of Scientology that examines the movement in a popular culture context from the perspective of several Western countries It documents how the attention paid to Scientology by high profile celebrities and its mention in movies television and print as well as on the Internet results in millions of people being aware of the organization to the religious organization s benefit and detriment The book leads with a background on Scientology and a discussion of science fiction concepts pulps and movies The next section examines Scientology's ongoing relationship with the Hollywood elite including the group's use of celebrities in its drug rehabilitation program and explores movies and television shows that contain Scientology themes or comedic references Readers will learn about how the Internet and the mainstream media of the United States as well as of Australia Germany and the UK have regarded Scientology The final section investigates the music and art of Scientology **Transformations** Mike Ashley, 2005-02-01 This is the second of three volumes which chart the history of the science fiction magazine from the earliest days to the present The first volume Time Machines traced the development of the sf magazine from its earliest days and the creation of the first specialist magazine Amazing Stories Transformations takes up the story to reveal a turbulent period that was to witness the extraordinary rise and fall and rise again of science Britain's foremost of historian Mike Ashley charts the sf boom years in the wake of the nuclear age that was to see the The Golden Age of Science Fiction with the emergence of magazines such as Galaxy Startling Stories and Fantastic as well as authors like Isaac Asimov Philip K Dick and Frank Herbert He then goes on to explore the bust years of 1954 1960 followed by the renaissance in the 1960s led by the new wave of British authors like Michael Moorcock and J G Ballard and the rise in interest of fantasy fiction encouraged by Lord of the Rings and the Conan books of Robert E Howard Transformations concludes with an examination of the new found interest in sf magazines during the late 1960s and the incredibly influential roles Star Treck the film 2001 A Space Odyssey and above all the first manned Moon landing played in transforming the sf magazine Evaporating Genres Gary K. Wolfe, 2012-01-01 A series of provocative essays on how the fantastic genres evolve and grow In this wide ranging series of essays an award winning science fiction critic explores how the related genres of science fiction fantasy and horror evolve

merge and finally evaporate into new and more dynamic forms Beginning with a discussion of how literary readers unlearned how to read the fantastic during the heyday of realistic fiction Gary K Wolfe goes on to show how the fantastic reasserted itself in popular genre literature and how these genres themselves grew increasingly unstable in terms of both narrative form and the worlds they portray More detailed discussions of how specific contemporary writers have promoted this evolution are followed by a final essay examining how the competing discourses have led toward an emerging synthesis of critical approaches and vocabularies The essays cover a vast range of authors and texts and include substantial discussions of very current fiction published within the last few years Think to New Worlds Joshua Blu Buhs, 2024-07-03 This book is about Charles Fort his followers and the surprising influence they have had on science fiction the avant garde UFOlogy and more broadly on the role of spirituality and conspiracy in the modern world Fort was an author and maverick philosopher who wrote four non fiction books about anomalies rains of frogs mysterious disappearances unexplained lights in the sky for which he offered hypotheses that even he did not always accept as true His books developed into a monistic philosophy that denounced science as a machine for generating truth In his view science was a small part of a larger system in which truth and falsity were constantly transforming one into the other This was not a rejection of the modern world but instead its fulfillment Fort prophesied the next stage in intellectual evolution after the scientific era He inspired four overlapping groups members of the Fortean Society science fiction fans and writers avant garde artists and flying saucer enthusiasts First We Must Think to New Worlds takes up each of these groups in turn to ask How can the human imagination be expanded What is the fundamental structure of the universe And how does power move As they developed their responses Fort's followers mixed Forteanism with Fundamentalism New Agery and conspiracy as well as a host of other forms of modern enchantments such as the ironic imagination scientific wonder and Theosophical syncretism Each chapter is interrupted by and concludes with shorter sections that focus on particular Forteans or Fortean events as a way to deepen themes **Discourses and** Narrations in the Biosciences Brian Hurwitz, Paola Spinozzi, 2011 Discourses and Narrations in the Biosciences investigates the forms of writing in which scientific claims are formulated and announced Argumentative strategies compositional rules and figurative expressions in communication and narrativization of scientific knowledge are the focus of interdisciplinary contributions by humanities and science scholars The first part of the book dedicated to Rhetorical and Epistemological Aspects of Science Writing addresses how scientific pursuits and methods feed into multi level texts that generate responses within science society and culture The second part entitled Bioscientific Discourses and Narrations examines popularisations and fictionalizations of science in relation to diversity deviancy ageing illness reproduction the evolution of humankind mathematical models of biomedical systems and the myth of the heroic scientist Assessing the narrative impetus and command of literary and meta discoursive strategies shown by contemporary science writers enhances understanding of the methods and conventions through which the biosciences produce knowledge Brave new words Jeff

Prucher, **Nebula Awards Showcase 2006** Gardner Dozois,2009-04-07 Each year the members of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America r bestow the Nebula Awards to authors whose exemplary fiction represents the most thought provoking and entertaining work the genre has to offer Nebula Awards Showcase collects the year s most preeminent science fiction and fantasy in one essential volume This year s winners include Lois McMaster Bujold Eileen Gunn Ellen Klages and Walter Jon Williams as well as Grand Master Anne McCaffrey

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