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THE KAIJU PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Recently fired and then promptly rehired by the food delivery service he helped found, Jamie is trying to make it work during the Covid Lockdown. When everything seems turned against him, a chance meeting brings an opportunity of the kind he never imagined – an other-worldly opportunity, literally, an out of this world and into the next opportunity. How could he possibly say no? Here, the monsters are real and the team he's joined plans to protect them. A long with three new friends, Jaimie starts learn how to survive on this alternate Earth and he's really feeling like he's found a place where he can make a difference. An all to familiar face from his past is going to put everyone at risk for the chance to become fabulously rich. It's up to the newbies of the KPS to bring down their plans and save everyone.

-November's meeting is on the 15th, in person, at the Simpson Library, Mechanicsburg (unless otherwise announced) and the book of the month is *Roadside Picnic* – Anton and Boris Strugatsky.

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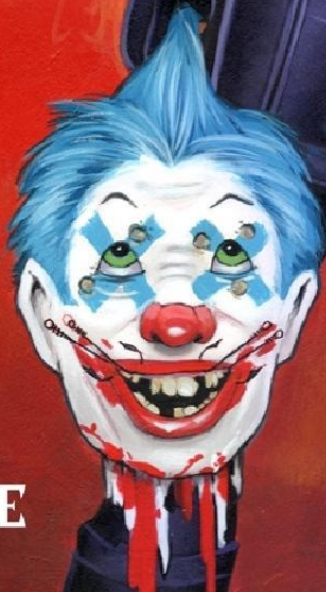
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NEW RELEASES

NOVEMBER 2023

EUGEN BACON & ANDREW HOOK - **Secondhand Daylight**

TRAVIS BALDREE - **Bookshops & Bonedust**

IAIN M. BANKS - **The Culture: The Drawings**

KRISTEN BRITAIN - **Spirit of the Wood**

TERRY BROOKS - **Sister of Starlit Seas**

NEIL CLARKE, ED. - **The Best Science Fiction of the Year • Volume 8**

ELLEN DATLOW, ED. - **The Best Horror of the Year • Volume Fifteen**

CORY DOCTOROW - **The Lost Cause**

H.E. EDGMON - **Godly Heathens**

DAVINIA EVANS - **Shadow Baron**

CHRISTOPHER FOWLER - **The Foot on the Crown**

LAURA ANNE GILMAN - **Uncanny**

PRESTON GRASSMANN, ED. - **The Mad Butterfly's Ball**

LAURELL K. HAMILTON - **Slay**

JOANNE HARRIS - **Mother**

KEVIN HEARNE - **A Curse of Krakens**

ISABEL IBAÑEZ - **What the River Knows**

ALLAN KASTER, ED. - **The Year's Best Science Fiction Stories on Earth**

CAITLÍN R. KIERNAN - **Bradbury Weather**

MERCEDES LACKEY, ED. - **Anything with Nothing**

MUR LAFFERTY - **Chaos Terminal**

JOE R. LANSDALE - **The Senior Girls Bayonet Drill Team and Other Stories**

FREYA MARSKE - **A Power Unbound**

LOUISA MORGAN - **The Ghosts of Beatrice Bird**

NNEDI OKORAFOR - **Like Thunder**

SUYI DAVIES OKUNGBOWA - **Warrior of the Wind**

REBECCA ORE - **Collected Ogoense**

CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI - **Murtagh**

K.J. PARKER - **Saevus Corax Captures the Castle**

PATRICK ROTHFUSS - **The Narrow Road Between Desires**

MICHELLE SAGARA - **Shards of Glass**

BRANDON SANDERSON - **Defiant**

SHARON SHINN - **Whispering Wood**

JACK SKILLINGSTEAD - **The Whole Mess and Other Stories**

WOLE TALABI - **Mothersound: the Sauútivvers An-thology**

CADWELL TURNBULL - **We Are the Crisis**

MARTHA WELLS - **System Collapse**

REBECCA YARROS - **Iron Flame**



NEWS OF THE REALM

PHILCON 2023

-Philadelphia Science Fiction Society's convention, November 17-19th, at the Doubletree Cherry Hill, NJ. Guest of Honor Jonathan Maberry, Special Guest Kelley Armstrong, Artist Guest of Honor Rob Carlos.

BALTIMORE SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY – EVENTS:

Book Club Meeting at BSFS – L.E. Modesitt Jr. - *The Ecolitan Operation*– 10/28/23
7:30PM

<https://zoom.us/j/94129016253?pwd=LzRMVEZmVGtnUi9jOUc3MnFOcHFHQQT09>

Meeting ID: 941 2901 6253 Passcode: 041896

Anime Social at BSFS – 10-28-23 starting at 2:00PM also on Discord –

<https://discord.com/invite/5U3s2YzPzQ>

HUGO AWARD WINNERS 2023

Best Novel

WINNER: Nettle & Bone, T. Kingfisher

Best Novella

WINNER: Where the Drowned Girls Go, Seanan McGuire

Best Novelette

WINNER: “The Space-Time Painter”, Hai Ya

Best Short Story

WINNER: “Rabbit Test”, Samantha Mills

Best Series

WINNER: Children of Time Series, Adrian Tchaikovsky

Best Related Work

WINNER: Terry Pratchett: A Life With Footnotes, Rob Wilkins

Best Graphic Story or Comic

WINNER: Cyberpunk 2077: Big City Dreams

Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form

WINNER: *Everything Everywhere All at Once*

Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form

WINNER: *The Expanse: "Babylon's Ashes"*

Best Editor, Short Form

WINNER: Neil Clarke

Best Editor, Long Form

WINNER: Lindsey Hall

Best Professional Artist

WINNER: Enzhe Zhao

Best Semiprozine

WINNER: *Uncanny*

Best Fanzine

WINNER: *Zero Gravity Newspaper*

Best Fancast

WINNER: *Hugo, Girl!*

Best Fan Writer

WINNER: Chris M. Barkley

Best Fan Artist

WINNER: Richard Man

Lodestar Award for Best Young Adult Book (Not a Hugo)

WINNER: Akata Woman, Nnedi Okorafor

Astounding Award for Best New Writer (Not a Hugo)

WINNER: Travis Baldree

Tillyer's News of the High Frontier

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Recently astronomer Diane Turnshek was interviewed on NPR concerning her DarkSky* work promoting a turn against urban light pollution. It was a very timely talk considering new developments which are even now causing trouble for people whose work depends on observing the sky and others who simply enjoy looking at the stars. AST Space Mobile's new Bluewalker 3 satellite is now brighter than most stars in the sky. Sent up in September of 2022, Bluewalker 3 is designed to provide 5G connectivity for phones and encompasses 693 square feet of surface that is reflective. This puts it in the range of Antares (15th) and Spica (16th) among the brightest stars visible at night. Already astronomers are seeing this object as a streak of light across plate images. Of course, this is merely the first of 100 such satellites that the company plans to launch to create a cellphone service that would work from orbit. Add one hundred new stars to the sky. But wait, all of this data transmission back and forth as planned may have another effect because we have a number of sensitive radio telescopes on Earth that might experience interference suddenly. Unlike AST Space Mobile, SpaceX's Starlink satellites are now equipped with a visor that can be dropped down to shade their antennas, as part of the VisorSat program. Bodies of the satellites are also painted with non-reflective paint. Finally, the visor itself is radio transparent. Starlink also causes what is called a 'satellite train' as they pass overhead post launch and ascending to their final orbits. Space.com offer this advice on how to observe Starlink -[Starlink satellite train — How to see and track it | Space](#). Ultimately, SpaceX hopes to deploy 12,000 Starlink satellites in what is called a megaconstellation. Out of the 8,261 satellites currently listed in orbit, only 4,852 are still operational, which brings us to our next piece of news, where the FCC fined DISH network \$150K for not properly disposing of their EchoStar-7 satellite. With regards to properly disposing of the satellite, they should have deorbited it by pushing it up to an area about geostationary orbit. Since it ran out of fuel, EchoStar-7 missed its target by 100 miles. The satellite now becomes part of the 36k pieces of debris larger than 4" in orbit, so it's definitely time that the FCC decided to start enforcing rules on space garbage.

*[Q&A with DarkSky Advocate Diane Turnshek from Pittsburgh, USA | DarkSky International](#)

