

What Makes This Book So Great

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as any reader of jo walton s among others might guess walton is both an inveterate reader of sf and fantasy and a chronic re reader of books in 2008 then new science fiction mega site tor com asked walton to blog regularly about her re reading about all kinds of older fantasy and sf ranging from acknowledged classics to guilty pleasures to forgotten oddities and gems these posts have consistently been among the most popular features of tor com now this volumes presents a selection of the best of them ranging from short essays to long reassessments of some of the field s most ambitious series among walton s many subjects here are the zones of thought novels of vernor vingie the question of what genre readers mean by mainstream the underappreciated sf adventures of c j cherryh the field s many approaches to time travel the masterful science fiction of samuel r delany salman rushdie s midnight s children the early hainish novels of ursula k le guin and a robert a heinlein novel you have most certainly never read over 130 essays in all what makes this book so great is an immensely readable engaging collection of provocative opinionated thoughts about past and present day fantasy and science fiction from one of our best writers at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

Lent

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from hugo nebula and world fantasy award winning jo walton comes lent a magical re imagining of the man who remade fifteenth century florence in all its astonishing strangeness young girolamo s life is a series of miracles it s a miracle that he can see demons plain as day and that he can cast them out with the force of his will it s a miracle that he s friends with pico della mirandola the count of concordia it s a miracle that when girolamo visits the deathbed of lorenzo the magnificent the dying medici is wreathed in celestial light a surprise to everyone lorenzo included it s a miracle that when charles viii of france invades northern italy girolamo meets him in the field and convinces him to not only spare florence but also protect it it s a miracle than whenever girolamo preaches crowds swoon it s a miracle that despite the pope s determination to bring young girolamo to heel he s still on the loose and now running florence in all but name that s only the beginning because girolamo savanarola is not who or what he thinks he is he will discover the truth about himself at the most startling possible time and this will be only the beginning of his many lives rendered with walton s usual power and beauty it s this haunting character complexity that ultimately holds the reader captive to the tale n k jemisin new york times on my real children at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

thalia the florence resembling imaginary city that was the setting for a successful ya trilogy she published decades before of course he s got a part in it but he also has a notion he thinks he knows how he and sylvia can step off the wheel of mortality altogether all he has to do is convince her at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

Necessity

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2017 sunburst award for adult fiction finalist necessity the sequel to the acclaimed the just city and the philosopher kings jo walton s tales of gods humans and what they have to learn from one another more than sixty five years ago pallas athena founded the just city on an island in the eastern mediterranean placing it centuries before the trojan war populating it with teachers and children from throughout human history and committing it to building a society based on the principles of plato s republic among the city s children was pytheas secretly the god apollo in human form sixty years ago the just city schismed into five cities each devoted to a different version of the original vision forty years ago the five cities managed to bring their squabbles to a close but in consequence of their struggle their existence finally came to the attention of zeus who can t allow them to remain in deep antiquity changing the course of human history convinced by apollo to spare the cities zeus instead moved everything on the island to the planet plato circling its own distant sun now more than a generation has passed the cities are flourishing on plato and even trading with multiple alien species then on the same day two things happen pytheas dies as a human returning immediately as apollo in his full glory and there s suddenly a human ship in orbit around plato a ship from earth at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

A Burden Shared

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what we do for one another is a mystery a tor com original at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

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Thessaly

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finalist for 2017 mythopoeic fantasy award for adult literature for the first time jo walton s critically acclaimed genre defying trilogy thessaly the just city the philosopher kings and necessity is available in softcover in a single volume trade paperback omnibus the goddess athena thought she was creating a utopia populate the island of thera with extraordinary men women and children from throughout history and watch as the mortals forge a harmonious society based on the tenets of plato s republic meanwhile following his famous spurning by a nymph athena s ever curious brother apollo has decided to live a mortal human life on the island in an effort to gain a better understanding of humanity but as both athena and apollo soon discover even the just city is susceptible to the iron law that nothing ever happens as planned and there are sins in paradise mortal and divine far graver than the everyday ones in an epic encompassing sandy mediterranean shores and the farthest reaches of the galaxy victorian england and renaissance italy gods and humans argue fight love and most of all learn from one another in critically acclaimed author jo walton s unique exploration of the human condition thessaly at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

Among Others

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winner of the 2011 nebula award for best novel winner of the 2012 hugo award for best novel startling unusual and yet irresistably readable among others is at once the compelling story of a young woman struggling to escape a troubled childhood a brilliant diary of first encounters with the great novels of modern fantasy and sf and a spellbinding tale of escape from ancient enchantment raised by a half mad mother who dabbled in magic morwenna Phelps found refuge in two worlds as a child growing up in wales she played among the spirits who made their homes in industrial ruins but her mind found freedom and promise in the science fiction novels that were her closest companions then her mother tried to bend the spirits to dark ends and mori was forced to confront her in a magical battle that left her crippled and her twin sister dead fleeing to her father whom she barely knew mori was sent to boarding school in england a place all but devoid of true magic there outcast and alone she tempted fate by doing magic herself in an attempt to find a circle of like minded friends but her magic also drew the attention of her mother bringing about a reckoning that could no longer be put off combining elements of autobiography with flights of imagination in the manner of novels like jonathan lethem s the fortress of solitude this is potentially a breakout book for an author whose genius has already been hailed by peers like kelly link sarah weinman and ursula k le guin one of school library journal s best adult books 4 teens titles of 2011 one of io9 s best science fiction fantasy books of the year 2011

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Consciousness and Science Fiction

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science fiction explores the wonderful baffling and wildly entertaining aspects of a universe unimaginably old and vast and with a future even more immense it reaches into that endless cosmos with the tools of rational investigation and storytelling at the core of both science and science fiction is the engaged human mind a consciousness that sees and feels and thinks and loves but what is this mind this aware and self aware consciousness that seems unlike anything else we experience what makes consciousness the hard problem of philosophy still unsolved after millennia of probing this book looks into the heart of this mystery at the science and philosophy of consciousness and at many inspiring fictional examples and finds strange challenging answers the book s content and entertaining style will appeal equally to science fiction enthusiasts and scholars including cognitive and neuroscientists as well as philosophers of mind it is a refreshing romp through the science and science fiction of consciousness

The Philosopher Kings

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from acclaimed award winning author jo walton philosopher kings a tale of gods and humans and the surprising things they have to learn from one another twenty years have elapsed since the events of the just city the city founded by the time traveling goddess pallas athene organized on the principles espoused in plato s republic and populated by people from all eras of human history has now split into five cities and low level armed conflict between them is not unheard of the god apollo living by his own choice a human life as pythias in the city his true identity known only to a few is now married and the father of several children but a tragic loss causes him to become consumed with the desire for revenge being apollo he goes handling it in a seemingly rational and systematic way but it s evident particularly to his precocious daughter arete that he is unhinged with grief along with arete and several of his sons plus a boatload of other volunteers including the now fantastically aged marsilio ficino the great humanist of renaissance florence pythias apollo goes sailing into the mysterious eastern mediterranean of pre antiquity to see what they can find possibly the man who may have caused his great grief possibly communities of the earliest people to call themselves greek what apollo his daughter and the rest of the expedition will discover will change everything at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

Poor Relations

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fantasy has been an important and much loved part of children s literature for hundreds of years yet relatively little has been written about it children s fantasy literature traces the development of the tradition of the children s fantastic fictions specifically written for children and fictions appropriated by them from the sixteenth to the twenty first century examining the work of lewis carroll l frank baum c s lewis roald dahl j k rowling and others from across the english speaking world the volume considers changing views on both the nature of the child and on the appropriateness of fantasy for the child reader the role of children s fantasy literature in helping to develop the imagination and its complex interactions with issues of class politics and gender the text analyses hundreds of works of fiction placing each in its appropriate context within the tradition of fantasy literature

Children's Fantasy Literature

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before jo walton won the hugo and nebula awards for her stunning among others she published a trilogy set in a dark alternate postwar england that had negotiated peace with honor with nazi germany in 1941 these novels farthing ha penny and half a crown are connected by common threads but can be read in any order in ha penny england has completed its slide into fascist dictatorship the last hopes of democracy seem extinguished then a bomb explodes in a london suburb the brilliant but compromised inspector carmichael of scotland yard is assigned the case what he finds leads him to a conspiracy of peers and communists of staunch king and country patriots and hardened ira gunmen to murder the prime minister and his ally adolf hitler against a background of domestic espionage and suppression a band of idealists blackmails an actress who holds the key to the fuhrer s death from the ha penny seats in the theatre to the ha pennys that cover dead men s eyes the conspiracy and the investigation swirl inexorably to a stunning conclusion

Ha'penny

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welcome to the greatest gallery on earth put yourself in the picture with this incredible visual guide displaying the best artistic works of all time you re the very special guest with unlimited access to the world s most important art through the ages from ancient cave paintings to modern day street art on your journey through time you ll see a wealth of valuable art including egyptian tomb paintings roman frescoes byzantine mosaics and chinese porcelain special attention is given to art from different eras such as aboriginal dreamtime renaissance period impressionism contemporary art and much much more watch the progression of artistic styles and techniques such as oil painting watercolor pastels and sculpture leonardo da vinci claude monet vincent van gogh pablo picasso frida kahlo jackson pollock and andy warhol are just some of the big names from the past and present featured inside every talent s work is showcased through a signature piece

Farthing

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making healthy places surveys the many intersections between health and the built environment from the scale of buildings to the scale of metro areas and across a range of outcomes from cardiovascular health and infectious disease to social connectedness and happiness this new edition is significantly updated with a special emphasis on equity and sustainability and takes a global perspective it provides current evidence not only on how poorly designed places may threaten well being but also on solutions that have been found to be effective making healthy places is a must read for students academics and professionals in health architecture urban planning civil engineering parks and recreation and related fields

Making Healthy Places, Second Edition

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tor com s science fiction and fantasy flash fiction collection originally published in 2017 inspired by the now iconic statement now available in e book format she was warned she was given an explanation nevertheless she persisted three short lines fired over social media in response to questions of why senator elizabeth warren was silenced on the floor of the united states senate for daring to read aloud the words of coretta scott king as this message was transmitted across the globe it has become a galvanizing cry for people of all genders in recognition of the struggles that women have faced throughout history three short lines which read as if they are the opening passage to an epic and ageless tale we have assembled this flash fiction collection featuring several of the best writers in sf f today including seanan mcguire charlie jane anders maria dahvana headley jo walton amal el mohtar catherynne m valente brooke bolander alyssa wong kameron hurley nisi shawl and carrie vaughn together these authors share unique visions of women inventing playing loving surviving and of course dreaming of themselves beyond their circumstances at the publisher s request this title is being sold without digital rights management software drm applied

Nevertheless She Persisted: Flash Fiction Project

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lifelode is the mythopoeic award winning novel from hugo nebula and world fantasy award winning author jo walton it was published in hardcover in 2009 by nesfa press and is now available for the first time as an ebook at its heart lifelode is the story of a comfortable manor house family the four adults of the household are happily polygamous each fulfilling their lifelode or life s purpose ferrand is the lord of the manor his sweetmate taveth runs the household his wife chayra makes

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