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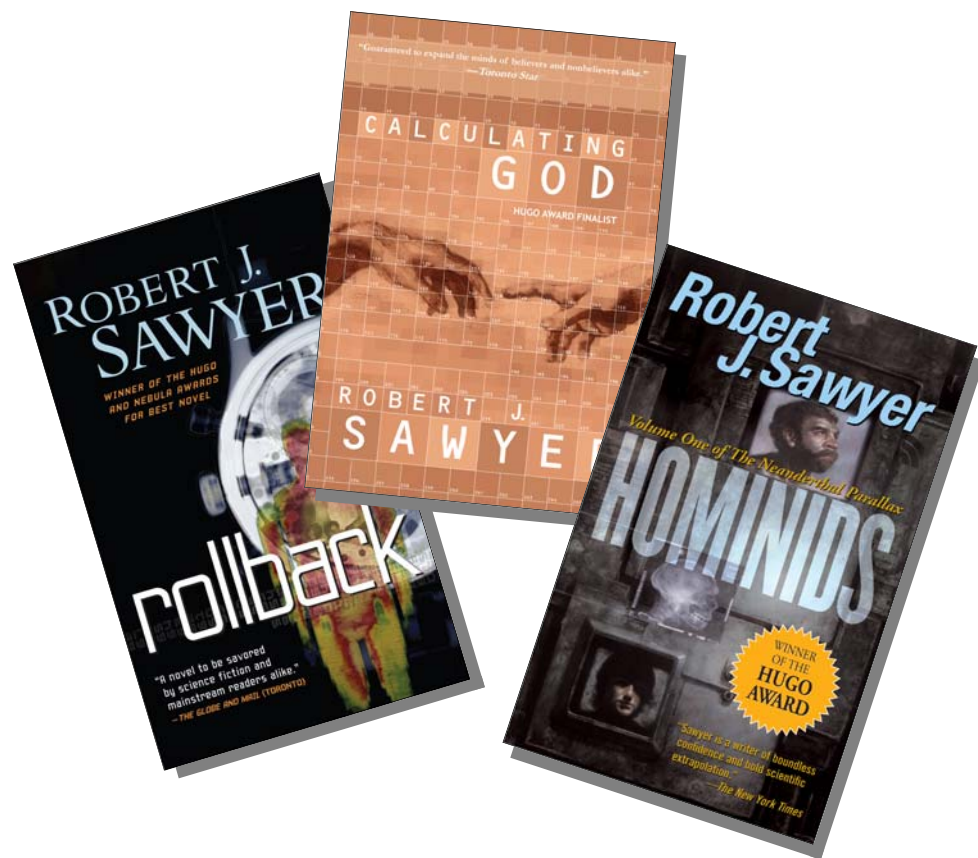
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His books are required reading at dozens of universities and colleges across the United States and Canada, including Johns Hopkins, Texas State, and the University of Calgary.

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“*Factoring Humanity* was the best novel we read all year.”

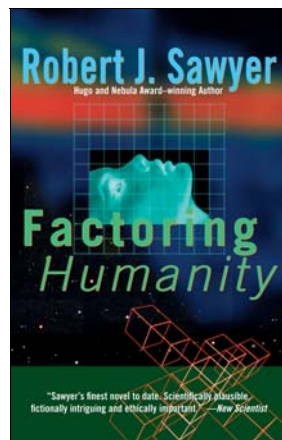
– **Jennifer Infuso**, student,
Science Fiction course
York University

“My students love Sawyer’s books.”

– **David DeGraff**, Ph.D.
Department of Physics and Astronomy
Alfred University, Alfred, NY

“Informal advice to instructors offering our SF-fantasy course for the first time points to Robert J. Sawyer’s work as new, interesting, and most teachable. By merging science and literature, his hard SF appeals to both English students and those from other disciplines who take SF as a breadth course and for enjoyment.”

– **Ian Lancashire**, Ph.D.
Department of English
University of Toronto



FACTORING HUMANITY

Hugo Finalist!

Included on *The Ottawa Citizen's* list of the year's ten best novels of any type by writers of any nationality

A journey into humanity's collective unconscious

“Sawyer’s finest novel to date. Scientifically plausible, fictionally intriguing, and ethically important.”
New Scientist

“I loved it.”
Analog

“So literally mind-blowing it will please any true SF fan.”
Hartford Courant

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WHO IS ROBERT J. SAWYER?

“Sawyer is one of the foremost science-fiction writers of our generation.” – **SF Site**

“Sawyer is just about the best science-fiction writer out there these days.”

– **Denver Rocky Mountain News**

“Sawyer is the science-fiction genre’s northern star – in fact, one of the hottest SF writers anywhere. By any reckoning Sawyer is among the most successful Canadian authors ever.”

– **Maclean's: Canada's National Newsmagazine**

Robert J. Sawyer is one of only eight people in history to win all three of the world’s top awards for best science-fiction novel of the year: the **Hugo Award**, the **Nebula Award**, and the **John W. Campbell Memorial Award**.

He’s also won the top SF awards in Japan (*Seiun*), France (*Le Grand Prix de l’Imaginaire*), Spain (*Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción*), China (*Galaxy*), and Canada (*Aurora*).

Other honors for Sawyer include **Analog’s** Analytical Laboratory Award, the Crime Writers of Canada’s **Arthur Ellis Award**, and the **Science Fiction Chronicle** Reader Award, all for best short story of the year.

He holds an honorary doctorate from Laurentian University, and in 2008 was named one of the “30 most influential, innovative, and just plain powerful people in Canadian publishing” by **Quill & Quire**, Canada’s publishing trade journal.

For more information, visit his million-plus-word website (called “the most elaborate and interesting of any created by a Canadian writer” by **The Oxford Companion to Canadian Literature**) at:

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ROLLBACK

Hugo Finalist!

A story of rejuvenation, ethics, love, and SETI

“One of the year’s ten best science-fiction novels.”

American Library Association

“A novel to be savored by SF and mainstream readers alike.”
The Globe and Mail

“A superior effort.”

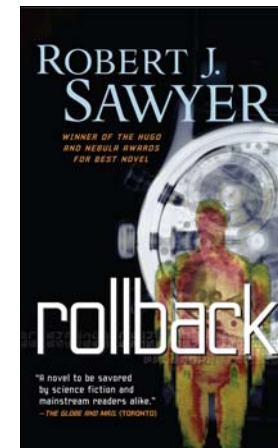
Publishers Weekly
(starred review)

“Highly recommended.”
Library Journal
(starred review)

“Thoroughly engaging with beautiful characterization.”

SFRA Review

Tor Books, New York
ISBN 978-0-7653-3240-0
US\$14.99 / Cdn\$16.99



“I took a survey at the end of my Religion in Science Fiction course, and **Calculating God** won out over titles like *The Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch*, *A Canticle for Leibowitz*, and *Out of the Silent Planet*.”

– **Kate S. Kelley**
Department of Religious Studies
University of Missouri

“As a teacher of Gifted and Talented students, I find Sawyer’s novels invaluable. His well-crafted plots weave together characters and themes to produce books that inspire very rewarding and passionate classroom discussions. My students have devoured *everything* he has written. It is without reservation that I highly recommend the use of Sawyer’s titles in your classroom.”

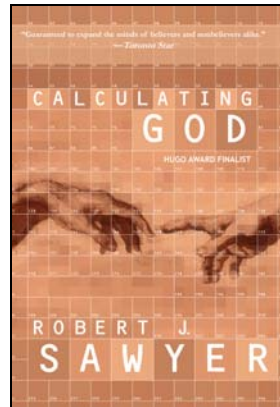
– **John Michalko**
Canandaigua Middle School
Canandaigua, NY

“I use **Calculating God** when teaching evolution to university-bound grade-12 students. I thank you for writing a book that I can use to challenge my students on the science, religion and philosophy front all at the same time.”

– **Siobhan Watters**
Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School
Mississauga, Ontario

“**Rollback** is chock-full of interesting discussion points about biotechnology, gender, aging, and what it means to be human. Highly recommended.”

– **Fiona Kelleghan**
Science Fiction scholar
University of Miami



CALCULATING GOD

Hugo Finalist!

Number One on the Locus Bestsellers list!

Top-Ten Canadian National Bestseller!

An alien comes to Toronto looking for scientific proof for the existence of God

“Unusually thoughtful SF.”
Publishers Weekly

“A thoughtful narrative that does not shy away from confronting profound questions. How can you go wrong?”
The Globe and Mail

“Smoothly combines ethical questions and comical dialogue in a highly absorbing tale.”

Booklist

Tor Books, New York
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US\$16.99 / Cdn\$18.99

“In the class I am taking, we are reading your brilliant novel **Hominids** and writing on the various social themes you have so realistically incorporated. I honestly did not read science fiction prior to this; now I am so excited to read more.”

– **Jackie Nelson**, student,
Lexington Community College
Lexington, KY



“I could see **Hominids** being used in a utopian-literature course or to represent the utopian subgenre in a science-fiction course, and obviously in anthropology and sociology courses. This novel could also be used in a religion or philosophy course. Its examining and questioning of such issues as our belief systems, organized religion, and ecological responsibility allows for many teaching possibilities. Recommended.”

– **Warren G. Rochelle, Ph.D.**
Department of English
University of Mary Washington

HOMINIDS

Hugo Winner!

A parallel world in which Neanderthals survived to the present day and we did not

“Vintage hard SF, filled with ideas, both from science and from SF. I loved the read.”

New York Review of Science Fiction

“A novel that appeals to both the intellect and the heart.”

Publishers Weekly

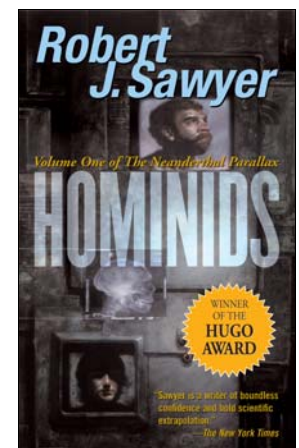
“Real sense-of-wonder, clearly written, well-paced. The pages fly by. Full marks to Sawyer.”

Interzone

“Amazingly well thought out. Highly recommended.”

Slashdot

Tor Books, New York
ISBN 978-0-765-34500-4
US\$7.99 / Cdn\$9.99



“Rather than exhausting themselves in trying to drum up student interest in contemporary problems in morality, professors should adopt a work like Sawyer’s *Frameshift*. It raises so many interesting problems in ethics and bio-ethics and it does so with all the suspense of a first-class thriller.”

– **Joseph Novak, Ph.D.**
Department of Philosophy
University of Waterloo



“I taught Robert J. Sawyer’s *Frameshift* and found it stimulated lively discussion around contemporary SF and hard science: chemistry, biology, and genetic research. My students were stimulated by the ethical and social issues raised by Sawyer’s questions of genetic testing, determination, and discrimination.

“Sawyer’s website at sfwriter.com, which provides essays, links and reading questions, also focuses attention on the science issues in this SF thriller.”

– **Nancy Johnston, Ph.D.**
Department of English
Ryerson University

“Sawyer’s books are incredibly thought provoking. My major and passion is Canadian history, and I’m elated to see that books containing much Canadian content have had such world-wide acclaim.”

– **Kirk N. R. Graham**
English/History double-major student
Dalhousie University

WWW: Wake

Hugo Finalist!
Aurora Winner!

The World Wide Web wakes up

“Wildly thought-provoking thematic diversity and profundity.”

Publishers Weekly
(starred review, denoting a book of exceptional merit).

“Sawyer’s approach to machine consciousness and the Internet is surprisingly fresh.”

Booklist

“Sawyer’s erudition, eclecticism, and masterly storytelling make *Wake* a choice selection.”

Library Journal

Ace Books, New York
ISBN 978-0-441-01853-6
US\$7.99

Penguin Canada, Toronto
ISBN 978-0-14-305630-0
Cdn\$13.50

“I’ve used Sawyer novels in courses on science fiction, the history of science, and religion since 1994 and they’ve proved to be among the most popular and effective texts in my reading lists.

“Most recently, I’ve taught *Mindscan*, in which Sawyer explores rifts between reason and feeling, between science and religion. He ponders — as the story unfolds on Earth and on the Moon, in the courtroom and in the human heart — the meaning of embodied personhood, of the soul in the machine, of future transformation.

“My students come from a wide variety of ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and religious backgrounds, and from across the arts and science spectrum. All respond positively to Sawyer’s books, and they’ve stimulated exceptional classroom discussions.”

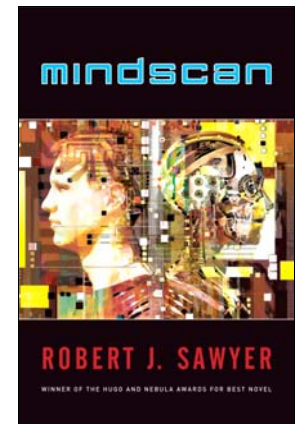
– **Rev. Paul Fayer**
Historian of Science and Religion
York University

“Richly informed by current interdisciplinary research in the burgeoning field of consciousness studies, and alive with provocative speculation of its own, *Mindscan* is a heady brew of hard SF, blended with enough comedy, romance, and adventure to appeal to a wider audience, as well.”

– **Philip Snyder**
Professor of English and Philosophy
Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY

“We studied *Mindscan* in an honors seminar called Rhetoric of the Posthuman. We all loved it. Your novel definitely turned me on to science fiction — thanks for introducing me to the genre!”

– **Meghan Juuti**
Fourth-Year English student
Laurentian University



MINDSCAN

John W. Campbell Memorial Award Winner!

The future of uploaded humanity hangs in the balance

“Truly a work of literary art. In Sawyer’s capable grasp the story positively sings with humor, insight, and depth.”

SF Site

“An exciting crowd-pleaser; a hard-SF reader’s delight.”

SFRA Review

“Sawyer lucidly explores fascinating philosophical conundrums.”

Entertainment Weekly

“A delightful read.”

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