

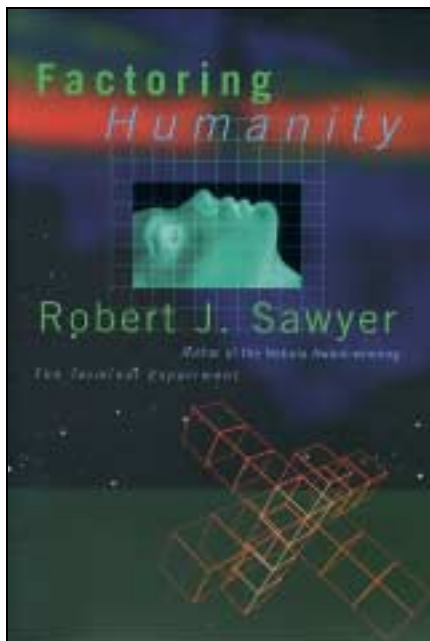
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News From The **ROBERT J. SAWYER** Web Site

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## Rob Wins World's Largest Cash Prize for SF Writing

In December, **Robert J. Sawyer** of Toronto, Canada, and **James Stevens-Arce** of San Juan, Puerto Rico, were jointly awarded the world's largest cash prize for science-fiction writing.



The two authors share the 1997 **Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción**, which carries a cash prize of one million pesetas (about Cdn\$10,000 or US\$7,200). By comparison, the largest American cash prize available to published SF writers is the \$1,000 Philip K. Dick Award; the largest British prize is the £1,000 Arthur C. Clarke Award.

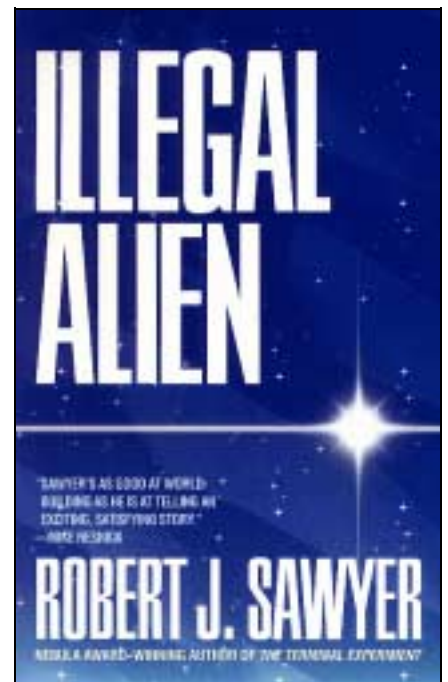
The *Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción* is open to manuscripts in English, French, Spanish, and Catalan. Manuscripts were judged by a five-person jury.

Rob's winning work is a portion of his forthcoming tenth novel **Factoring Humanity**, which will be published in hardcover by Tor Books (a division of St. Martin's Press, New York), in July 1998.

**Factoring Humanity** deals with the discovery of a technology that allows individuals to directly access the human collective unconscious. Set in Toronto in the near future, the novel also deals with a breakthrough in quantum computing and radio contact with an alien civilization.

Rob has previously won the top SF awards in the United States (the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America's Nebula Award), Japan (the Seiun), Canada (the Aurora), and France (*Le Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire*) — a feat no one else has ever managed.

The Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya ("the Polytechnic University of Catalonia," a region of northeast Spain), which sponsors the *Premio UPC*, is located in Barcelona. ◆



## Illegal Alien named "Best Canadian Mystery of 1997"

**T**he *Globe and Mail*, Canada's national newspaper, has named Rob Sawyer's **Illegal Alien** "the best Canadian mystery of 1997."

Says reviewer **Margaret Cannon**: "This is one fine courtroom drama, with enough twists in the plot to keep any mystery fan flipping the pages; it puts Perry Mason and John Grisham to shame."

(*Illegal Alien* by **Robert J. Sawyer**, Ace, December 1997, ISBN 0-441-00476-8, US\$21.95 / Cdn\$30.95.) ◆

SFWRITER.COM is published occasionally to spotlight news about Nebula Award-winning Canadian science-fiction writer **Robert J. Sawyer**. You can send e-mail to Rob at [sawyer@sfwriter.com](mailto:sawyer@sfwriter.com), or write to him at: Robert J. Sawyer • P.O. Box 911 • Promenade P.O. • 1 Promenade Circle • Thornhill, ON, Canada • L4J 8G7

## Coles & Smithbooks Feature *Illegal Alien*

**R**obert J. Sawyer's ninth novel, *Illegal Alien*, is the featured "Made in Canada" fiction title for January 1998 at all Coles, Smithbooks, and The Book Company Stores across Canada.

Each month, Toronto-based Chapters, Inc., Canada's largest book retailer, selects one fiction and one non-fiction title by Canadian authors to spotlight in their Coles, Smithbooks, and The Book Company mall stores. The very first promotional display as you enter one of these stores is the "Made in Canada" stand. The same titles are also showcased in the chain's Chapters superstores as part of the "Write from Canada" program.

This is not a "display allowance" paid for by the publisher. Rather, this program is funded entirely by the Chapters chain. Competition is very stiff for the coveted "Made in Canada" slots; hundreds of books are submitted each month for consideration.

During January, *Illegal Alien* will be discounted by 20% in all Chapters, Coles, Smithbooks, and The Book Company stores coast-to-coast from its usual cover price of Cdn\$30.95 to just \$24.76; the chain normally only discounts the top-ten bestsellers. ◆

## Tesseract 6

**T**he Canadian science-fiction and fantasy anthology *Tesseract 6*, edited by **Robert J. Sawyer** and **Carolyn Clink**, is in bookstores now. This is the sixth in a series founded in 1985 by legendary SF editor **Judith Merril**.

*Tesseract 6* contains twenty brand-new stories and eleven poems by Canada's best SF and fantasy writers.

(*Tesseract 6*, Tesseract Books, Edmonton. Simultaneous hardcover [ISBN 1-895836-33-6; Cdn\$21.95] and trade paperback [ISBN 1-895836-32-8; Cdn\$8.95].) ◆



## New URL

**T**he Robert J. Sawyer web site has moved! Rob has registered his own Internet domain: his web site is now at [www.sfwriter.com](http://www.sfwriter.com). You'll find 340,000 words, 270 documents, and 3,800 links there, including short stories and sample chapters.

*The Oxford Companion to Canadian Literature* calls Rob's site "the most elaborate and interesting of any created by a Canadian writer." And bestselling author **John Robert Colombo** declares, "It's not a home page — it's a mansion page!" ◆

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.sfwriter.com>. The main content area has a dark background with the text "Robert J. Sawyer Science-Fiction Writer" in white and yellow, followed by the URL "www.sfwriter.com" in green. Below this, it reads "The ROBERT J. SAWYER Web Site" and "340,000 words / 270 documents / 3,800 hypertext links". At the bottom, there are three small images: the cover of the book "Illegal Alien", the cover of "PaperShift", and a portrait of Robert J. Sawyer.