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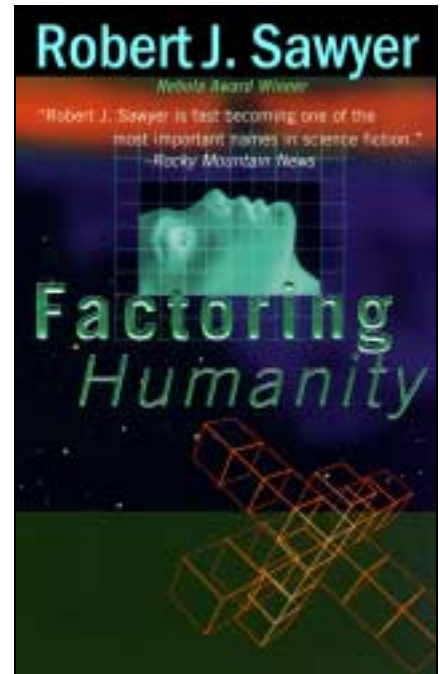
## Hugo Award Finalist!

**F**actoring *Humanity*, the tenth novel by acclaimed Toronto science-fiction writer **Robert J. Sawyer**, is one of five finalists for the 1999 Hugo Award for Best Novel of the Year.

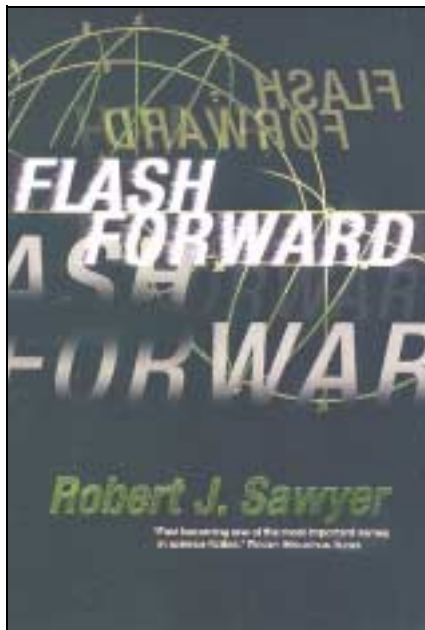
Presented annually since 1953, the Hugo Awards are the international "People's Choice" awards of the science-fiction field, nominated for and voted on by the members of the World Science Fiction Convention, which this year will be held in Melbourne, Australia, September 2-6. Rob will be in attendance.

This is Rob's fifth Hugo Award nomination. He was previously nominated for Best Novel of 1996 (for *The Terminal Experiment*, which won SFWA's Nebula Award), Best Novel of 1997 (for *Starplex*, also a Nebula finalist), and Best Novel of 1998 (for *Frameshift*); he was also a Hugo Award finalist for Best Short Story of 1998.

That makes Rob a member of a very exclusive club: only two other writers have ever had four consecutive best-novel Hugo nominations: **Robert Silverberg** and **Orson Scott Card**. ◆



## Flashforward Hardcover Now Out



**R**ob's eleventh novel, *Flashforward*, will be a June 1999 hardcover from Tor Books, New York. It will be in stores across North America by late May.

The novel deals with an experiment that goes awry at CERN, the European Centre for Particle Physics, causing the consciousness of every person in the world to jump ahead twenty-one years for a period of two minutes.

"I got the idea at a high-school reunion," says Rob. "The lives of so many of my friends had turned out completely differently from what they had expected. We were all

saying, 'If I'd only known then what I know now ...'"

In its starred review, *Publishers Weekly* called *Flashforward* "a first-rate philosophical journey; a terrific example of idea-driven SF that should have wide appeal." The novel has already won the *Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción*, Europe's most prestigious SF award, worth Cdn\$11,000 or US\$7,000.

World Fantasy Award-nominee **Terence M. Green** says, "If you want a vision bigger than yours, bigger than your neighbor's, read *Flashforward*, sit back in wonder and enjoy the ride." ◆

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# Factoring Humanity Paperback Now Out

**T**he Hugo Award-nominated novel *Factoring Humanity* by Nebula Award-winning author **Robert J. Sawyer** is now out in paperback (as a May 1999 release) from Tor Books, New York, after a very successful run in hardcover.

*Factoring Humanity* tells the story of Heather Davis, a psychology professor at the University of Toronto, who discovers a technology that allows people to journey into the collective unconscious.

*Booklist* says, "Sawyer gets high marks for working out extraordinary concepts in ordinary human terms. Heather's machine is a thing of great beauty, and her trip through our collective racial consciousness is an amazing cruise." *Analog*, the world's number-one bestselling SF magazine, says simply, "I loved it. May you also." And *New Scientist*, Britain's leading science-fact magazine, raves that "*Factoring Humanity* is Sawyer's finest novel to date — scientifically plausible, fictionally intriguing, and ethically important."

Tor's mass-market paperback of *Factoring Humanity* contains a teaser chapter from Rob's new hardcover, *Flashforward*. ◆

## Bookstore Alert

Bookstores! Do you have these Robert J. Sawyer titles in stock?

### LATEST HARDCOVER:

- *Flashforward* (Tor, June 1999, ISBN 0-312-86712-3). Starred PW review!

### LATEST PAPERBACKS:

- *Factoring Humanity* (Tor, May 1999, 0-812-57129-0). Hugo nominee!
- *Illegal Alien* (Ace, Jan. 1999, 0-441-00592-6). *Locus* bestseller!
- *Frameshift* (Tor, Nov. 1998, 0-812-57108-8). Hugo nominee!

### BACKLIST PAPERBACKS:

- *Starplex* (Ace, October 1996, 0-441-00372-9). Hugo and Nebula nominee!
- *The Terminal Experiment* (HarperPrism, May 1995, 0-061-05310-4). Nebula winner!

### CLASSIC REPRINT Coming Soon:

- *Golden Fleece* (Tor trade pb, Nov. 1999, 0-312-86865-0). Aurora winner!

## Year's Best

**S**eeing a Rob Sawyer novel on a list of the year's best science fiction is nothing new. But *The Ottawa Citizen*, the largest-circulation newspaper in Canada's capital city, included Rob's *Factoring Humanity* on its list of 1998's top nine works of fiction of any type. The list appeared in the November 29, 1998, edition.

*Factoring Humanity* was the only genre-fiction title on the list. Other titles included *Lambs of God* by **Marele Day**, *The Love of a Good Woman* by **Alice Munro**, and *Archangel* by **Robert Harris**. ◆

## ChaptersGLOBE.com

**R**ob will be hosting the Writers' Studio on ChaptersGLOBE.com, Canada's principal online bookstore, from Tuesday, May 25, to Tuesday, June 8, 1999. Rob's new hardcover *Flashforward* will be discounted and heavily promoted during this period, and his books *Factoring Humanity*, *Illegal Alien*, *Frameshift*, and *Starplex* will be featured, as well.

Rob will be chatting daily about the art and craft of writing science fiction. He has previously taught SF writing at the University of Toronto and Ryerson Polytechnic University, and his popular "On Writing" column appears in each issue of *Altair* magazine.

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