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"Just about the best science-fiction writer out there these days" - *Rocky Mountain News*

Rob Sawyer Wins Two Aurora Awards!



Rob holds his two Aurora trophies. Next to him are fellow winners Larry Stewart (artistic achievement), Joël Champetier (French editing), and Don Hutchison (English editing).

At this year's Canadian National Science Fiction Convention, **Robert J. Sawyer** pulled off a rare double win, taking home the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Awards ("the Auroras") for both best English novel of the year *and* best English short story of the year.

The novel win was for Rob's *Flashforward*, which had previously won Spain's top SF award, the Cdn\$10,000 *Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción*. The *Flashforward* paperback was released in April 2000, debuting

at #5 on the bestsellers list in the science-fiction trade journal *Locus*.

The short-story win was for "**Stream of Consciousness**," first published in the anthology *Packing Fraction* (Trifolium Books).

This was the 20th year Aurora Awards have been presented. Rob holds the record for most wins by an English-language author, with seven Auroras to date (four for best novel and three for best short story); no other English author has won more than two Auroras. ♦

Calculating God a Canadian Bestseller!

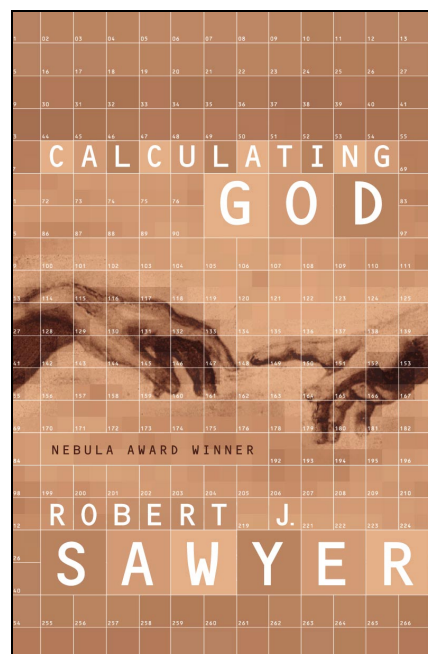
The Maclean's Fiction Bestsellers List

July 31, 2000

1. *Anil's Ghost*, Michael Ondaatje
2. *Omerta*, Mario Puzo
3. *The Forest*, Edward Rutherfurd
4. *The House on Hope Street*, Danielle Steel
5. *No Great Mischief*, Alistair MacLeod
6. *Before I Say Good-Bye*, Mary Higgins Clark
7. *Calculating God*, Robert J. Sawyer
8. *When We Were Orphans*, Kazuo Ishiguro
9. *The Hero's Walk*, Anita Rau Badami
10. *The Brethren*, John Grisham

Rob's twelfth novel, *Calculating God*, is a national bestseller in Canada, appearing on the fiction bestsellers lists in both *Maclean's: Canada's Weekly Newsmagazine* and *The Globe and Mail: Canada's National Newspaper*.

Calculating God was #7 on the *Maclean's* list for July 31; #9 for August 7; and #10 for August 14. In addition, it was #8 on *The Globe's* list for July 29. The *Maclean's* list is also used by the Canadian Press wire service, and appears in many Canadian newspapers, including *The Kingston Whig-Standard* and *The Ottawa Citizen*. ♦



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Rob on TV

Rob has appeared on many TV programs recently, including CNBC's *Rivera Live* with **Geraldo Rivera**, on CBS and PBS affiliates in New York state, and on Canada's *Michael Coren Live*, *Canada AM*, and *Bynon*. ♦

Bookstore Alert

Do you have all these in-print Robert J. Sawyer titles in stock?

LATEST HARDCOVER:

- *Calculating God* (Tor, June 2000, 0-312-86713-1). Canadian bestseller!

LATEST TRADE PAPERBACK:

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

MASS-MARKET PAPERBACKS:

- *Flashforward* (Tor, April 2000, 0-812-58034-6). *Locus* bestseller!
- *Factoring Humanity* (Tor, May 1999, 0-812-57129-0). Hugo nominee!
- *Illegal Alien* (Ace, Jan. 1999, 0-441-00592-6). *Locus* bestseller!
- *Frameshift* (Tor, November 1998, 0-812-57108-8). Hugo nominee!
- *Starplex* (Ace, October 1996, 0-441-00372-9). Hugo & Nebula nominee!
- *The Terminal Experiment* (HarperPrism, May 1995, 0-061-05310-4). Nebula winner!

Seven New Short Stories

There will be five hard-SF stories by Rob published this year. "The Shoulders of Giants" is the lead story in the anthology *Star Colonies*, edited by Martin H. Greenberg & John Helfers (DAW, June). "The Abdication of Pope Mary III" is in the July 6 issue of the British science-journal *Nature*. "Iterations" will be in Canada's *TransVersions* anthology (Sept.). "Star Light, Star Bright" will be in *Far Frontiers*, Greenberg

& Larry Segriff, eds. (DAW, Sept.). And "Wiping Out" will be in *Guardsmen of Tomorrow*, also edited by Greenberg & Segriff (DAW, November).

On the horror front, look for "Fallen Angel" in *Strange Attraction*, edited by Ed Kramer (ShadowLands Press, June), and "Last But Not Least" in *Be Afraid!*, edited by Edo van Belkom (Tundra Books, September). ♦

Rave Reviews for *Calculating God*

Booklist: "Exciting and emotional. Sawyer smoothly explores ethical questions in a highly absorbing tale."

Denver Rocky Mountain News: "For fiction to be called literature, the story should stay with readers and keep them thinking about it long after the book has been put away. It is safe to say that Sawyer has accomplished both with *Calculating God*."

Edmonton Journal: "A fine read, an intellectual thriller with real bite."

Locus: "A provocative examination of religion, science, and cosmic disaster."

Publishers Weekly: "Spectacular; this is unusually thoughtful SF!"

The Globe and Mail: "For those who like to ponder the roles of science and religion, it is a delicious summer read."

Halifax Chronicle-Herald: "Settle down with this novel and discover that, in the right hands, some science fiction can be literature."

Library Journal: "A thought-provoking, sobering, yet wryly compassionate tale of one man's discovery of timelessness even as his own time is running out."

Victoria Times Colonist: "Ambitious, captivating, and extremely funny."

Tom Harpur in The Toronto Star: "An action-packed yet highly philosophical, theological and ethical story; a wonderful dialogue over the God question and over right, wrong and the purpose of life. Guaranteed to expand the mind." ♦