WORLD FANTASY NOMINEES

Nominees include:

**Novel**
- The Facts of Life by Graham Joyce
- Fitcher’s Brides by Gregory Frost
- Ombria in Shadow by Patricia McKillip
- The Portrait of Mrs Charbuque by Jeffrey Ford
- The Scar by China Miéville

**Novella**
- Coraline by Neil Gaiman
- The Least Trumps by Elizabeth Hand
- The Library by Zoran Zivkovic
- Seven Wild Sisters by Charles de Lint
- A Year in the Linear City by Paul Di Filippo

**Short Story**
- Creation by Jeffrey Ford
- The Essayist in the Wilderness by William Browning Spencer
- Little Dead Girl Singing by Stephen Gallagher
- October in the Chair by Neil Gaiman
- The Weight of Words by Jeffrey Ford

**Anthology**
- The American Fantasy Tradition edited by Brian Thomsen
- Conjunctions 39: The New Wave Fabulists edited by Peter Straub
- The Green Man: Tales from the Mythic Forest edited by Ellen Datlow & Terri Windling
- Leviathan 3 edited by Jeff VanderMeer and Forrest Aguirre
- The Year’s Best Fantasy & Horror: Fifteenth Annual Collection edited by Ellen Datlow & Terri Windling

**Collection**
- City of Saints and Madmen by Jeff VanderMeer
- The Fantasy Writer’s Assistant and Other Stories by Jeffrey Ford
- Figures in Rain by Chet Williamson
- The Ogre’s Wife by Richard Parks
- Waifs and Strays by Charles de Lint
- Water: Tales of Elemental Spirits by Robin McKinley and Peter Dickinson

MYTHOPOEIC AWARD WINNERS

A full list of winners follows.

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- Ombria in Shadow by Patricia McKillip

**Fantasy Award for Children’s Literature**
- Summerland by Michael Chabon

**Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies**
- Beowulf and the Critics by J R R Tolkien edited by Michael Drout

**Scholarship Award in General Myth and Fantasy Studies**
- Fairytale in the Ancient World by Graham Anderson

COMING SOON...

- Paladin of Souls (sequel to Curse of Chalion) by Lois McMaster Bujold (Hb due Oct)
- The Crystal City (Alvin Maker #6) by Orson Scott Card (Hb due Nov)
- Pandora’s Star by Peter Hamilton (Hb due Feb 04)
- Fool’s Fate (Tawny Man #3) by Robin Hobb (Hb due Oct)
- Ringworld’s Children by Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle (Hb Due Mar 04)
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Richard Bradley and his family live on the edge of Ryhope Wood. One night he and his young son Alex encounter James Keeton, who with his daughter Tallis has been missing for many months, presumed dead. Keeton says that he has been in Ryhope Wood searching for Tallis. He believes he has been gone for a few days, but it has in fact been over a year. He has brought back a wooden mask through which he says he can see and communicate with his daughter. He says that she is now older than her father; that time must move differently inside the wood. Alex looks through the mask and is thrown across the room by a bizarre presence. When he awakens, his personality is gone, his body an empty shell. His body is later discovered at the edge of the wood.

Richard is heartbroken and goes to London, but is drawn back to the wood as mysterious events start to unfold. He meets a team of scientists living and working there who tell him that the mythic history of Britain exists here as Mythagos, living embodiments of forces created through our mythology. The deeper one goes into the wood, the more primal the heroic version encountered will be. They have discovered several Hollowings, gateways to other times and myth worlds. The scientists also tell Richard that Alex is still alive, trapped in Ryhope Wood and that his childlike interpretation of the myths that he has grown up with is breeding strange, wild beings...

The concept here is fantastic. A country's mythology living on in the land and the race memory of a people is rich source material and Holdstock uses it brilliantly. The imagery of Jason and the Argonauts existing in the same space as Gawain and other myths from different times is fine by itself, but entwine with this the fact that these myths are twisted, primal characters, not the heroic versions we have grown up with in fairtales, makes for unexpected events. In essence, the creation of new myths from old, which is what these books are partly about in the first place.

This is the third book in the Mythago Wood sequence, following Mythago Wood (Pb $17.95), which won the World Fantasy Award and Lavondyss (Pb $18.95). Gate of Ivory, Gate of Horn (Pb $17.95) also forms part of this series. Although these novels can be read individually, they do follow and reference each other. Highly recommended and an important contribution to the fantasy field and modern day myth in particular.

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**Carla Jablonski (Created by Neil Gaiman)**

I've never been much of a comic reader, but have only heard amazing things about the Books of Magic series over the years. Comparisons to Harry Potter are going to be made, but it has to be said that these stories predate Harry by about 5 years. Timothy Hunter is a 13-year-old living in London. His mum has recently died and his dad has retreated into his own world, rarely making sense or taking much notice of Timothy. One day Timothy is approached by four strangers who tell him he has the potential to be the greatest magician ever. Each gentleman takes him on a voyage, into his future, into the realm of Faerie, to the beginning of time and through the present day. There are those who don't want Timothy to fulfill his potential, and attempts are made on his life.

In Bindings, Timothy is asked to help save Faerie (which has been slowing dying for some time) by Tamlin. Tamlin invokes the wrath of Queen Titania, who has refused to see what has been happening to her land over time. Timothy is captured by a mythical beast of faerie and has to best it to save the land. He has a brush with Death (who is a very cool Goth chick) and learns some interesting (and a little saddening) information about his past.

Having read and loved these, I now understand the kerfuffle over Keanu Reeves playing Constantine in the upcoming movie. I think Sting or David Bowie would be perfect. Maybe even James Marsters. These are lovely stories, for adults and young adults alike. Timothy's struggle with his mother's death, his father's emotional and physical withdrawal and being at that age when you're not a child any more, yet you're not an adult either, was quite real. A couple of the four gentlemen are very tough sorts and didn't engender a lot of sympathy (not that they're supposed to, I guess), but I just loved Constantine. Some of the other characters were lovely as well, (Zatanna and Death and his owl Yo-Yo, who has much more character than Hedwig) spring to mind. Looking at reviews on the web, I think fans of the comic series might find these too abridged, but having not read them, I thought they were unreal. Even though these are a little darker than (particularly) the early Harry Potters, I think these will definitely appeal to young Harry fans.

- Stephanie 8/10
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CHRIS WOODING

THE WEAVERS OF SARAMYR

I recently finished this and was completely swept away by this amazing story. It is set in a world that is based on Japanese culture. Every powerful family in Saramyr has a Weaver, men who use the power of hideous masks to manipulate the Weaver. Through their magic these men have become indispensable to their masters and use their influence to destroy every Aberrant that is born within the Empire. Aberrants are evil, twisted beings with terrible powers, or so the Weavers claim. This is until it is discovered that the Empress’ only child is Aberrant. Despite the threat of a revolt, the Empress insists that her daughter will inherit the throne on her death and must defend her daughter from the machinations of the Weavers and assassination attempts.

Far away in the country, Kaiku is the only member of her family to escape an attack by strange demons, rescued by her strange handmaiden Asara. Her only clue, a Weaver’s mask, leads her to the conclusion that her father had discovered something that the Weavers did not want revealed. Kaiku vows revenge and, accompanied by Asara and a young acolyte named Tane, she sets off to punish the people who killed her family. Along the way Kaiku discovers that she is an Aberrant, with a power so deadly she is a threat to herself and everyone around her. She also learns that many Aberrants have escaped the notice of the Weavers and they want her to help them in their latest plan to stop the Weavers – rescue the Aberrant princess and ensure she lives to take the throne.

Wonderfully written, with great characters and plenty of plot twists, this is a series with a difference that no fantasy fan should miss. 9/ 10 - Sian
**Chris Wooding**
*T he Weavers of Saramy*:

The Braided Path #1. This is the story of an empire that rules over a land being overwhelmed by evil, an evil that comes from within the empire's centre, a sect of magicians close to the throne intent on killing any child born with magical powers. But now the empress has given birth to just such a child and revolution is brewing. Tp $29.95 375pp

**Jane Yolen and Vladimir Vagin**
*Flying Witch*:

Flying on her mortar and pestle, the witch with the long iron nose scours the countryside for plump young children to eat. But will she be a match for the feisty little girl she hopes to throw into her soup? Hb $38.00

**Ramsey Campbell**
*Scared Stiff: Tales of Sex and Death*:

The original publication of this collection almost created the sub-genre of erotic horror. Never had sex and death been so mesmerisingly entwined. Clive Barker, in his introduction, says, “One of the delightfully unsettling things about these tales is the way Ramsey's brooding, utterly unique vision renders an act so familiar to us all so fretful, so strange, so chilling. Sex... is the perfect stuff for the horror writer, and there can be few artists so skilled at the job as Ramsey Campbell.” Tp $36.00 239pp

**Simon Clark**
*Vampyrhic Rites*:

Lazarus Deep is a lake that sits like a blot of darkness in the valley. 18-year-old Dylan Adams is on the verge of leaving his hometown for a life in the city, but his plans are dramatically changed when his old school friend Luke Spencer goes missing. A search finds nothing. All anyone knows is that he was last seen at Lazarus Deep. Then, in the dead of night, Dylan's old friend comes calling. But he's not the same boy that everyone once knew. The desolate North Yorkshire Moors have held their secret for more than a thousand years. Now it is the turn of Lazarus Deep. Hb $59.95 504pp

**Christopher Golden**
*The Gathering Dark*:

A novel of the Shadow Saga. Peter Octavian, once a vampire, now a powerful mage, is the only man powerful enough to stop a supernatural Armageddon... Pb $17.95 373pp

**Stephen King**
*From a Buick 8*:

For 20 years the officers in Pennsylvania State Police Barracks have kept a secret in Shed 8. A vintage Buick which lures the troopers to come and take a look. Now young Ned Wilcox, son of the recently deceased officer Curt, has started hanging around the Barracks. One day, he can't resist peeking through the windows. And it's time to share the secret. So the veteran troopers sit Ned down on the smoking bench and tell him every skin-curdling detail - from the Buick's arrival to the terrifying lightshows, and what it sucks in and breathes out... for the Buick is a conduit to another world. Pb $19.95 467pp

**Tom Piccirilli**
*Choir of Ill Children*:

When Thomas's best friend, Drabs tries to pass on a warning of impending danger to Thomas, all Thomas learns is “The carnival is coming.” With the help of Maggie, The Granny Witches, and pieces of his past that he thought lost, Thomas must face the strange forces that are swirling towards the people and town that he loves. Hb $59.95 238pp

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Everyone wants to be good in bed... but what if it's the bed that makes you good? It's said the dead live on in our memories, but what if only the dead remember you? What if the most infernal dealmaker in creation visited Hollywood, where everyone's a dealmaker, to get a little help from his friends? In this collection the author forges horror's usual melodrama in favor of penetrating character studies and profound examinations of the human condition. Tp $55.00 202pp

**Chelsea Quinn Yarbro**
*Night Blooming*:

St Germain #15. At the forced invitation of 8th century Germanic king Karl-lo-Magne (Charlemagne), Hiermon Ragoczy de Santus Germainius, a man rumoured to have travelled to many far places, makes the dangerous journey to France. He is called to validate the authenticity of the king's newly purchased maps, but unbeknownst to Karl-lo-Magne, Ragoczy's knowledge stems from centuries of being chased from these countries, rather than travelling through them. Despite his longing for peace, he yields to Karl-lo-Magne. What he does not expect, though, is to meet the albino woman, Gynethe Mehaut, who shares his curse of solitude. Showing signs of stigma, she seeks peace from the church. But when she is taken to Rome, accusations of witchcraft fly, and she is left with a difficult choice-one that even Ragoczy cannot deny. Pb $17.95 655pp

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**T H Lain**
*The Sundered Arms*:

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Reynold Humphries
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COMIC BOOK MOVIES
David Hughes
Superman, Batman, Spider-Man, X-Men - the comic book movie has become one of the staples of the Hollywood studio. This book explores the landmarks among movie adaptations of comic books. As well as the many famous franchises covered by the book, a number of unusual, off-beat titles are featured including Manga classic Akira, The Crow, The Road to Perdition and Ghost World. There are also the famous flops, from Warren Beatty’s Dick Tracy to Sylvester Stallone’s Judge Dredd. Features chapters on over 20 films, including interviews with many of the key comic and film creators involved. Tp $39.95 296pp

DISNEY:
THE ULTIMATE VISUAL GUIDE
Russell Schroeder
Compiled with unlimited access to Disney’s archives, this guide charts the development of the company from its early days in the 1920s right into the 21st century. Focusing on the best-loved aspects of Disney - its animated feature films - the guide reveals how characters such as Mickey Mouse, Bambi and Dumbo were created and how classics such as Snow White and Cinderella were re-invented. Hb $45.00 128pp

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THE AMAZING LIFE OF STAN LEE
Stan Lee & George Mair
Stan Lee is the Marvel Comic genius who created Spider-Man, The X-Men and The Incredible Hulk among others and has been in the business for over 40 years. This memoir traces Lee’s life from growing up in New York, getting his first story published in a magazine, his first job as a gofer at Timely Comics (later to become Marvel Comics) where he worked with Jack Kirby and Joe Simon. He was made creative director aged 18 when they left, enlisted when the war broke out shortly after. Lee went back to comics after the war as the creative force behind Marvel, selling over two billion comics to young, and not so young, people all over the world. Tp $33.00 245pp

GEORGE LUCAS
Jim Smith
George Lucas is primarily known for his Star Wars film series and for having created the character of Indiana Jones. However, he was also an avant-garde maker of independent films such as THX·1138 and remains one of the greatest technical innovators the cinema has ever seen. This guide includes categories such as casting, alternative versions, recurring themes and concerns and expert witness, information on Lucas’s inspiration behind his films both directing and producing, and accounts of his other lesser-known early films. Tp $45.00 296pp

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HAMMER FILMS
John McCarty
An informed history of the company that put British horror on the map with such controversial thrillers as The Curse of Frankenstein and Dracula, this book takes an in-depth look at every film - from the cult favourites to the underrated gems. With in-depth profiles of the creative talent behind the Hammer style, plus a complete Hammer filmography and checklist of the best Hammer websites, this book is the ideal starting point for anyone interested in Hammer or the horror genre. Pb $10.95 96pp

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Jurgen Muller
In the era when mullets and shoulder pads were all the rage, moviegoers got their kicks from flicks as wide-ranging as Blade Runner, Indiana Jones, When Harry Met Sally and Blue Velvet. Without a doubt, sci-fi was the most important genre of the decade, with ET winning the hearts of millions while Aliens became the stuff of nightmares, and movies like Ghostbusters and Back to the Future fused comedy and sci-fi to the delight of audiences everywhere. Features cast and crew listings, box office figures, trivia, film stills, actor and director bios and an Academy Awards list. Tp $85.00 863pp
WHAT WE’VE BEEN READING...

The Truth by Terry Pratchett (Pb $19.95 444pp). The 25th Discworld novel takes place in Ankh-Morpork and concerns the introduction of printing presses with moveable-type, a daftly plotted usurp the Patrician and amusing, anatomically suggestive root vegetables. One of the strengths of the Discworld series has been the author’s ability to twist the genre of humorous fantasy in order to address contemporary issues. This instalment is no different, offering a light-hearted and insightful examination of tabloid journalism and investigative reporting. Throughout the course of the series, Pratchett has fleshed out dozens of hilarious citizens for the Disc’s largest metropolis and this has produced a vibrant, well-populated stable of re-worked stereotypes to interact with the protagonists of his urban adventures. The notable new additions to the Discworld’s ever-increasing dramatis personae include William de Worde, the Disc’s first journalist and Mr Pin and Mr Tulip - Pratchett’s Discworld re-interpretation of Quentin Tarantino’s gangsters from Pulp Fiction. - Raph

Death Masks (Harry Dresden #5) by Jim Butcher (Pb $17.95). Set at least a year after Summer Knight (Pb $19.95), this has the usual mystery, mayhem and sassy dialogue of the previous books. There are some cool (in the creepy, ugly sense) demons, a character death and the return of Susan, Harry’s semi-vampire ex-girlfriend. I absolutely loved this. - Steph

Break of Dark by Robert Westall (Pb $15.95). This is a collection of some of the author’s best short stories and includes two in particular that are personal favourites. They are Hitch-Hiker and Blackham’s Wimpey. I still remember reading Hitch Hiker as a teenager and having chills going up and down my spine. Blackham’s Wimpey is a story that is a bit more personal for the author as he flew in the RAF on bombers and based it on the old “legend” of the haunted Lancaster bomber story of that time, a wimpey being a vintage twin-engined bomber. All-in-all a great read that will appeal to lovers of macabre tales that have a sting in the tail. Great for any age from children to adult. - Stephen

The Relic (Pb $19.95) and its sequel Reliquary (Pb $21.95 ) by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child are guaranteed to give you sleepless nights! Everyone no doubt is familiar with the movie of The Relic, but do yourself a favour and do not judge these books by the film script. They are infinitely better, more detailed and far more shocking and riveting. In a nutshell, The Relic involves an ancient artefact, with a deadly secret, that has been brought to a New York Museum, and the deaths that follow. In the sequel, the original characters of the first book all return and there is more action below New York’s city streets and in the sewers where the relic’s guardians are once more stirring… - Stephen

The next instalment in the well written Terminator series, T2 Rising Storm by S M Stirling (Pb $17.95) is also now in paperback and it’s a ripper of a read. If you enjoyed either the films or reading Stirling’s work, I cannot recommend this highly enough. It starts where the first one (T2 Infiltrator) ended, with Sarah now a prisoner of the people who are about to help create Skynet, while Skynet is beginning to take its first steps towards its eventual destiny… Again above average writing, strong characters and a great story-line that leaves you dying for the finale, which is due in hardback before the year is out. - Stephen

COMPETITION

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