




A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

NPR did an in depth look at the some of best SF books in the last decade. A very well thought out list.
 I went to my first con since COVID. A brief report and pictures inside.
 See you next month.

NPR: Your 50 SF and Fantasy Books of the Past Decade
 This was a list composed by a panel of judges. The judges were Amal El-Mohtar, Ann Leckie, Tochi Onyebuchi, and Fonda Lee.


- *The Imperial Radch Trilogy* by Ann Leckie
- *The Dead Djinn Universe* (series) by P. Djéli Clarke
- *The Age of Madness Trilogy* by Joe Abercrombie
- *The Green Bone Saga* by Fonda Lee
- *The Expanse* (series) by James S.A. Corey
- *The Deavabad Trilogy* by S.A. Chakaborty
- *Teixcalaan* (series) by Arkady Martine
- *The Thessaly Trilogy* by Jo Walton
- *Shades of Magic Trilogy* by V.E. Schwab
- *The Divine Cities Trilogy* bu Robert Jackson Bennett
- *The Wormwood Trilogy* by Tade Thompson
- *Black Sun* (series) by Rebecca Roanhorse
- *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke
- *Circe* by Madeline Miller
- *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

- *The Paper Menagerie and Other Stories* by Ken Liu
- *Spinning Silver* by Naomi Novik
- *Exhalation: Stories* by Ted Chiang
- *Olondria* (series) by Sofia Samatar
- *Her Body and Other Parties: Stories* by Carmen Maria Machado
- *The Buried Giant* Kazuo Ishiguro
- *Radiance* by Catherine M. Valente
- *The Changeling* by Victor Lavalle
- *Wayfarers* (series) by Becky Chambers
- *Binti* (series) by Nnedi Okorafor
- *Lady Astronaut* (series) by Mary Robinette Kowal
- *Children of Time* (duology) by Adrian Tchaikovsky
- *Wayward Children* (series) by Seanan McGuire
- *The Space Between Worlds* by Micaiah Johnson
- *Black Leopard, Red Wolf* by Marlon James
- *Southern Reach* (series) by Jeff VanderMeer
- *The Echo Wife* by Sarah Gailey
- *The Locked Tomb* (series) by Tamsyn Muir
- *Remembrance of Earth's Past* (series) by Cixin Liu
- *Machineries of Empire* (series) by Yoon Ha Lee
- *The Broken Earth* (series) N.K. Jemisin
- *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel
- *This is How You Lose the Time War* by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone



Birthdays

Susan Cole - Sept. 3



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September OASFiS Calendar
OASFiS Business Meeting
 Sunday, September 12, 1:30PM Meeting on Zoom, contact Juan for details. Come as we discuss **The Parable of the Sower** by Octavia Butler

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 TBA. Check website and Facebook page.

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- **The Poppy War Trilogy** by R.F. Kuang
 - **The Masquerade** (series) by Seth Dickinson
 - **An Unkindness of Ghosts** by Rivers Solomon
 - **The Bird King** by G. Willow Wilson
 - **American War** by Omar El Akkad
 - **Riot Baby** by Tochi Onyebuchi
 - **On Fragile Waves** by E. Lily Yu
 - **The Goblin Emperor** by Katherine Addison
 - **Muderbot** (series) by Martha Wells
 - **The Inderdependency** (series) by John Scalzi
 - **The Martian** by Andy Weir
 - **Sorcerer to the Crown** by Zen Cho

Letters of Comment

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Dear OASFiSians:

Thank you for issue 402 of the Event Horizon, and I will try to write something of substance for you, but don't hold your breath. That's the way I have felt all summer.

A shame to find out that Ed Meskys passed away. I always responded to the zines he sent to me, and I was only able to see him at Worldcons as well. I remember several of his guide dogs he'd bring to the cons, and I remember one or two of them were more party animals (literally) than Ed was. I know you're not supposed to pet guide dogs, but Ed didn't mind, which is why we seemed to go through so many dogs. He will be missed by so many.

Also, my condolences to Adam-Troy Castro on the passing of wife Judy. As I get older, I find more friends are leaving us, and the pandemic only made things worse. It does hurt, and as we do get older, we realize that of those people who will pass away, we just might be among them, so keep living those days as much as you can.

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Any of these people can give readers information about the club and its functions. To be included in the list call Juan.

Megacon 2021

Megacon was moved from Memorial Day Weekend to August 12-15, 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The con issued a mask mandate that was enforced. Attendance seemed to be the same.

I had not attended Megacon for more than one day due to its conflict with the Orlando Fringe Festival. After seeing who was coming on the programming side, I decided to go on Fri-Sat. I bought tickets online, and it did help getting through registration a little faster. The big challenge at registration was activating the badge. One had to use their phone and go to the website and enter the numbers on the badge. It would have been easier if they had put QR print on the badge. One needed the badge activated to check in and out of the con space.

I did not go to any of the big guest Q&As this year. I decided to go to the following program items.

- **Robotech** Panel – Larry Furry discussed the history and future of the franchise that helped raise awareness of anime in North America in the 1980s.
- History of Mecha: 60s and 70s – The team from NoS Anime took a tour of anime that featured armored suits. This included **Tetsujin 28**, **Mazinger**, **Getter Robo**, and **Mobile Suit Gundam**.
- Tales of Terror with Guest Author Owl Goingback – Owl Goingback discussed his career and work and took questions. Byron from Phantasmagoria read some of Goingback's work.
- **Gundam Wing: A Retrospective**: NoS Anime looked back at this landmark series of the Gundam franchise which brought many fans into anime.
- Meet the Bronze Age Batgirl: Karen Whitfield – In the late 70s to the mid-80s, Karen Whitfield appeared as Batgirl at personal appearances with Adam West and Burt Ward. She discussed her time with the Dynamic Duo.
- Evangelion: You Can (Not) Reference – NoS Anime explained the meaning of the names of the

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Top: (Left to Right) Natasha Romanoff and Yelena Belova from the MCU film *Black Widow*, Captain Obi and Fire soldier from the anime *Fire Force*, Katsuki Bakugo from the anime *My Hero Academia*, Coraline from the Neil Gaiman novella and film of the same name, Hange Zoë from the anime *Attack on Titan*
 Bottom: V.I.N.C.E.N.T and 2 crew members of the *Palomino* from the film *The Black Hole*, Heihei from Disney animated film *Moana*



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Angels and other religious references in the mecha series *Neon Genesis Evangelion*.

- Gundam 101 – NoS Anime explained the basics of the Gundam series and recommended entry points for those new to Gundam.
- History of Mecha: 80s- The Japanese economic boom that led to more anime shows and Original Video Anime (OVA). This enabled the production of mecha anime like *Super Dimensional Fortress Macross* and *Votoms*. These shows left an enormous impact on mecha anime and the medium itself.
- Creating Worlds – OASIS participants William Hatfield, Jose Iriarte, and Elle E. Ire explain how to create the setting for one's story.

I also attended a tail gate party with artists Paul Vincenti, Mike Conrad, Stanley Morrison, and Graven Ravenwolf. The main reason to come was to see friends and talk about fannish things and the con served that purpose well.

Next year I might investigate doing some programming if the timing is right..

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Agreed.

My letter of comment... just so you know, I did the final edit of the fourth and final *Captain Future* book by Allen Steele, and just found out the other day, the newest issue of *Amazing Stories*, Volume 77, No. 3, the All-Canadian issue, is now available for order from the *Amazing Stories* website. Once you're on the *Amazing Stories* website, you can see Steve Davidson's plans for the magazine, and why he is forced to make those plans.

Good to hear about Amazing Stories.

It's already a hot day, and thunderstorms are on the way, so I will get this ready to go. Thanks again for the issues sent, and please don't stop sending them.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.

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Top: (Left to Right) NoS Anime discussing the History of Mecha, Byron of Phantasmagoria and Owl Goingback
Bottom: Elle Ire, Jose Iriarte, and Bill Hatfield



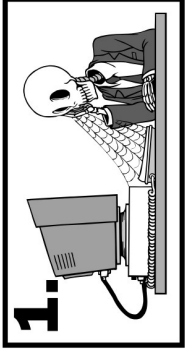
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Top: (Left to Right) Temura Shigaraki and Ochaco Uraraka from the anime *My Hero Academia*, Evelyn Carnahan from *The Mummy* (1999), Commander Levi Ackerman from the anime *Attack on Titan*, Beekers from the Muppets, Sylvie, a Loki variant from the series *Loki*
Bottom: Eri from the anime *My Hero Academia*, the Martians from *Sesame Street*, Cylon Centurion from *Battlestar Galactica*, Falcon from Marvel Comics



There are two ways to be a science fiction and fantasy fan in Florida.



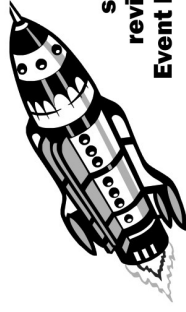
1. Read about the exciting fan activities other people are doing.



2. Start doing exciting things yourself, and meet new friends "in the flesh" with OASFIS!

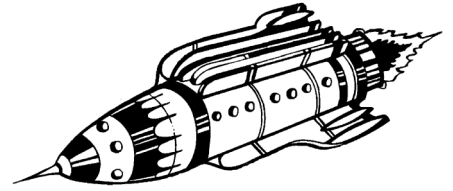


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Besides monthly meetings and our OASIS conventions, read about our special events and activities on our web site! Members can contribute articles, reviews and original fiction to our magazine Event Horizon. We want to hear from you!

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