



**A WORD FROM THE EDITOR**

Wow. We all went for a scary bit with Idalia. I hope the panhandle recovers as quickly as possible.  
 I am trying to get my Hugo reading done for the presentation at the meeting. Some great interesting stuff as always.  
 I have to set up my dealers table for Necronomicon. I also need to prepare for Douglas Adams panel there.  
 See you next month.

**Events**

**Fanboy Expo**

September 1-3  
 Hyatt Regency Orlando  
 9801 International Drive  
 Orlando, FL 32819  
 Guests: Kevin Eastman (co-creator Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles)

- Troy Denning
- Rob Paulsen (voice actor)
- Brian Tochi (actor)
- Melissa Gilbert (actor)
- Ian McDiarmind (The Emperor, )
- Warwick Davis (Wicket, *Star Wars*)
- Mickey Dolenz (The Monkees)
- John Rhys-Davies (Sallah, Indiana Jones)
- Mindy Cohn (actor)
- Chris Kattan (voice actor)
- Kaitlyn Robrock (voice actor)
- Sarah Douglas (Ursa, *Superman II*)
- Jack O'Halloran (Non, *Superman II*)
- and many more

\$75 for the weekend at the door  
[fanboyexpo.com](http://fanboyexpo.com)



**Birthdays**

**Susan Cole - Sept. 3**



**Daytona Beach Comic Con**

September 10-11  
 Tommy Lawrence Arena  
 3150 E. New York Avenue  
 Deland, FL 32724  
 \$15 for the weekend, \$10 each day  
[daytonabeachcomiccon.com](http://daytonabeachcomiccon.com)

**Ancient Comic Con**

September 15-17  
 World Golf Village  
 Renaissance St. Augustine Resort  
 500 South Legacy Trail  
 St. Augustine, Florida 32092  
 Guests: Jeffrey Combs (actor)  
 Armin Shimerman (Quark, *Star Trek:DS9*)  
 JG Hertzler (Martok *Star Trek:DS9*)  
 Vanessa Branch (actor)  
 Daryl Mitchell (actor)  
 Chuck Huber (voice actor)  
 Scott Innes (voice actor)  
 Adassa (voice actor/singer)  
 Jacob Hopkins (voice actor)  
 Steve Whitmire (Muppeteer)  
 And many more  
 \$49.37 for the weekend  
[www.ancientcitycon.com](http://www.ancientcitycon.com)

**Ocala Comic Con**

September 16-17  
 World Equestrian Center  
 Expo Center  
 1750 NW 80th Avenue  
 Ocala, FL 34482  
 Guests: Keith David (actor)  
 Sam Witwer (voice actor)  
 Luci Christian (voice actor)  
 Aaron Dismuke (voice actor)  
 Tina Ivlev (voice actor)  
 And many more  
 \$50 for the weekend  
[www.ocalacomicon.com](http://www.ocalacomicon.com)

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**September OASFiS Calendar****OASFiS Business Meeting**

Sunday, September 10, 1:30PM Jean Rhein Central Branch Library 215 N. Oxford Road Casselberry, Florida 32707. Meeting room will be on the first floor. It will also be on Zoom (please email Juan for info) Come join us as we discuss the Hugo Finalists

To contact for more info:  
OASFiS Business Meeting 407-823-8715

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**Fandom Kissimmee**

September 17  
Kissimmee Civic Center  
201 E. Dakin Avenue  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
Free  
Search online by name (site part of event site)

**Fantasm**

September 15-17  
Doubletree Hotel at Universal  
5780 Major Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32819  
Guests: Michael Horse (actor)  
Lou Wagner (actor)  
Samm Todd (actor)  
Isabelle Deluce (actor)  
Amelia Kinkade (actor)  
Linnea Quigley (actor)  
And many more  
\$51.50 for the weekend  
www.fantasmofficial.com

**SWFL Steamcon**

September 16  
German American Social Club  
2101 SW Pine Island Road  
Cape Coral, FL  
\$10 for the day  
www.swflsteamcon.com

**Necronomicon 42**

September 22-24  
Embassy Suites USF,  
3705 Spectrum Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33612  
Guests: Mark McLaughlin (GOH)  
Michael Sheehan Jr.(GOH)  
\$60 for the weekend  
necronomicontampa.org

**Hurricon 2023**

September 21-24  
Wyndham Orlando Resort & Conference Center  
3011 Maingate Lane,  
Kissimmee, FL 34747  
Gaming  
tabletop.events/conventions/hmgs-south-hurricon-2023

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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.

**CEOtaku 7**

September 22-24  
Wyndham Orlando Resort  
8001 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819  
Gaming  
\$85 standard, \$60 Spectator

**Pensacola Para Con**

September 23-24  
Pensacola Interstate Fair Expo Hall  
6655 Mobile Hwy  
Pensacola, FL 32526  
Guest: Shaun S. Fitzgerald  
Debra Glass  
Shane Ahalt  
and many more  
\$10 per day  
www.pensacolaparacon.com

**QuestCon**

September 29-October 1  
Doubletree Hotel at Universal  
5780 Major Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32819  
Gaming  
\$60 for the weekend  
www.questconorlando.com

**Anime St. Pete**

September 30-October 1  
The Coliseum  
535 4th Ave N,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
Guests: Mela Lee (voice actor)  
Nicholas Roye (voice actor)  
Anairis Quinones (voice actor)  
And many more  
\$40 for the weekend  
animestpete.floridacomicon.com

Hugo Finalists—Best Novella

**The Mirror Mended** by Alix E. Harrow – Zinna Gray continues to help other versions of Sleeping Beauty. Along the way she comes into a world of Snow White and meets the Queen. Can Zinna help the Queen stop being evil? Does the Queen want that? An interesting take on another Disney-fied fairy tale.

**What Moves the Dead** by T. Kingfisher – A retelling of “Fall of the House of Usher” but with explanation to Madeline’s illness. This is told from point of view a soldier friend of Roderick Usher. The clues to Madeline’s problems are in full view. This is an alternate universe SF story. The explanation is plausible and we get the same ending. This was a good SF Mystery.

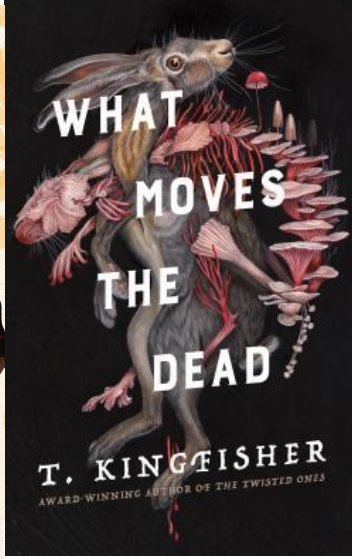
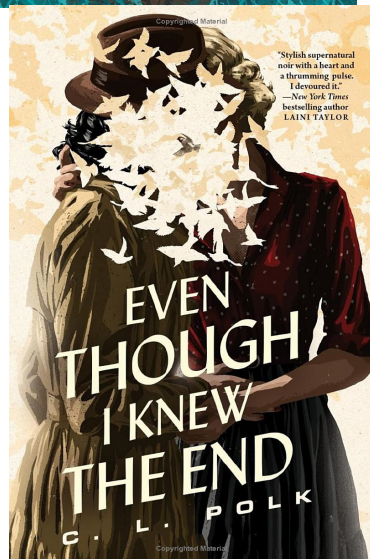
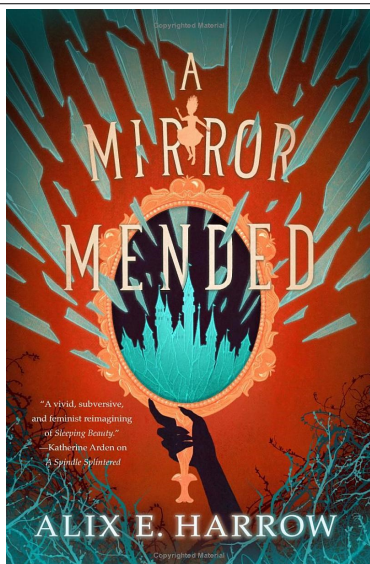
**Where the Drowned Girls Go** by Seanan McGuire – Cora was mermaid in the world she went to. She still hears forces from that world coming after her. She does not think Eleanor West’s School for Wayward Children can help her so she transfers to Whitethorn Institute. The Whitethorn Institute drives the memories of the other worlds forcibly to help the children readjust to the world we all know. Will this help Cora? Is there another agenda at Whitethorn? Another excellent installment to this award winning series. Whitethorn is a scary alternative to

Elanor’s methods. It may work for some but it may hurt others.

**Even Though I Know the End** by C.L. Polk—Helen “Elena” Brandt is a paranormal investigator in 1930s Chicago. She gets an offer by Marlowe, a very powerful demon, to find a serial killer. Marlowe makes an offer Brandt cannot refuse. The search for the serial killer is part of something bigger. Can Brandt navigate through this conflict and attain her prize? This feels like a Noir story with some interesting twists. This is a great Fantasy Mystery.

**Ogres** by Adrian Tchaikovsky – The world is run by Ogres, beings bigger than humans. Human live under their control. A human rebels against the Ogres. He escapes his village and goes on a journey where he will discover the secret of their world. This has a great idea and it is turned on its end.

**Into the Riverlands** by Nghi Vo—Wandering cleric Chih and his parrot Almost Brilliant go to a journey to Betany Docks. They are accompanied by a pair of young women and an older couple. They face challenges in their trip. The group exchanges stories from their homelands. This feels like *Cantebury Tales* or *Hyperion*. This is the third story in *The Singing Hills Cycle*. This does not require much knowledge of the other books.



## Letters of Comment

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August 17, 2023

Dear OASFiSians:

Two more Event Horizons are here, the July and August issues, 425 and 426. I am slowly catching up, so here goes with just two issues...

425...Once again, so many cons. My own interest is mostly literary, but a variety of interests is a good thing. My own work with *Amazing Stories* keeps me mostly literary these days. There are a few voice actors I'd like to meet, like Maurice LaMarche, who is originally from Toronto.

*I did not know about Maurice Le Marche. Maybe the Brain should have tried to take over Canada first, then the world.*

Anime Festival Orlando had a drag performer as a guest? I don't see many political stories online, but I thought performances by drag performers was against state laws. They are everyday occurrences here, but I had to wonder.

*Its complicated. I don't think the writers of these laws knows what they mean. I think everyone in the audience had to be over the age 18. Then again we are not fond of our governor in Orange County.*

My letter of comment...we set sales records for ourselves again

at Anime North at our table, and the Vendors' Hall was quite the success. Two other conventions this past spring, Forest City Comic Con and Pretty Heroes brought us back down to earth with minimal sales, and all of those were our last shows until November. It may get to the point where Anime North will be the only show we would need to go to for our sales.

426...We weren't at the Winnipeg NASFiC. To get to Winnipeg from where you live, you probably paid less for your ticket, much less than we would have paid for to get to Winnipeg from Toronto. It is exorbitantly expensive to fly anywhere in Canada. However, 2024 will be different. We intend to go to the 2024 NASFiC in Buffalo, and also the 2024 World Fantasy Convention in Niagara Falls, New York, and both are just a major highway away from us.

*Travelling in the states is usually reasonable thanks to Southwest. I waited a too long so the trip up was a bit complicated (2 stops) and I thought pricey. If all goes well I will go to both Buffalo and Glasgow.*

Saw the Hugo nominee lists...Wil Wheaton is a Hugo nominee! Whodathunkit? Well, I guess he didn't. I should pick up a copy of his annotated memoir, and have a look at it.

*Wil is a sincere fan and is a good host for the official Trek talk show The Ready Room.*

Many thanks for these, and please do send me some more.

Yours, Lloyd Penney.



Robert "Ozzie" Osband

My favorite memory with Ozzie is tied to the last shuttle launch. After hearing there was good weather for the day, I decided to ride my bike 30 miles to the coast and watch the launch. I made it to Space View Park. Ozzie was there. He was using a hand held radio tuned to a NASA frequency. He would give us the latest announcements on the launch. It was nice spending a historical moment with him.

Ozzie was very helpful at OASIS. He attended a few Worldcons. He attended local cons and events.

Ozzie loved the space program and saw launches since 1975. He said launches never got old. Ozzie campaign to get 321 to be the area code for the space coast.

He was a Space Cadet.

## Hugo Finalists—Best Novel

**Legends and Lattes** by Travis Baldree – Viv, an Orc adventurer, decides to retire and startup a coffee shop. She finds friends to help with this new business. However there are forces which may want her to fail. This is the post quest story and it is great one.

**Nettle and Bone** by T. Kingfisher – Marra is the third daughter of royal family of small kingdom. Her older sister dies during her marriage to prince to a neighboring kingdom. Her other sister has to marry the prince and is endanger. She decides to save her sister. She learns skills she needs and makes allies to help her. Can she succeed? This is a great fantasy story. Marra is a great character. She sees a problems and figures out what she needs to solve it.

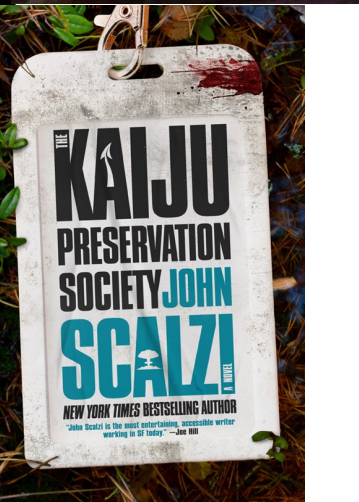
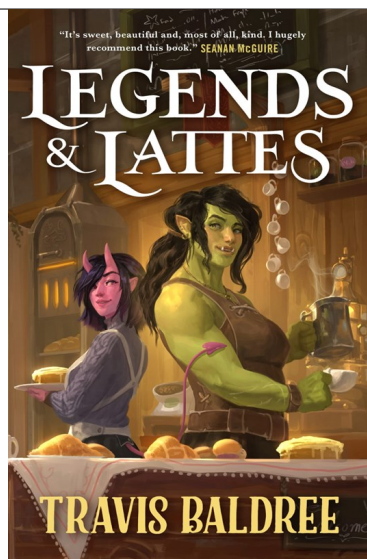
**The Spare Man** by Mary Robinette Kowal – Simply this is *The Thin Man* in space. Tesla Crane, her husband Shal Steward, and their dog Gimlet go on a honeymoon cruise to Mars from the Moon. Unfortunately there is a murder and Shal is the prime suspect. Can Tesla find the true culprit. The book does what it says giving some smart protagonists and an challenging problem. Lets hope there is more books in the series.

**The Daughter of Doctor Moreau** by Silvia Moreno-Garcia—A retelling of *The Island of Doctor Moreau* set on the Yucatan peninsula (which was once thought to be an island). In 1871,

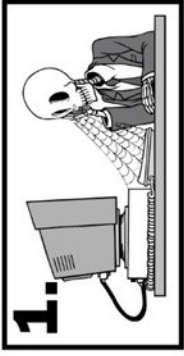
Doctor Moreau is researching to perfect humans by creating human-animal hybrids. He is assisted by his daughter Carlota. Moreau's patron Hernando Lizalde hires Montgomery Laughton to run Yaxaktun, the estate where Moreau does his research. Lizalde hopes Moreau to create a new workforce to replace rebellious native peoples. As time goes on Moreau's research has mixed results and Carlota grows into an intelligent and beautiful woman. What will happen if Lizalde pulls his support of the research? The story is told from the point of view of Carlota and Montgomery. Carlota is learning her place in the world and what that might entail. Montgomery is dealing of his past and how they effect his present. A great take on a SF classic.

**Nona the Ninth** by Tamsyn Muir – Nona finds herself without her memory but she is taken in by kind people. Forces are moving that could threaten all. Can Nona figure out her own identity in time? This is a simplification of one of the most complex plots ever. The characters are great. The plot demands one's full concentration. One of the best series of all time. I may need a second reading.

**The Kaiju Preservation Society** by John Scalzi – Jamie Gray takes a job in another world to help scientists research Kaiju. A Kaiju and its eggs disappear and Jamie and his colleagues have to find out what happen. Great world building here with a lot of detail about Kaijus and their world. The novel also covers our current fears.



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



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



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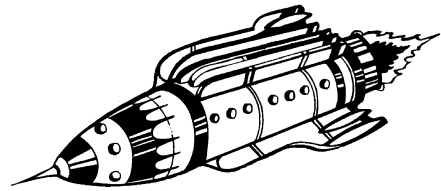
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