



ROBERT J. SAWYER

THE DOWNLOADED

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“Robert J. Sawyer’s latest novel is a potent distillation of everything that makes science fiction so addictive. *The Downloaded* explores a broad swath of future history and absolutely sizzles with fascinating ideas. You want space travel, a ruined Earth, virtual worlds, a cast of relatable characters, and a glimpse into the labyrinth of human destiny? Look no further: this story has all that and more.”

—Robert Charles Wilson, Hugo Award-winning author of *Spin*

“In *The Downloaded*, Robert J. Sawyer proves he’s not just a master of using science fiction to address social issues but also a master of devious plot twists and diverse character voices.”

—James Alan Gardner, Theodore Sturgeon Award-winning author of *Expendable*

“No one does the end of the world quite like Robert J. Sawyer. *The Downloaded* is a wicked-smart thrill ride from start to finish. The interview format brings genuine intimacy to this action-packed story that also raises questions about consciousness, society, and the very nature of humanity. I loved it.”

—Sylvain Neuvel, bestselling author of *Sleeping Giants*

“Robert J. Sawyer is well known for big-concept original SF and rigorous research. While *The Downloaded* continues in this vein, it’s also a wonderful demonstration of another aspect of this impressive author: his deep understanding of—and compassion for—people, regardless of who or what they are, or even what they have done. It’s a rare and potent humanity that elevates Sawyer’s work high above the rest.”

—Julie E. Czerneda, Aurora Award-winning author of *To Each This World*

“One of the best SF novels I’ve read in years. *The Downloaded* is a tightly-written SF story that will hold your attention, but it’s more than just that. Sawyer has given us an advance look at a technology that we may have someday if we’re fortunate, but also a near-future world that we may get, too, and God help us if we do. The juxtaposition of the two makes this a fascinating tale.”

—Allen Steele, Hugo Award-winning author of *Coyote*

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