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Golden Fleece is Back!

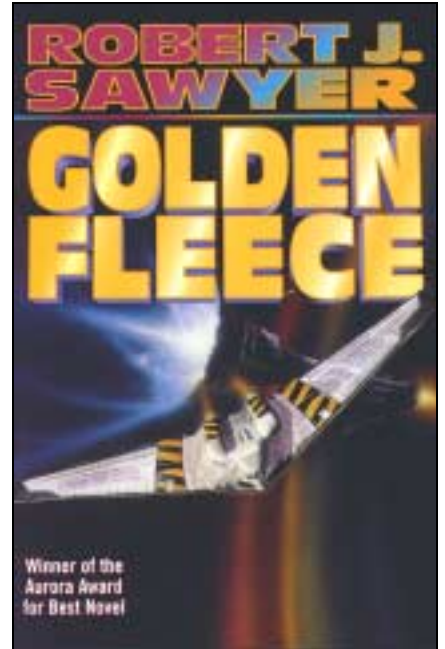
Tor Books, New York, the world's largest publisher of science fiction, has reissued **Robert J. Sawyer's** first novel, *Golden Fleece*, in trade paperback. Long out of print and much sought after by collectors, the book was originally published by Warner in 1990.

Golden Fleece, an SF/mystery crossover, is told entirely from the point of view of an intelligent computer named JASON.

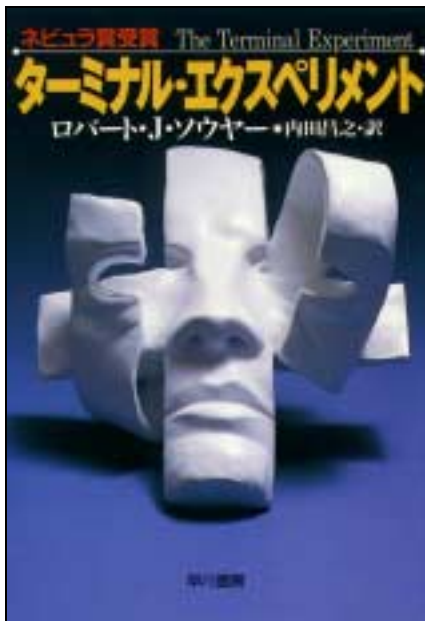
The book was named best SF novel of 1990 by **Orson Scott Card**

writing in *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*.

Said Card: "Sawyer's JASON is the deepest computer character in all of science fiction. And his Aaron is one of the most well-drawn, fallible, *human* detectives I've encountered in mystery fiction — in a league with Ruth Rendell's Inspector Wexford. How good is *Golden Fleece*? A friend of mine — an English professor — used to ask, whenever he saw me, 'Why are you still writing that spaceship stuff?' Now I can answer. Because *this* is possible." ♦



Rob's Novels Published Worldwide



Translation rights to Rob's books continue to sell all over the world. Recent sales include *Golden Fleece* to Italy, *Starplex* to both Bulgaria and France, *Frameshift* to both Japan and Germany, and *Factoring Humanity* to Bulgaria, France, Italy, and Poland. The Japanese edition of Rob's *The Terminal Experiment* is shown at left.

Meanwhile, on December 1, 1999, Rob will give the keynote address in Barcelona, Spain, at the awards ceremony for the *Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción* (Europe's top SF award, which Rob himself has won twice in the past). ♦

Recent Bestsellers Lists

- *Factoring Humanity* hit **NUMBER ONE** on the hardcover bestsellers list (combined fiction and nonfiction) published in the March 7, 1999, *Palm Beach Daily News*, as provided by Florida's Classic Bookshop.
- For June 18-24, 1999, *Flashforward* was #8 on the hardcover fiction list at Toronto's **World's Biggest Bookstore**; for June 25-July 1, it was #10. Because of this, it was discounted 30% both weeks.
- *Illegal Alien* hit #9 on the bestsellers list for January 1999 published by the SF trade journal *Locus*.
- On June 19, 1999, *Flashforward* was ranked #93 in sales — cracking the famed **Hot 100** list — out of all the titles available on **Amazon.com**.

SFWRITER.COM is published occasionally to spotlight news about Nebula Award-winning Canadian science-fiction writer **Robert J. Sawyer**. You can send e-mail to Rob at sawyer@sfwriter.com, or write to him at: Robert J. Sawyer • P.O. Box 911 • Promenade P.O. • 1 Promenade Circle • Thornhill, ON, Canada • L4J 8G7

Maclean's features Rob



Bookstore Alert

Bookstores! Do you have these Robert J. Sawyer titles in stock?

LATEST HARDCOVER:

- **Flashforward** (Tor, June 1999, ISBN 0-312-86712-3). Starred PW review!

LATEST TRADE PAPERBACK:

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

MASS-MARKET PAPERBACKS:

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

The June 21, 1999, edition of **Maclean's: Canada's Weekly Newsmagazine** devoted almost two full pages to a profile of Robert J. Sawyer and his science fiction. The article says "Sawyer is the genre's northern star — in fact, one of the hottest SF writers anywhere. By any reckoning Sawyer is among the most successful Canadian authors ever." **Maclean's** has a circulation of 500,000, substantially outselling **Time** in Canada.

The article, by **Maclean's** books editor **Brian Bethune**, calls Rob's latest novel, **Flashforward**, "an intricate examination of fate and free will. The core of the novel turns on the consensus among most physicists that past, present and future all exist simultaneously. Sawyer's ingenious response to that conundrum and his deft handling of his characters' differing viewpoints make **Flashforward** a provoking read." And Rob's Hugo Award-nominated **Factoring Humanity** is labeled "a superb science-fiction story with considerable cross-over appeal."

Included with the article is a color photograph of Rob by **Sports Illustrated** photographer **Peter Sibbald**. ◆

Library of Congress & National Library of Canada

In November 1999, Rob will speak at both the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and the National Library of Canada, in Ottawa. On November 10, he gives a talk at the Library of Congress entitled "The Future is Already Here: Science Fiction in the 21st Century." And on November 15, Rob and acclaimed fantasy writer **Terry Brooks** will read at the National Library; Rob will be reading from **Flashforward**, which **CNN Online** calls "hugely entertaining" ◆