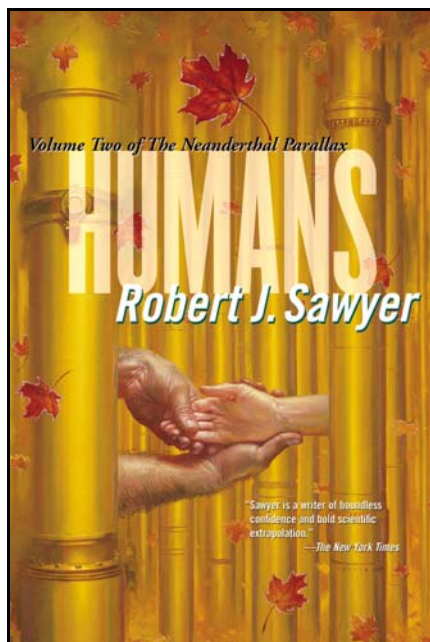


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News From The **ROBERT J. SAWYER** Web Site

"No reader seeking well-written stories that respect, emphasize and depend on modern science should be disappointed by the works of Robert J. Sawyer" — *THE WASHINGTON POST*



HUMANS Hardcover

The second volume in Robert J. Sawyer's acclaimed **Neanderthal Parallax** trilogy is the lead science-fiction hardcover for February 2003 from Tor Books, New York, the world's largest SF publisher.

Humans picks up the story immediately after the end of **Hominids**, volume one in the series, with Neanderthal quantum-physicist Ponter Boddit trying to reopen the portal between his universe and ours, in hopes of rejoining his beloved Mary Vaughan.

Humans features the same mixture of intimate character drama and big ideas that made the first volume such a success, while considerably upping the ante, putting the future of both versions of Earth at stake. Sawyer is already scheduled for numerous US and Canadian press interviews promoting the release.

Tor is issuing **Neanderthal Parallax** novels at an aggressive pace. **Hybrids**, the concluding volume, will be out in hardcover in September 2003 (seven months after **Humans**), launching at the World SF Convention in Toronto. ♦

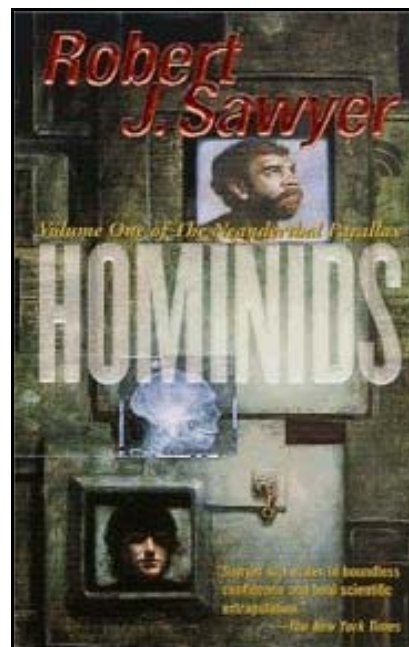
HOMINIDS Now Out in Paperback!

Upcoming Conferences

- Guest of Honor, **MidSouthCon 21**, Memphis, TN, March 28-30
- Guest of Honor, **Minicon 38**, Minneapolis, MN, April 18-20
- Guest of Honor, **Keycon 20**, Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 16-18
- Guest of Honor, **Oasis 16**, Orlando, FL, May 23-25
- Presenter, **ideaCity '03**, Toronto, Ontario, June 18-20
- Special Guest, **Con-Version 20**, Calgary, Alberta, August 15-17

Following a very successful run in hardcover, **Hominids**, the first volume of the **Neanderthal Parallax** trilogy, is now available throughout North America in a mass-market paperback edition from Tor.

Hominids spent three months on the hardcover bestsellers' list published by **Locus**, the trade journal of the science-fiction field. It was included on the "Year's Best" lists published by the **San Francisco Chronicle** and **Borders Books**, and is currently on the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America's Preliminary Nebula Award Ballot. ♦



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ROBERT J. SAWYER

Radio and Television Arts 1982

Robert Sawyer was still a Ryerson student when he sold his first science fiction story in 1979. He has since published more than a dozen science fiction novels, including *The Terminal Experiment*, which won the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America's Nebula Award for Best Novel of 1995. He has also won the top science fiction awards in Canada, France, Spain, and Japan. His novels *Starplex*, *Frameshift*, *Factoring Humanity*, and *Calculating God* were all finalists for the Hugo, science fiction's international people's choice award. "By any reckoning, Sawyer is among the most successful Canadian authors ever," says *Maclean's*.

Toronto's **Ryerson University** presented Robert J. Sawyer with its **Alumni Award of Distinction** in September 2002, "in recognition of a career marked by outstanding professional achievement and distinguished personal service in the community."

Rob is one of only 30 out of 100,000 Ryerson graduates so honored to date.

The silver plaque at left is on display in the lobby of Jorgenson Hall, Ryerson's main administrative building. ◆

Brin and McDevitt Praise *HUMANS*

"The biggest job of science fiction is to portray the Other; to help us imagine the strange and see the familiar in eerie new ways. Nobody explores this territory more boldly than Robert J. Sawyer." — **David Brin**, author of *Kiln People*

"Sawyer takes on guns, religious assumptions, automobiles, and even the Big Bang in this highly entertaining tale of a (more or less) rational Outsider. The chapter at the Vietnam Wall should be required reading for anyone who wishes to sit in the Oval Office." — **Jack McDevitt**, author of *Chindi* ◆

Bookstore Alert

Do you have all of these books by Robert J. Sawyer in stock?

HARDCOVERS:

- ❑ *Humans* (Tor, Feb. 2003, 0-312-87691-2). Rob's latest novel!
- ❑ *Iterations* (Quarry Press, Jan. 2002, 1-55082-295-0). Short Stories (available in Canada only).

MASS-MARKET PAPERBACKS:

- ❑ *Hominids* (Tor, Feb. 2003, 0-765-34500-5). Prequel to *Humans*!
- ❑ *Calculating God* (Tor, July 2001, 0-812-58035-4). Hugo nominee!
- ❑ *Flashforward* (Tor, April 2000, 0-812-58034-6). Locus bestseller!
- ❑ *Frameshift* (Tor, November 1998, 0-812-57108-8). Hugo nominee!
- ❑ *The Terminal Experiment* (Avon Eos, May 1995, 0-061-05310-4). Nebula winner!

TRADE PAPERBACKS:

- ❑ *End of an Era* (Tor, Sept. 2001, 0-312-87693-9). Seiun Award winner!
- ❑ *Golden Fleece* (Tor, Nov. 1999, 0-312-86865-0). Aurora winner!

Publishers Weekly Review of *HUMANS*

“In this solid sequel to *Hominids* (2002), the much-praised first volume in Sawyer's **Neanderthal Parallax** trilogy, which introduced an alternate Earth where for reasons unknown our species, *Homo sapiens*, went extinct and Neanderthals flourished, Neanderthal physicist Ponter Boddit brings Canadian geneticist Mary Vaughan back to his world to explore the near-utopian civilization of the Neanderthals. Boddit serves as a Candide figure, the naïve

visitor whose ignorance about our society makes him a perfect tool to analyze human tendencies toward violence, over-population and environmental degradation. The Neanderthals have developed a high artistic, ethical and scientific culture without ever inventing farming—they're still hunters and gatherers—and this allows the author to make some interesting and generally unrecognized points about the downside of the discovery of agriculture. Much of the novel is devoted to either the

discussion of ideas such as these or to Boddit and Vaughan's developing love affair. Sawyer keeps things moving by throwing in an attempted assassination, his protagonists' confrontation with a rapist and, on a larger scale, the growing danger of what appears to be the imminent reversal of Earth's magnetic field. As the middle volume in a trilogy, this book doesn't entirely stand on its own, but it is extremely well done. When complete, the **Neanderthal Parallax** should add significantly to Sawyer's reputation." ◆