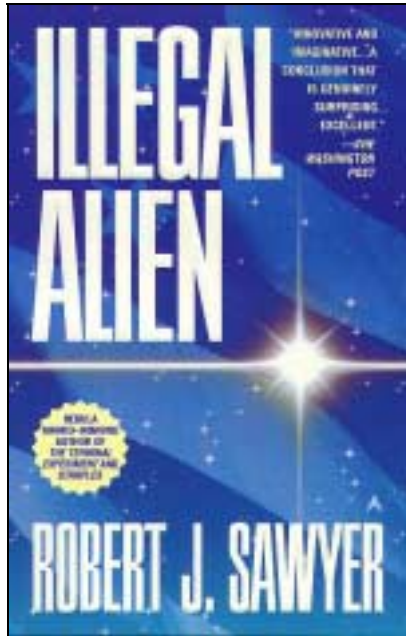


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## Illegal Alien Paperback In Stores



**R**obert J. Sawyer's ninth novel *Illegal Alien* is now out in paperback after a successful run in hardcover.

*Illegal Alien* is a courtroom drama with an extraterrestrial defendant. Film rights to the novel are under option by Toronto's Carbon-Based Productions; the first draft of the screenplay was completed in December 1998.

Reviews for *Illegal Alien* have been glowing. Canada's National Newspaper, *The Globe and Mail*, raved: "This is one fine courtroom drama; it puts Perry Mason and John Grisham to shame. Sawyer delves into all sorts of strange and

wonderful conflicts, including the war between science and belief, and just what God may or may not be. *Illegal Alien* is the best Canadian mystery of 1997."

And *The Washington Post* called *Illegal Alien* "innovative, imaginative, and pioneering — not just excellent sf but also excellent popular literature . . . a fast-paced, exciting book that shows the imaginative heights to which science-fiction writers can climb when they combine sf with something else."

*Illegal Alien* by **Robert J. Sawyer**. Ace Books, New York, January 1999; US\$5.99 / Cdn\$6.99 ISBN 0-441-00592-6.) ◆

## Europe's Top Award

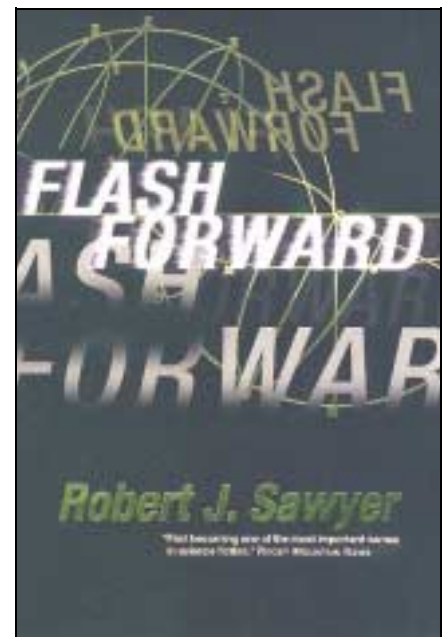
**F**or an astonishing second year in a row, Rob Sawyer has won the world's largest cash prize for science-fiction writing: the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya's *Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción*, worth one million pesetas (approximately Cdn\$11,000 or US\$7,000).

The *Premio UPC* is open to novella-length works in Spanish, Catalan, French, and English. British critic Brian Aldiss calls the *Premio UPC* "the most prestigious science fiction award in all of Europe."

Rob's 1998 winner was an excerpt from his forthcoming eleventh novel *Flashforward*, which will be published in hardcover by Tor Books, New York, in June 1999.

*Flashforward* deals with an experiment that goes awry at CERN, the European Centre for Particle Physics, causing the consciousness of everyone on Earth to jump ahead 21 years for a period of two minutes.

(*Flashforward* by **Robert J. Sawyer**. Tor Books, NY; June 1999; US\$23.95 / Cdn\$34.95; ISBN 0-312-86712-3.) ◆



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## Rob on Radio Across the United States

**R**obert J. Sawyer has been doing radio interviews all over the United States during the last few months, promoting the hardcover release of *Factoring Humanity*, which came out in June 1998, and the paperback version of *Frameshift*, which came out in November 1998.

Highlights included a full hour (along with Leonard Nimoy) on *Talk of the Nation's* "Science Friday" on **National Public Radio**, and an hour on *Talk Back* on the **Talk Radio Network**, plus two hours each on **KINN** in Alamogordo, New Mexico, and **WLVL** in Lewiston, New York; full hours on each of **KEYL** in Long Prairie, Minnesota, **KUKI** in Ukiah, California, and **KFH** in Wichita, Kansas; forty-five minutes on each of **WGY** in Albany, New York, **KFYR** in Bismark, North Dakota, and **WBAA** in East Lafayette, Indiana; and half-hour interviews on **KIXL** in Austin, Texas, **KPAY** in Chico, California, and **KSIM** in Sikeston, Missouri.

Rob's also been heard on **KSMA** in Santa Maria, California; **KILO** in Colorado Springs; **WXKB** in Estero, Florida; **WVLK** in Lexington, Kentucky; **WCHB** and **WQBH**, both in Detroit, Michigan; **KDAL** in Minneapolis, Minnesota; **WHTT** in Buffalo, New York; **KNEWS** in Portland, Oregon; **WKDR** in Burlington, Vermont; and many others. ◆

### ROB ON THE AIR

"I haven't had this much fun in a long time! Sawyer's a great guest whom we hope to have back many times."

— **Jon May**, WLVL-AM

"A pleasure to work with you. I look forward to the next time."

— **Annette Heist**, NPR

"A pleasure having you on the air! Your personality comes through via the microphone, and you have an infectious enthusiasm."

— **Peter Holder**, CJAD-AM

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## Science Fiction Chronicle Reader Award



**R**ob's short story "The Hand You're Dealt" has won the 17th-annual **Science Fiction Chronicle Reader Award** for best short story of the year. The winner was chosen by a vote of the readers of *Science Fiction Chronicle: The Science Fiction & Fantasy Newsmagazine*, a Hugo Award-winning magazine published in New York.

Previous best-short-story winners include such SF classics as "The Pusher" by John Varley, "Kirinyaga" by Mike Resnick, and "Bears Discover Fire" by Terry Bisson.

This wasn't the first honor for "The Hand You're Dealt." The story was also a finalist for the Hugo Award, the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award, and the Aurora Award, and it is currently on the preliminary Nebula Award ballot.

"The Hand You're Dealt" was commissioned for and first published in the anthology *Free Space*, edited by Brad Linaweaver and Edward E. Kramer, and published by Tor. It is reprinted in *Crossing the Line: Canadian Mysteries with a Fantastic Twist*, edited by Robert J. Sawyer and David Skene-Melvin (Pottersfield Press). The full text is on Rob's web page. ◆