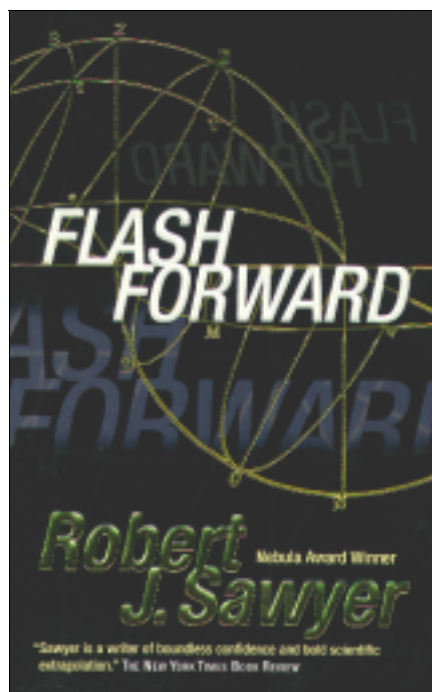


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News From The **ROBERT J. SAWYER** Web Site

"Widely believed to have been the first science-fiction author site." —*Reuters*



Flashforward Paperback

The mass-market paperback edition of **Robert J. Sawyer's** eleventh novel, **FLASHFORWARD**, is April's lead science-fiction title from Tor Books, New York, following its successful run in hardcover last year.

Flashforward tells of a physics experiment that goes awry, causing the consciousness of everyone on Earth to jump ahead twenty-one years for a period of two minutes.

The book is the first to make it to SFWA's 2000 preliminary Nebula Award ballot, and it was third on **Barnes and Noble's** list of 1999's best science fiction and fantasy.

Flashforward also won Europe's top SF award, the Cdn\$10,000 *Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción*.

In its starred review, denoting a book of exceptional merit, **Publishers Weekly** called the book "a creative, soul-searching exploration of fate, free will, and the nature of the universe," adding that "this first-rate, philosophical journey, a terrific example of idea-driven SF, should have wide appeal."

Meanwhile, **CNN** called the book "thoroughly entertaining, with characters to care about," and **Library Journal** said it's "fresh and startling." ♦

Next: Calculating God

Rob's twelfth novel, **CALCULATING GOD**, will be June's lead SF hardcover from Tor Books, the world's largest SF publisher.

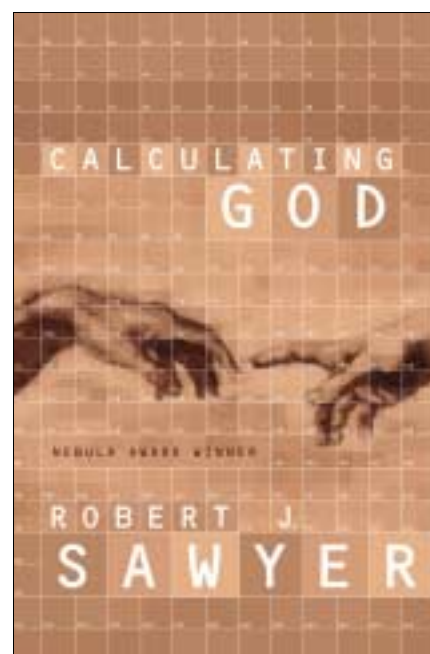
An alien scientist arrives at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum and asks to see a paleontologist. The extraterrestrial thinks that by examining the museum's fossils, she can prove the existence of God.

The paleontologist, Tom Jericho, is a lifelong atheist. But now that life is about to come to an end: decades of inhaling mineral dust have given

him terminal lung cancer. As he faces his mortality, will he waver in his convictions? **Calculating God** combines the intimately human and the grandly cosmic.

A **launch party** — open and free to the public — will be held Sunday June 25, from 2:00 to 4:00, at the Richmond Hill Central Library, Yonge Street just south of Major Mackenzie, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Rob will tour to Buffalo and Rochester, NY; Milford, NH; Boston; Montreal; Ottawa; Toronto; and Vancouver to promote the book. ♦



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Sawyer in Year's Best



The short story “**The Blue Planet**” by Robert J. Sawyer will be reprinted in **David Hartwell’s** anthology **YEAR’S BEST SF 5**, to be published in June by Avon Eos. This story, commissioned by *The Globe and Mail: Canada’s National Newspaper*, explains what really happened to the *Mars Polar Lander*, which disappeared December 3, 1999. *The Globe* gave Rob just twenty-four hours to write the story; it first appeared under the title “**Mars Reacts!**,” beginning on page one of section “R” of *The Globe’s* Saturday, December 11, 1999, edition. ◆

Writer in Residence

Rob will be **Writer in Residence** for the Richmond Hill Public Libraries for the months of April, May, and June. Part of Greater Toronto, Richmond Hill is Canada’s fastest-growing city. Rob will spend fourteen hours a week working

with local aspirant writers on developing their manuscripts; he will also lead public seminars at the library’s central branch. Rob’s residency is sponsored by the Canada Council for the Arts and the Richmond Hill Public Library Board. ◆

New Three-Book Deal!

In November 1999, Robert J. Sawyer contracted with Tor Books to write three new hardcover novels — his thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth books.

At the same time, Tor contracted for a trade-paperback reissue of Rob’s 1994 novel *End of an Era*, which won Japan’s Seiun Award for Best Foreign Novel of the Year.

The new books will compose the **NEANDERTHAL PARALLAX** trilogy, dealing with contact

between parallel Earths, one in which *Homo sapiens* became the technological race, and another in which *Homo neanderthalensis* did.

This is the first series Rob has written since his acclaimed 1992-94 trilogy of *Far-Seer*, *Fossil Hunter*, and *Foreigner* — and the first he’s ever done that was planned as a trilogy from the outset.

Rob has been traveling a lot to research his new series, visiting Neanderthal experts at Brown

Bookstore Alert

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

LATEST HARDCOVER:

- *Calculating God* (Tor, June 2000, ISBN 0-312-86713-1).

LATEST TRADE PAPERBACK:

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

MASS-MARKET PAPERBACKS:

- *Flashforward* (Tor, April 2000, 0-812-58034-6). Starred PW review!
- *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 & Nebula nominee!
- *The Terminal Experiment* (HarperPrism, May 1995, 0-061-05310-4). Nebula winner!



University, the American Museum of Natural History, and the Smithsonian, and attending the 2000 Paleoanthropology Society annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Above: Rob and a 1919 Neanderthal bust made by J. H. McGregor (Rob is the one on the right). ◆