MINDSCAN Now Out

Tor Books, the world’s largest publisher of science fiction, has just released Mindscan, the sixteenth novel by Robert J. Sawyer, in hardcover.

Jake Sullivan has cheated death: he’s discarded his doomed biological body and copied his consciousness into an android form. The new Jake soon finds love, something that eluded him when he was encased in flesh: he falls for the android version of Karen, a woman rediscovering all the joys of life now that she, too, is no longer constrained by a worn-out body.

But suddenly Karen’s son sues her, claiming that by uploading into an immortal body, she has done him out of his inheritance.

Even worse, the original version of Jake, consigned to die on the far side of the moon, has taken hostages there, demanding the return of his rights of personhood. In the courtroom and on the lunar surface, the future of uploaded humanity hangs in the balance.

Waterloo Region Chooses HOMINIDS

Every one of the 490,000 residents of the Region of Waterloo (just west of Toronto) is being encouraged to read Robert J. Sawyer’s Hugo Award-winning Hominids.

The novel, which tells of a parallel Earth where Neanderthals survived to the present day, is this year’s pick for the Region’s popular “One Book, One Community” program, sponsored by local booksellers and libraries, and widely promoted in the media.

Sawyer will participate in numerous public readings, discussions, and signings throughout the Region of Waterloo during the year.
Rob Nominated for Hugo

Robert J. Sawyer’s short story “Shed Skin” is one of five finalists for this year’s Hugo Award, the top international honor for science-fiction writing. “Shed Skin” was published in Analog Science Fiction and Fact, the world’s number-one bestselling SF magazine, and has already won that magazine’s “Analytical Laboratory” readers’ choice award for best short story of the year. This is Rob’s ninth Hugo nomination; the winners will be announced on August 7 at the World Science Fiction Convention in Glasgow.

RJS Books — Rob’s Own Imprint!

Rob is now the science-fiction editor for Calgary’s Red Deer Press. Founded in 1975, Red Deer is one of Canada’s most-prestigious literary publishers. Rob is hand-picking books for their new SF imprint, Robert J. Sawyer Books, which does three hardcovers a year. The first three titles are already out, and receiving rave reviews: Letters from the Flesh by Marcos Donnelly, Getting Near the End by Andrew Weiner, and The Engine of Recall by Karl Schroeder; the fourth — Danita Maslan’s ecothriller Rogue Harvest — will be launched in July. Robert J. Sawyer Books are distributed across North America by Fitzhenry and Whiteside.

Rave Reviews for Mindscan

“Tightly plotted, with plenty of philosophical speculation on the ethics of bio-technology and the nature of consciousness. The near-future setting — a socially liberal Canada that provides a haven from fundamentalist Christian-controlled America — may excite much interest.” — Publishers Weekly

“With his customary flair for combining hard science with first-rate storytelling, Robert J. Sawyer imagines a future of all-too-real possibilities and the problems that may arise from scientific progress in this standalone novel that belongs in most science-fiction collections.” — Library Journal

Bookstore Alert

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

HARDCOVERS:

- Mindscan (Tor, April 2005, 0-765-31107-0). Rob’s latest novel!

MASS-MARKET PAPERBACKS:

- Hominids (Tor, February 2003, 0-765-34500-5). Neanderthal Parallax trilogy #1. Hugo winner!
- Humans (Tor, September 2003, 0-765-34675-3). Neanderthal Parallax trilogy #2. Hugo finalist!
- Hybrids (Tor, November 2004, 0-765-34906-X). Neanderthal Parallax trilogy #3. Starred Booklist review!
- Calculating God (Tor, July 2001, 0-812-58035-4). Hugo finalist!
- Flashforward (Tor, April 2000, 0-812-58034-6). Locus bestseller!
- The Terminal Experiment (Avon Eos, May 1995, 0-061-05310-4). Nebula Award winner! TENTH ANNIVERSARY!

TRADE PAPERBACKS:

- Iterations (Red Deer, 0-88995-303-1) Short-story collection.
- Far-Seer (Tor, May 2004, 0-765-30974-2). Quintaglio Ascension trilogy #1.
- Fossil Hunter (Tor, March 2005, 0-765-30973-4). Quintaglio Ascension trilogy #2.
- Foreigner (Tor, August 2005, 0-765-30972-6). Quintaglio Ascension trilogy #3.
- Factoring Humanity (Tor, January 2004, 0-765-30903-3). Hugo finalist!
- 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!