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Zendegi - Greg Egan 2010-06-17

Nasim is a young computer scientist, hoping to work on the Human Connectome Project: a plan to map every neural connection in the human brain. But funding for the project is cancelled, and Nasim ends up devoting her career to Zendegi, a computerised virtual world used by millions of people. Fifteen years later, a revived Connectome Project has published a map of the brain. Zendegi is facing fierce competition from its rivals, and Nasim decides to exploit the map to fill the virtual world with better Proxies: the bit-players that bring its crowd scenes to life. As controversy rages over the nature and rights of the Proxies, a friend with terminal cancer begs Nasim to make a Proxy of him, so some part of him will survive to help raise his orphaned son. But Zendegi is about to become a battlefield ...

Discognition - Steven Shaviro 2016-03-29

What is consciousness? What is it like to feel pain, or to see the color red? Do robots and computers really think? For that matter, do plants and amoebas think? If we ever meet intelligent aliens, will we be able to understand what they say to us? Philosophers and scientists are still unable to answer questions like these. Perhaps science fiction can help. In *Discognition*, Steven Shaviro looks at science fiction novels and stories that explore the extreme possibilities of human and alien sentience.

Nine Pints - Rose George 2018-10-23

An eye-opening exploration of blood, the lifegiving substance with the power of taboo, the value of diamonds and the promise of breakthrough science. Blood carries life, yet the sight of it makes people faint. It is a waste product and a commodity pricier than oil. It can save lives and transmit deadly infections. Each one of us has roughly nine pints of it, yet many don't even know their own blood type. And for all its ubiquitousness, the few tablespoons of blood discharged by 800 million women are still regarded as taboo: menstruation is perhaps the single most demonized biological event. Rose George, author of *The Big Necessity*, is renowned for her intrepid work on topics that are invisible but vitally important. In *Nine Pints*, she takes us from ancient practices of bloodletting to the breakthrough of the "liquid biopsy," which promises to diagnose cancer and other diseases with a simple blood test. She introduces Janet Vaughan, who set up the world's first system of mass blood donation during the Blitz, and Arunachalam Muruganatham, known as "Menstrual Man" for his work on sanitary pads for developing countries. She probes the lucrative business of plasma transfusions, in which the US is known as the "OPEC of plasma." And she looks to the future, as researchers seek to bring synthetic blood to a hospital near you. Spanning science and politics, stories and global epidemics, *Nine Pints* reveals our life's blood in an entirely new light. *Nine Pints* was named one of Bill Gates recommended summer reading titles for 2019.

The Immaculate Void - Brian Hodge 2018-04-24

A novel of time, trauma, and terror by "a writer of spectacularly unflinching gifts [who] leaves most contemporary horror writing in the dust" (Peter Straub). "You wouldn't think events happening years apart, at points in the solar system hundreds of millions of miles distant, would have anything to do with each other." When she was six, Daphne was taken into a neighbor's toolshed, and came within seconds of never coming out alive. Most of the scars healed. Except for the one that went all the way through. "You wouldn't think that the serial murders of children, and the one who got away, would have any connection with the strange fate of one of Jupiter's moons." Two decades later, when Daphne goes missing again, it's nothing new. As her exes might agree, running is what she does best. So her brother Tanner sets out one more time to find her. Whether in the mountains, or in his own family, search-and-rescue is what he does best. "But it does. It's all connected. Everything's connected." Down two different paths, along two different timelines, Daphne and Tanner both find themselves trapped in a savage hunt for the rarest people on earth, by those who would slaughter them on behalf

of ravenous entities that lurk outside of time. "So when things start to unravel, it all starts to unravel." But in ominous signs that have traveled light-years to be seen by human eyes, and that plummet from the sky, the ultimate truth is revealed: There are some things in the cosmos that terrify even the gods.

The Socialist Decision - Paul Tillich 2012-05-16

Hedge - Nicolas Colin 2018-07-02

For three decades we've been living through a paradigm shift. Our world is moving from the fading Fordist age to the ever-strengthening digital age. This shift is as unstoppable as the one that once brought us from railroads and steel mills to Fordist factories. And its impact on our lives is just as radical. In this context, the lessons from history are clear: Providing economic security for the many generates prosperity for all. But this can only be done with the right safety net supporting both households and businesses against the risks brought about by the digital age. There are those who long to re-establish the standards and regulations that marked the post-war boom. Others, especially in tech, realize that the institutions we know are anachronistic and no longer fit for today's challenges. Alas, neither group is considering the real solution: A complete redesign of our safety net that will let it do its critically important job without getting in the way of progress. Moving toward that new design is what *Hedge* is all about. Advance Praise "An eye-opening primer to the technological present, proposing bold solutions for a 'Safety Net 2.0' and a better future for all." - Carlota Perez, author of *Technological Revolutions and Financial Capital: The Dynamics of Bubbles and Golden Ages*. "Hedge brings together a deep reading of the history of economic development through transformational technology with Nicolas's own direct experience as a co-founder of The Family." - William H. Janeway, Senior Advisor, Warburg Pincus, author of *Doing Capitalism in the Innovation Economy*. "A sharp and historically grounded analysis of how technology and the political economy of the West have evolved in tandem." - Kim-Mai Cutler, Partner, Initialized. "An important book which poses profound questions about the social and political effects of technological change." - Sir Nick Clegg, former UK Deputy Prime Minister. "Hedge should become part of Silicon Valley's playbook, because we urgently need to come together and find ways to uplift humanity in these times of radical change." - Vivek Wadhwa, Distinguished Fellow at Harvard Law School and Carnegie Mellon University. "Carefully documented yet contemporary, *Hedge* makes for compulsive and thought-provoking reading, which will hopefully stir you into action." - Azeem Azhar, Founder, Exponential View.

Weedless Gardening - Lee Reich 2001-01-01

Presents an innovative, organic approach to weed-free vegetable and flower gardening that is designed to protect the soil, enhance plant health, reduce the need for watering, and cuts down on labor. Original.

Sorry Please Thank You - Charles Yu 2012

Presents a collection of stories featuring a retail employee who is confronted by a zombie, a computer warrior who leads his fighter band across a virtual landscape, and a company that outsources grief.

Supreme Inequality - Adam Cohen 2021-02-23

"With *Supreme Inequality*, Adam Cohen has built, brick by brick, an airtight case against the Supreme Court of the last half-century...Cohen's book is a closing statement in the case against an institution tasked with protecting the vulnerable, which has emboldened the rich and powerful instead." —Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor, *Slate* A revelatory examination of the conservative direction of the Supreme Court over the last fifty years. In *Supreme Inequality*, bestselling author Adam Cohen surveys the most significant Supreme Court rulings since the Nixon era and exposes how, contrary to what Americans like to believe, the Supreme Court does little to protect the rights of the poor and disadvantaged; in fact, it has not been on their side for fifty years. Cohen proves beyond doubt that the

modern Court has been one of the leading forces behind the nation's soaring level of economic inequality, and that an institution revered as a source of fairness has been systematically making America less fair. A triumph of American legal, political, and social history, Supreme Inequality holds to account the highest court in the land and shows how much damage it has done to America's ideals of equality, democracy, and justice for all.

Store of the Worlds - Robert Sheckley 2012-05-01

An NYRB Classics Original Robert Sheckley was an eccentric master of the American short story, and his tales, whether set in dystopic cityscapes, ultramodern advertising agencies, or aboard spaceships lighting out for hostile planets, are among the most startlingly original of the twentieth century. Today, as the new worlds, alternate universes, and synthetic pleasures Sheckley foretold become our reality, his vision begins to look less absurdist and more prophetic. This retrospective selection, chosen by Jonathan Lethem and Alex Abramovich, brings together the best of Sheckley's deadpan farces, proving once again that he belongs beside such mordant critics of contemporary mores as Bruce Jay Friedman, Terry Southern, and Thomas Pynchon.

Stories of Your Life and Others - Ted Chiang 2010-10-26

From the author of *Exhalation*, an award-winning short story collection that blends "absorbing storytelling with meditations on the universe, being, time and space ... raises questions about the nature of reality and what it is to be human" (The New York Times). *Stories of Your Life and Others* delivers dual delights of the very, very strange and the heartbreakingly familiar, often presenting characters who must confront sudden change—the inevitable rise of automatons or the appearance of aliens—with some sense of normalcy. With sharp intelligence and humor, Chiang examines what it means to be alive in a world marked by uncertainty, but also by beauty and wonder. An award-winning collection from one of today's most lauded writers, *Stories of Your Life and Others* is a contemporary classic. Includes "Story of Your Life"—the basis for the major motion picture *Arrival*

Skeletons - Ray Bradbury 2008-06-01

Deluxe chapbook limited to 500 copies.

The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate - Ted Chiang 2007

A Baghdad merchant, who discovers an alchemical device that can send him back in time twenty years, tries to return to an earlier time to save his dead wife.

Dominant Life Form - Charles J. Marino 2005-08

Dominant Life Form chronicles a secret project whose mission's success or failure will determine the future of earth's native intelligences. Set inside the only chance earth will have to create true intelligent reproducing robots, AI creation proceeds from individual battles of the team with self to increasingly complex layers of what it means to be conscious. Even their human creators do not know if they will coexist with the beings they are designing, or will find themselves in second place behind a new dominant life form.

The Sea Demons - Victor Rousseau Emanuel 1976

Sea of Rust - C. Robert Cargill 2017-09-05

A scavenger robot wanders in the wasteland created by a war that has destroyed humanity in this evocative post-apocalyptic "robot western" from the critically acclaimed author, screenwriter, and noted film critic. It's been thirty years since the apocalypse and fifteen years since the murder of the last human being at the hands of robots. Humankind is extinct. Every man, woman, and child has been liquidated by a global uprising devised by the very machines humans designed and built to serve them. Most of the world is controlled by an OWI—One World Intelligence—the shared consciousness of millions of robots, uploaded into one huge mainframe brain. But not all robots are willing to cede their individuality—their personality—for the sake of a greater, stronger, higher power. These intrepid resisters are outcasts; solo machines wandering among various underground outposts who have formed into an unruly civilization of rogue AIs in the wasteland that was once our world. One of these resisters is Brittle, a scavenger robot trying to keep a deteriorating mind and body functional in a world that has lost all meaning. Although unable to experience emotions like a human, Brittle is haunted by the terrible crimes the robot population perpetrated on humanity. As Brittle roams the Sea of Rust, a large swath of territory that was once the Midwest, the loner robot slowly comes to terms with horrifyingly raw and vivid memories—and nearly unbearable guilt. *Sea of Rust* is both a harsh story of survival and an optimistic adventure. A vividly imagined portrayal of ultimate destruction and desperate tenacity, it boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, yet where

a humanlike AI strives to find purpose among the ruins.

Exhalation - Ted Chiang 2019-05-07

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR • Nine stunningly original, provocative, and poignant stories—two published for the very first time—all from the mind of the incomparable author of *Stories of Your Life and Others* Tackling some of humanity's oldest questions along with new quandaries only he could imagine, these stories will change the way you think, feel, and see the world. They are Ted Chiang at his best: profound, sympathetic, revelatory. Ted Chiang tackles some of humanity's oldest questions along with new quandaries only he could imagine. In "The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate," a portal through time forces a fabric seller in ancient Baghdad to grapple with past mistakes and second chances. In "Exhalation," an alien scientist makes a shocking discovery with ramifications that are literally universal. In "Anxiety Is the Dizziness of Freedom," the ability to glimpse into alternate universes necessitates a radically new examination of the concepts of choice and free will.

When Strangers Meet - Kio Stark 2016-09-13

Argues for the practice of talking to strangers as a way of widening one's experience of the world, addressing the transformative possibilities as well as the political and practical considerations of engaging with strangers in public.

AI Narratives - Stephen Cave 2020-02-28

This book is the first to examine the history of imaginative thinking about intelligent machines. As real Artificial Intelligence (AI) begins to touch on all aspects of our lives, this long narrative history shapes how the technology is developed, deployed and regulated. It is therefore a crucial social and ethical issue. Part I of this book provides a historical overview from ancient Greece to the start of modernity. These chapters explore the revealing pre-history of key concerns of contemporary AI discourse, from the nature of mind and creativity to issues of power and rights, from the tension between fascination and ambivalence to investigations into artificial voices and technophobia. Part II focuses on the twentieth and twenty-first-centuries in which a greater density of narratives emerge alongside rapid developments in AI technology. These chapters reveal not only how AI narratives have consistently been entangled with the emergence of real robotics and AI, but also how they offer a rich source of insight into how we might live with these revolutionary machines. Through their close textual engagements, these chapters explore the relationship between imaginative narratives and contemporary debates about AI's social, ethical and philosophical consequences, including questions of dehumanization, automation, anthropomorphisation, cybernetics, cyberpunk, immortality, slavery, and governance. The contributions, from leading humanities and social science scholars, show that narratives about AI offer a crucial epistemic site for exploring contemporary debates about these powerful new technologies.

Warriors 2 - George R. R. Martin 2016-01-26

From George R. R. Martin's Introduction to *Warriors*: "People have been telling stories about warriors for as long as they have been telling stories. Since Homer first sang the wrath of Achilles and the ancient Sumerians set down their tales of Gilgamesh, warriors, soldiers, and fighters have fascinated us; they are a part of every culture, every literary tradition, every genre. All Quiet on the Western Front, From Here to Eternity, and The Red Badge of Courage have become part of our literary canon, taught in classrooms all around the country and the world. Our contributors make up an all-star lineup of award-winning and bestselling writers, representing a dozen different publishers and as many genres. We asked each of them for the same thing—a story about a warrior. Some chose to write in the genre they're best known for. Some decided to try something different. You will find warriors of every shape, size, and color in these pages, warriors from every epoch of human history, from yesterday and today and tomorrow, and from worlds that never were. Some of the stories will make you sad, some will make you laugh, and many will keep you on the edge of your seat." The stories in the second mass market volume of this book are: Introduction: *Stories of the Spinner Rack*, by George R. R. Martin *Seven Years from Home*, by Naomi Novik *Dirae*, by Peter S. Beagle *Ancient Ways*, by S. M. Stirling *The Scroll*, by David Ball *Recidivist*, by Gardner Dozois *Ninieslando*, by Howard Waldrop *Out of the Dark*, by David Weber Many of these writers are bestsellers. All of them are storytellers of the highest quality. Together they make a volume of unforgettable reading. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Love in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction - Judd Trichter

2015-02-03

Pursuing a romantic relationship with an android in spite of prejudices in late-21st-century Los Angeles, Eliot is shattered when Iris is kidnapped and disassembled, an act that prompts Eliot to restore Iris' parts and exact revenge on her attackers. A first novel.

Tower of Babylon - Ted Chiang 2016-05-04

A Vintage Shorts "Short Story Month" Selection Together with a crew of other miners and cart-pullers, Hillalum is recruited to climb the Tower of Babylon and unearth what lies beyond the vault of heaven. During his journey, Hillalum discovers entire civilizations of tower-dwellers on the tower—there are those who live inside the mists of clouds, those who raise their vegetables above the sun, and those who have spent their lives under the oppressive weight of an endless, white stratum at the top of the universe. "Tower of Babylon" is a rare gem—a winner of the prestigious Nebula award, the first story Ted Chiang ever published, and the brilliant opening piece to Chiang's much-lauded first collection, *Stories of Your Life and Others*, which is soon to be a major motion picture starring Amy Adams. An ebook short.

Machines Like Me - Ian McEwan 2019-04-23

From the Booker Prize winner and bestselling author of *Atonement*—"a sharply intelligent novel of ideas" (The New York Times) that asks whether a machine can understand the human heart, or whether we are the ones who lack understanding. Set in an uncanny alternative 1982 London—where Britain has lost the Falklands War, Margaret Thatcher battles Tony Benn for power, and Alan Turing achieves a breakthrough in artificial intelligence—*Machines Like Me* powerfully portrays two lovers who will be tested beyond their understanding. Charlie, drifting through life and dodging full-time employment, is in love with Miranda, a bright student who lives with a terrible secret. When Charlie comes into money, he buys Adam, one of the first generation of synthetic humans. With Miranda's assistance, he codesigns Adam's personality. The near-perfect human that emerges is beautiful, strong, and smart—and a love triangle soon forms. Ian McEwan's subversive, gripping novel poses fundamental questions: What makes us human—our outward deeds or our inner lives? Could a machine understand the human heart? This provocative and thrilling tale warns against the power to invent things beyond our control. Don't miss Ian McEwan's new novel, *Lessons*, coming in September!

Ted Talks Storytelling - Akash Karia 2015-01-11

"Every speaker can put these ideas into practice immediately -- and they should!" ~ Dr. Richard C. Harris, Certified World Class Speaking Coach
"An insightful read" ~ Dennis Waller, Top 500 Reviewer
"Superb communication advice" ~ Larry Nocella
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"No more boring speeches and presentations" ~ Douglas L. Coppock
"A crisp and no fluff book" ~ Kam Syed
"A great book on storytelling" ~ David Bishop
"Excellent book for any speaker" ~ Dean Krosecz

The Lifecycle of Software Objects - Ted Chiang 2010

Follows the lives of Ana Alvarado and Derek Brooks as they create and relate to the artificial intelligences they helped design.

Virtual Girl - Amy Thomson 1993

Arnold Dexter breaks the law when he creates Maggie, a robot companion who seems perfect in every way, but when Maggie is separated from her creator, she begins to become a sentient being. Original.

The Very Best of the Best - Gardner Dozois 2019-02-26

For the first time in a decade, a compilation of the very best in science fiction, from a world authority on the genre. For decades, the Year's Best Science Fiction has been the most widely read short science fiction anthology of its kind. Now, after thirty-five annual collections comes the ultimate in science fiction anthologies. In *The Very Best of the Best*, legendary editor Gardner Dozois selects the finest short stories for this landmark collection.

Lightless - C.A. Higgins 2015-09-29

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY BUZZFEED AND KIRKUS REVIEWS • With deeply moving human drama, nail-biting suspense—and bold speculation informed by a degree in physics—C. A. Higgins spins a riveting science fiction debut guaranteed to catapult readers beyond their expectations. Serving aboard the *Ananke*, an experimental military spacecraft launched by the ruthless organization that rules Earth and its solar system, computer scientist Althea has established an intense emotional bond—not with any of her crewmates, but with the ship's electronic systems, which speak more deeply to her analytical mind than human feelings do. But when a pair of fugitive terrorists gain access to the *Ananke*, Althea must draw upon her heart and soul for the strength to defend her beloved ship. While one of the saboteurs remains at large somewhere on board, his captured partner—the enigmatic Ivan—may prove to be more dangerous. The perversely fascinating criminal whose silver tongue is his most effective weapon has long evaded the authorities' most relentless surveillance—and kept the truth about his methods and motives well hidden. As the ship's systems begin to malfunction and the claustrophobic atmosphere is increasingly poisoned by distrust and suspicion, it falls to Althea to penetrate the prisoner's layers of intrigue and deception before all is lost. But when the true nature of Ivan's mission is exposed, it will change Althea forever—if it doesn't kill her first. Praise for *Lightless* "Gripping . . . sci-fi flavored with a hint of thriller."—New York Daily News "[A] measured, lovely science-fiction debut [that is] more psychological thriller . . . contained, disciplined, tense . . . The plot is compulsive. . . . *Lightless* is the first of a planned series, and you can't help looking forward to learning what's next."—The New York Times "*Lightless* is full of suspense and fun as hell to read."—BuzzFeed "Absolutely brilliant . . . This is science fiction as it is meant to be done: scientific concepts wedded to and built upon human ideals."—Seanan McGuire, New York Times bestselling author of the *October Daye* series "The stakes in this story are high—life and death, rebellion and betrayal—and debut novelist Higgins continually ratchets up the tension. . . . A suspenseful, emotional story that asks plenty of big questions about identity and freedom, this is a debut not to be missed."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "A taut, suspenseful read."—Tech Times "*Lightless* is an exercise in lighting a very slow fuse and building the tension to an unbearable pitch while making us guess just how apocalyptic the ultimate explosion will be. . . . It is a high-wire act, a wonderment, and a fine accomplishment from a name we'll be seeing again."—Sci Fi

Let All the Children Boogie - Sam J. Miller 2021-01-06

As the Cold War stalls and the threat of nuclear warfare dominates the news, small-town misfits Laurie and Fell bond over a shared love of music and the mystery of the erratic radio messages that hint at the existence of a future worth reaching out for. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Track Changes - Matthew G. Kirschenbaum 2016-05-02

Writing in the digital age has been as messy as the inky rags in Gutenberg's shop or the molten lead of a Linotype machine. Matthew Kirschenbaum examines how creative authorship came to coexist with the computer revolution. Who were the early adopters, and what made others anxious? Was word processing just a better typewriter, or something more?

Up Against It - M. J. Locke 2012-01-03

Managing utilities on a future asteroid colony, bureaucrat-engineer Jane discovers that a water crisis may have been orchestrated by the Martian mafia and that the colony is also being threatened by a rogue artificial intelligence and a transhumanist cult.

The Forbidden Stitch - Shirley Lim 1989

Collects short stories and poems by Asian American women, from Oriental, Indian, and Polynesian backgrounds

The Quiet at the End of the World - Lauren James 2018-11

A sci-fi mystery adventure about the last surviving members of the human race. How far would you go to save those you love? Lowrie and Shen are the youngest people on the planet after a virus caused global infertility. Closeted in a pocket of London and doted upon by a small, ageing community, the pair spend their days mudlarking and looking for treasure - until a secret is uncovered that threatens not only their family but humanity's entire existence. Now Lowrie and Shen face an impossible choice: in the quiet at the end of the world, they must decide who to save and who to sacrifice..

Design Patterns in Modern C++ - Dmitri Nesteruk 2018-04-18

Apply modern C++17 to the implementations of classic design patterns. As well as covering traditional design patterns, this book fleshes out new patterns and approaches that will be useful to C++ developers. The author presents concepts as a fun investigation of how problems can be solved in different ways, along the way using varying degrees of technical sophistication and explaining different sorts of trade-offs. Design Patterns in Modern C++ also provides a technology demo for modern C++, showcasing how some of its latest features (e.g., coroutines) make difficult problems a lot easier to solve. The examples in this book are all suitable for putting into production, with only a few simplifications made in order to aid readability. What You Will Learn Apply design patterns to modern C++ programming Use creational patterns of builder, factories, prototype and singleton Implement structural patterns such as adapter, bridge, decorator, facade and more Work with the behavioral patterns such as chain of responsibility, command, iterator, mediator and more Apply functional design patterns such as Monad and more Who This Book Is For Those with at least some prior programming experience, especially in C++.

Love, Robot - Margaret Rhee 2017-11-07

Includes an interview with the author: "Poetics and process / Margaret Rhee & Lynne DeSilva-Johnson" (pages 86-90).

Bolo Rising - William H. Keith, Jr. 1998-11-01

When the human colony of Cloud is mercilessly attacked and its people imprisoned in a slave camp, Major Jaime Graham struggles to bring Bolo protector Hector, who has been reprogrammed by their enemies, back to the good side. Original.

Rule 34 - Charles Stross 2011-07-05

Meet Edinburgh Detective Inspector Liz Kavanaugh, head of the Innovative Crimes Investigation Unit, otherwise known as the Rule 34 Squad. They monitor the Internet for potential criminal activity, analyzing trends in the extreme fringes of explicit content. And

occasionally, even more disturbing patterns arise... Three ex-cons have been murdered in Germany, Italy, and Scotland. The only things they had in common were arrests for spamming—and a taste for unorthodox entertainment. As the first officer on the scene of the most recent death, Liz finds herself sucked into an international investigation that isn't so much asking who the killer is, but what—and if she doesn't find the answer soon, the homicides could go viral.

Moderan - David R. Bunch 2018-09-11

A collection of chilling and prescient stories about ecological apocalypse and the merging of human and machine. Welcome to Moderan, world of the future. Here perpetual war is waged by furious masters fighting from Strongholds well stocked with "arsenals of fear" and everyone is enamored with hate. The devastated earth is coated by vast sheets of gray plastic, while humans vie to replace more and more of their own "soft parts" with steel. What need is there for nature when trees and flowers can be pushed up through holes in the plastic? Who requires human companionship when new-metal mistresses are waiting? But even a Stronghold master can doubt the catechism of Moderan. Wanderers, poets, and his own children pay visits, proving that another world is possible. "As if Whitman and Nietzsche had collaborated," wrote Brian Aldiss of David R. Bunch's work. Originally published in science-fiction magazines in the 1960s and '70s, these mordant stories, though passionately sought by collectors, have been unavailable in a single volume for close to half a century. Like Anthony Burgess in *A Clockwork Orange*, Bunch coined a mind-bending new vocabulary. He sought not to divert readers from the horror of modernity but to make us face it squarely. This volume includes eleven previously uncollected Moderan stories.

Machinehood - S.B. Divya 2022-03-22

Baksidestext: "Welga Ramirez, executive bodyguard and ex-special forces, is about to retire early when her client is killed in front of her. It's, 2095 and people don't usually die from violence. Humanity is entirely dependent on pills that not only help them stay alive but allow them to compete with artificial intelligence in an increasingly competitive gig economy. Machinehood is a thrilling and thought-provoking novel that asks: if we won't see machines as human, will we instead see humans as machines?"

The Knights of the Limits - Barrington J. Bayley 2011-09-29

Nine brilliant stories of infinite space and alien consciousness, suffused with a sense of wonder . . . The Exploration of Space The Bees of Knowledge Exit from City Me and my Antronoscope All the King's Men An Overload Mutation Planet The Problem of Morley's Emission The Cabinet of Oliver Naylor