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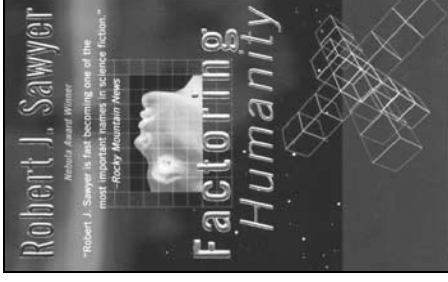
"I've used Robert J. Sawyer novels in teaching undergraduate courses on science fiction and the history of science and religion since 1994 and they've proved to be among the most popular and effective texts in my reading lists. Books such as **Factoring Humanity**, **The Terminal Experiment**, **Starplex**, and **Far-Seer** offer students well-realized worlds, provocative ideas, compelling plots, and interesting characters.

"My students not only have learned to appreciate modern sf-as-literature from Sawyer's books; they have also stimulated some really exceptional classroom discussions, as the students grapple with the important social, scientific, moral, and religious issues that his stories raise.

"My students come from a wide variety of ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and religious backgrounds, and they come from across the arts and science spectrum: astronomy, biology, psychology, computer science, history, environmental, film, and women's studies. All respond positively to Sawyer's books.

"I've discussed Sawyer's work at academic conferences, and been pleasantly surprised at the interest his novels attract. Rob Sawyer's novels are a permanent feature of my courses. I'm working now on adding his latest, **Flash forward**, into the mix ..."

– **Paul Fayer, Ph.D.**
Historian of Science and Religion
 York University



FACTORING HUMANITY

Hugo Finalist!

Included on *The Ottawa Citizen's* list of 1998's top-ten novels of any type by writers of any nationality

A journey into humanity's collective consciousness

"Sawyer's finest novel to date. Scientifically plausible, fictionally intriguing and ethically important."

New Scientist

"I loved it."
Analog

"So literally mind-blowing it will please any true SF fan."

Hartford Courant

Tor Books, New York
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WHO IS ROBERT J. SAWYER?

"Sawyer is the leader of SF's next-generation pack." – **Barnes and Noble**

"Sawyer is on a par with giants like Asimov and Heinlein – and, perhaps more than any other science-fiction writer working today, he understands that it's a genre about ideas."
 – **Mystery News**

"Sawyer is Canada's best speculative-fiction writer, by far." – **About Books**

"Sawyer is the science-fiction genre's northern star – in fact, one of the hottest SF writers anywhere. By any reckoning Sawyer is among the most successful Canadian authors ever."
 – **Maclean's: Canada's National Newsmagazine**

There has been a Rob Sawyer book on the Best Novel **Hugo Award** ballot each of the last four years. In 1996, Sawyer won the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America's **Nebula Award** for Best Novel of the Year.

He's also won the top SF awards in Japan (*Seiun*), France (*Le Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire*), Spain (*Premio UPC de Ciencia Ficción*), and Canada (*Aurora*).

Sawyer has lectured on SF from Halifax to Los Angeles, from Tokyo to Barcelona, and at the Library of Congress.

For more information on Robert J. Sawyer and his books (including readers' group guides), visit his web site (called "the largest genre-writer's home page in existence" by *Interzone* and "the most elaborate and interesting of any created by a Canadian writer" by *The Oxford Companion to Canadian Literature*) at:

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FLASHFORWARD

Third on Barnes and Noble's List of 1999's Best SF&F!

Winner of the US\$7,500 *Premi UPC de Ciencia Ficción!*

Everyone gets a two-minute glimpse of what their lives will be like 20 years later

"A creative, soul-searching exploration of fate, free will, and the nature of the universe.

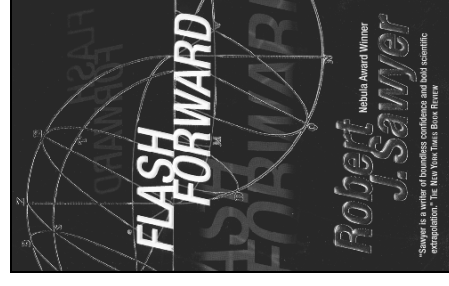
This first-rate, philosophical journey, a terrific example of idea-driven science fiction, should have wide appeal."

Publishers Weekly
 (starred review)

"Thoroughly entertaining, with characters to care about"

CNN

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"I taught Robert J. Sawyer's *Frameshift* and found it stimulated lively discussion around contemporary sf and hard science: chemistry, biology, and genetic research. My students were stimulated by the ethical and social issues raised by Sawyer's questions of genetic testing, determination, and discrimination.

"Sawyer's website at sfwriter.com, which provides essays, links and reading questions, also focuses attention on the science issues in this sf thriller."

– [Nancy Johnston, Ph.D.](#)
[Department of English](#)
[Ryerson Polytechnic University](#)

- Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*
- Robertson Davies's *Fifth Business*
- Margaret Laurence's *The Fire-Dwellers*
- Hugh MacLennan's *The Watch That Ends the Night*
- Robert J. Sawyer's *Starplex*
- Sheila Watson's *The Double Hook*

– [Required Reading](#)
[Patricia Monk, Ph.D.](#)
[Dalhousie University](#)

"*Factoring Humanity* was the best novel we read all year."

– [Jennifer Infuso, student,](#)
[science-fiction course](#)
[York University](#)



ILLEGAL ALIEN

Aurora Finalist!

A courtroom drama with an extraterrestrial defendant

"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."

The Globe and Mail

"Sawyer deals metaphorically with the issue of racism in the courts, but entertains the reader with sharp wit along with the heavier themes."

Nashville Tennessean

"That rare animal, a crossover book that can be enjoyed on both sides of the great divide."

Locus

Ace Books, New York
 ISBN 0-441-00592-6
 US\$5.99 / Cdn\$7.99

"*Starplex* is a complex hard-science novel by a Canadian amateur astronomer with intriguing ideas about the nature of dark matter and even dark-matter life forms. It includes more cosmological concepts than any novel we have seen."

– [Andrew Fraknoi, Ph.D.](#)
[Department of Astronomy](#)
[Foothill College, Los Altos, CA](#)

"In physics, real-world problems are easy to come by, but what can you do for an upper-level astronomy course called 'Galactic Structure and Cosmology?' *Starplex* does the job well: the backdrop for Sawyer's novel spans my whole course.

"A standard textbook question might be, 'Calculate the luminosity function of a spiral arm, given an age of 10⁸ years, and a Salpeter initial mass function.' But you can just as easily ask 'Describe the stars seen by the crew of *Starplex* on page 37 when they emerge from a wormhole.' It's the same question, but now the imaginative part is up to the student. A student who can answer the first question has read the textbook. A student who can answer the second question really understands it."

– [David DeGraff, Ph.D.](#)
[Department of Physics and Astronomy](#)
[Alfred University, Alfred, NY](#)

"I found *Starplex* incredibly thought provoking. My major and passion is Canadian history, and I'm elated to see that a book containing much Canadian content has had such world-wide acclaim."

– [Kirk N. R. Graham](#)
[English/History double-major student](#)
[Dalhousie University](#)

STARPLEX

Hugo Finalist!
 Nebula Finalist!
 Aurora Winner!

The wormholes are open. Discovery awaits.

"A rumination on several very deep questions, including: Where did we come from? Where are we going? And the deepest of the deep, is there a God?"

The Halifax Mail-Star

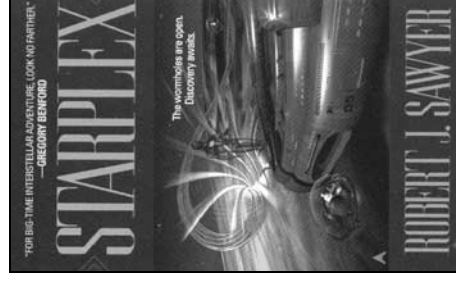
"Sawyer deftly juggles sweeping questions of cosmology (not to mention everyday ethics and morality) while keeping the story moving ahead full speed."

Asimov's

"Here, at last, is an ambitious attempt to exploit the possibilities the genre is capable of."

The Toronto Star

Ace Books, New York
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“Informal advice by sf teachers in my English Department to instructors offering our sf-fantasy course for the first time points to Robert J. Sawyer’s work as new, interesting, and most teachable. By merging science and literature, his hard sf appeals to both English students and those from other disciplines who take sf as a breadth course and for enjoyment.”

– **Ian Lancashire, Ph.D.**
Department of English
University of Toronto

“Sawyer’s books captured the attention of my philosophy students. *The Terminal Experiment* displays a wonderful philosophical finesse in portraying the different ways in which mind might be instantiated. It was a wonderful illustration of many of the distinctions made by Locke and provided me as a professor with a great model for classic philosophical theories about mind.

“Meanwhile, **Starplex** provided a nifty approach for discussing problems arising in the Philosophy of Language which deal with communication beyond the limits of a given language group. The care Sawyer spent in speculating about the way his aliens and humans came to communicate motivated my students to take much more seriously the philosophers who write about such issues.

“And rather than exhausting themselves in trying to drum up student interest in contemporary problems in morality, professors should adopt as a supplemental text a work like Sawyer’s **Frameshift**. It raises so many interesting problems in ethics and bio-ethics and it does so with all the suspense of a first-class thriller.”

– **Joseph Novak, Ph.D.**
Department of Philosophy
University of Waterloo



FRAMESHIFT

Hugo Finalist!

A thriller for the genetic age

“A finely crafted novel with a riveting plot and complex characters, deftly exploring issues of bio-ethics and moral philosophy.”

The Calgary Herald

“Filled with ideas, characters, incident, and page after page of bold scientific extrapolation.”

The New York Times

“Gripping; highly recommended.”

Library Journal

“Thought provoking. The issues Sawyer is dealing with are not easy ones, but he builds an effective story from them.”

Analogue

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“By far, students in my Introduction to Literature course enjoyed Robert J. Sawyer’s *The Terminal Experiment* the best – and it prompted some of the most interesting moments of the course.

“I am now incorporating *The Terminal Experiment* in a composition course because it is so popular among students (their course evaluations said everything from ‘great read’ to ‘I recommend it for future use’) and because it raises a number of ethical/moral questions about future technological advances that are ripe for discussion.”

– **Sean McDowell, Ph.D.**
Department of English
Indiana University

“As a teacher of Gifted and Talented students (grades 6 through 12), I have found Robert J. Sawyer’s novels to be invaluable to my curriculum. His well-crafted plots weave together both characters and themes to produce books which inspire very rewarding and passionate classroom discussions. But the real attraction for the students is Mr. Sawyer’s ability to tell a cracking good story. My students have devoured *everything* he has written and anxiously await his next offering. It is without reservation that I highly recommend the use of Robert J. Sawyer’s titles in your classroom.”

– **John Michalko**
Canandaigua Middle School
Canandaigua, NY



THE TERMINAL EXPERIMENT

Nebula Winner!
 Aurora Winner!
 Hugo Finalist!

A biomedical engineer discovers scientific proof for the existence of the human soul

“A terrific mix of science, technological derring-do, and murder. A great story; a crackerjack novel.”

The Globe and Mail:
Canada’s National Newspaper

“Audacious. Sawyer raises important philosophical issues in the form of a highly entertaining scientific mystery.”

The Montreal Gazette

“Taut, exciting; a very intriguing philosophical journey.”

The Edmonton Journal

HarperPrism, New York
 ISBN 0-016-05310-4
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