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LAST OF THE DRAGORN (THE ECHOES SAGA: BOOK 8)

Praise for Philip C. Quintrell's 'The Echoes Saga': 'For lovers of your classic Tolkien, this series has it all' - Alan Coleman - Amazon customer 'Best newcomer to the genre. Philip is up there with Feist and Sanderson'- Philip Spick - Amazon customer 300,000 COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE -- THERE IS NO WAR. THERE IS ONLY REBELLION. Alijah's reign sweeps from Erador to Ayda. Those who would stand against the king are few, their numbers cast across too many battlefields. Does hope lie in the east? Can the elves turn the tide and keep The Rebellion alive? The weight of Dhenenheim now rests on Doran's shoulders. Chained and imprisoned, the clans are shattered and spread across the realm. On the island of Qamnaran, they build to the heavens. In The Moonlit Plains, they dig down into the dark. Only the Heavybellys have the mettle to do what must be done. Astride the mighty Athis, Inara Galfrey fights for The Rebellion as both sword and shield. With blood and sweat she has kept Alijah's forces at bay, but Inara knows there is only one way to defeat her brother. Following this path, however, will take her far from the front lines and into lands long forgotten. After ten thousand years, the future that was foretold looms near. But Fate has one last hand to deal... LAST OF THE DRAGORN IS THE PENULTIMATE CHAPTER IN THIS UNMISSABLE EPIC FANTASY SERIES. -- 'I read a lot of fantasy books and I can say that this is one of the best I have read'- B. Stewart - Amazon customer "The Echoes Saga' demonstrates a simple commitment to the power of story'- Stephen Dudley - Amazon customer

HERETIC

BOOK THREE OF THE TERRAN CYCLE

The third volume in Philip C. Quintrell's Terran Cycle continues to span the galaxy, exploring the origins of mankind. Now a man with nothing to lose, Kallian Gaines has chosen to travel through the Conclave's new Starforge and explore what remains of the Terran Empire. This graveyard of worlds holds secrets long forgotten and better left alone, but regardless of the dangers, answers must be found and soon. The threat of the Vanguard looms over the entire Conclave, its purpose; to pave the way for something worse, something ancient. Kallian must adapt and evolve, or risk losing everything in humanity's battle to not only survive those who seek their extinction, but also their place in the Conclave. Roland North is carving a bloody trail across the criminal underworld, seeking his own answers. He refuses to believe that Li'ara is gone, and if he must maim, torture and kill everyone connected to Protocorps to learn the truth, then he will. The oldest beings in the known universe have traversed an ocean of stars for a singular purpose. War is coming and the harvest is inevitable. The only chance for hope has been discovered in the darkest corner of the galaxy, where at last, the heretic has been found...

DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP?

THE INSPIRATION FOR THE FILMS BLADE RUNNER AND BLADE RUNNER 2049

Ballantine Books A masterpiece ahead of its time, a prescient rendering of a dark future, and the inspiration for the blockbuster film Blade Runner By 2021, the World War has killed millions, driving entire species into extinction and sending mankind off-planet. Those who remain covet any living creature, and for people who can't afford one, companies built incredibly realistic simulacra: horses, birds, cats, sheep. They've even built humans. Immigrants to Mars receive androids so sophisticated they are indistinguishable from true men or women. Fearful of the havoc these artificial humans can wreak, the government bans them from Earth. Driven into hiding, unauthorized androids live among human beings, undetected. Rick Deckard, an officially sanctioned bounty hunter, is commissioned to find rogue androids and "retire" them. But when cornered, androids fight back—with lethal force. Praise for Philip K. Dick "The most consistently brilliant science fiction writer in the world."—John Brunner "A kind of pulp-fiction Kafka, a prophet."—The New York Times "[Philip K. Dick] sees all the sparkling—and terrifying—possibilities . . . that other authors shy away from."—Rolling Stone

TRITON

MOLECULAR FEMINISMS

BIOLOGY, BECOMINGS, AND LIFE IN THE LAB

University of Washington Press Should feminists clone? What do neurons think about? How can we learn from bacterial writing? These provocative questions have haunted neuroscientist and molecular biologist Deboleena Roy since her early days of research when she was conducting experiments on an in vitro cell line using molecular biology techniques. An expert natural scientist as well as an intrepid feminist theorist, Roy takes seriously the expressive capabilities of biological objects such as bacteria and other human, nonhuman, organic, and inorganic actants in order to better understand processes of becoming. She also suggests that renewed interest in matter and materiality in feminist theory must be accompanied by new feminist approaches that work with the everyday, nitty-gritty research methods and techniques in the natural sciences. By practicing science as feminism at the lab bench, Roy creates an interdisciplinary conversation between molecular biology, Deleuzian philosophies, science and technology studies, feminist theory, posthumanism, and postcolonial and decolonial studies. In Molecular Feminisms she brings insights from feminist and cultural theory together with lessons learned from the capabilities and techniques of bacteria, subcloning, and synthetic biology to offer tools for how we might approach nature anew. In the process she demonstrates that learning how to see the world around us is also always about learning how to encounter that world.

BOOSTING

FOUNDATIONS AND ALGORITHMS

MIT Press An accessible introduction and essential reference for an approach to machine learning that creates highly accurate prediction rules by combining many weak and inaccurate ones. Boosting is an approach to machine learning based on the idea of creating a highly accurate predictor by combining many weak and inaccurate "rules of thumb." A remarkably rich theory has evolved around boosting, with connections to a range of topics, including statistics, game theory, convex optimization, and information geometry. Boosting algorithms have also enjoyed practical success in such fields as biology, vision, and speech processing. At various times in its history, boosting has been perceived as mysterious, controversial, even paradoxical. This book, written by the inventors of the method, brings together, organizes, simplifies, and substantially extends two decades of research on boosting, presenting both theory and applications in a way that is accessible to readers from diverse backgrounds while also providing an authoritative reference for advanced researchers. With its introductory treatment of all material and its inclusion of exercises in every chapter, the book is appropriate for course use as well. The book begins with a general introduction to machine learning algorithms and their analysis; then explores the core theory of boosting, especially its ability to generalize; examines some of the myriad other theoretical viewpoints that help to explain and understand boosting; provides practical extensions of boosting for more complex learning problems; and finally presents a number of advanced theoretical topics. Numerous applications and practical illustrations are offered throughout.

MANAGING THE RISKS OF EXTREME EVENTS AND DISASTERS TO ADVANCE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Cambridge University Press This Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report (IPCC-SREX) explores the challenge of understanding and managing the risks of climate extremes to advance climate change adaptation. Extreme weather and climate events, interacting with exposed and vulnerable human and natural systems, can lead to disasters. Changes in the frequency and severity of the physical events affect disaster risk, but so do the spatially diverse and temporally dynamic patterns of exposure and vulnerability. Some types of extreme weather and climate events have increased in frequency or magnitude, but populations and assets at risk have also increased, with consequences for disaster risk. Opportunities for managing risks of weather- and climate-related disasters exist or can be developed at any scale, local to international. Prepared following strict IPCC procedures, SREX is an invaluable assessment for anyone interested in climate extremes, environmental disasters and adaptation to climate change, including policymakers, the private sector and academic researchers.

EMPIRE OF DIRT (ECHOES OF FATE: BOOK 2)

The Echoes of Fate will not be forgotten. The words uttered a thousand a years ago will come to pass...War is set to ravage the land of Illian. The elves sail from the east, the savage Darkakin rise from the south and Valanis, the dark elf, is finally free. Valanis would see the world plunged into chaos and drowned in blood, ready for the return of the gods that still haunt him. A new hope rises in the Red Mountains, where the last remaining dragons have been discovered. Gideon and Galanor, human and elf, will have to work together. Only then might they convince Adriel, the last of the Dragorn order, to intervene in the war to come. Devoid of hope and unsure what road to take, Asher and his companions must decide what role they will play in the coming war. The only weapon known to rival the dark elf's power is in a place the ranger has avoided for a long time, a place where, until now, neither

man nor elf would dare to tread. Civil war has shattered the empire in The Arid Lands, as the slaves make their stand against the highborns. Tauren Son-of-none, would see a new empire rule over the desert, but while revolution brews, a greater threat looms. As a thunderous cacophony of steel and savagery marches through the Undying Mountains, who will stand before this army of death...

GATEWAY

A MAX AHLGREN NOVEL

[Bookbaby](#) The fate of humanity rests on a man with nothing to lose. Former Marine Raider Max Ahlgren trails those responsible for his family's murders to an antiques dealer in Brazil. When that operation goes south, he must team up with Anna Kedrova, an enigmatic Russian archaeologist with a possible lead on the killers. She reveals a shared enemy: the mysterious and sinister Council of Osiris. Fighting their way through treacherous jungles and ancient Mayan tombs, Max and Anna follow a bloody trail of clues to the lost city of Zet. At the heart of the ruins lies the Gateway, a legendary artifact that the Council goes to monstrous lengths to locate and exploit. Whoever controls the Gateway determines the fate of the world. Facing an army of mercenaries and a horde of horrific creatures, Max must decide how deep into hell is he willing to go to have his revenge.

THE HIDDEN PATTERN

A PATTERNIST PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

[Universal-Publishers](#) The Hidden Pattern presents a novel philosophy of mind, intended to form a coherent conceptual framework within which it is possible to understand the diverse aspects of mind and intelligence in a unified way. The central concept of the philosophy presented is the concept of "pattern": minds and the world they live in and co-create are viewed as patterned systems of patterns, evolving over time, and various aspects of subjective experience and individual and social intelligence are analyzed in detail in this light. Many of the ideas presented are motivated by recent research in artificial intelligence and cognitive science, and the author's own AI research is discussed in moderate detail in one chapter. However, the scope of the book is broader than this, incorporating insights from sources as diverse as Vedantic philosophy, psychedelic psychotherapy, Nietzschean and Peircean metaphysics and quantum theory. One of the unique aspects of the patternist approach is the way it seamlessly fuses the mechanistic, engineering-oriented approach to intelligence and the introspective, experiential approach to intelligence.

THE NEW UTOPIAN POLITICS OF URSULA K. LE GUIN'S THE DISPOSSESSED

[Lexington Books](#) Description of the seductions - and snares - of self-managed communist or, in other words, anarchist society. This title, an edited collection of original essays on "Le Guin's The Dispossessed", represents an exploration of the political ramifications of this work by a wide interdisciplinary swath of scholars from around the world.

THE ONION BOOK OF KNOWN KNOWLEDGE

A DEFINITIVE ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF EXISTING INFORMATION

[Little, Brown](#) Are you a witless cretin with no reason to live? Would you like to know more about every piece of knowledge ever? Do you have cash? Then congratulations, because just in time for the death of the print industry as we know it comes the final book ever published, and the only one you will ever need: The Onion's compendium of all things known. Replete with an astonishing assemblage of facts, illustrations, maps, charts, threats, blood, and additional fees to edify even the most simple-minded book-buyer, THE ONION BOOK OF KNOWN KNOWLEDGE is packed with valuable information—such as the life stages of an Aunt; places to kill one's self in Utica, New York; and the dimensions of a female bucket, or "pail." With hundreds of entries for all 27 letters of the alphabet, THE ONION BOOK OF KNOWN KNOWLEDGE must be purchased immediately to avoid the sting of eternal ignorance.

ECONOMIC SCIENCE FICTIONS

[MIT Press](#) An innovative new anthology exploring how science fiction can motivate new approaches to economics. From the libertarian economics of Ayn Rand to Aldous Huxley's consumerist dystopias, economics and science fiction have often orbited each other. In Economic Science Fictions, editor William Davies has deliberately merged the two worlds, asking how we might harness the power of the utopian imagination to revitalize economic thinking. Rooted in the sense that our current economic reality is no longer credible or viable, this collection treats our economy as a series of fictions and science fiction as a means of anticipating different economic futures. It asks how science fiction can motivate new approaches to economics and provides surprising new syntheses, merging social science with fiction, design with politics, scholarship with experimental forms. With an opening chapter from Ha-Joon Chang as well as theory, short stories, and reflections on design, this book from Goldsmiths Press challenges and changes the notion that economics and science fiction are worlds apart. The result is a wealth of fresh and unusual perspectives for anyone who believes the economy is too important to be left solely to economists. Contributors AUDINT, Khairani Barokka, Carina Brand, Ha-Joon Chang, Miriam Cherry, William Davies, Mark Fisher, Dan Gavshon-Brady and James Pockson, Owen Hatherley, Laura Horn, Tim Jackson, Mark Johnson, Bastien Kerspern, Nora O Murchú, Tobias Revell et al., Judy Thorne, Sherryl Vint, Joseph Walton, Brian Willems

FIRE EFFECTS GUIDE

DECOLONIZING SCIENCE IN LATIN AMERICAN ART

[UCL Press](#) Projects that bring the 'hard' sciences into art are increasingly being exhibited in galleries and museums across the world. In a surge of publications on the subject, few focus on regions beyond Europe and the Anglophone world. Decolonizing Science in Latin American Art assembles a new corpus of art-science projects by Latin American artists, ranging from big-budget collaborations with NASA and MIT to homegrown experiments in artists' kitchens. While they draw on recent scientific research, these art projects also 'decolonize' science. If increasing knowledge of the natural world has often gone hand-in-hand with our objectification and exploitation of it, the artists studied here emphasize the subjectivity and intelligence of other species, staging new forms of collaboration and co-creativity beyond the human. They design technologies that work with organic processes to promote the health of ecosystems, and seek alternatives to the logics of extractivism and monoculture farming that have caused extensive ecological damage in Latin America. They develop do-it-yourself, open-source, commons-based practices for sharing creative and intellectual property. They establish critical dialogues between Western science and indigenous thought, reconnecting a disembedded, abstracted form of knowledge with the cultural, social, spiritual, and ethical spheres of experience from which it has often been excluded. Decolonizing Science in Latin American Art interrogates how artistic practices may communicate, extend, supplement, and challenge scientific ideas. At the same time, it explores broader questions in the field of art, including the relationship between knowledge, care, and curation; nonhuman agency; art and utility; and changing approaches to participation. It also highlights important contributions by Latin American thinkers to themes of global significance, including the Anthropocene, climate change and environmental justice.

DYING OF THE LIGHT

A NOVEL

[Bantam](#) In this unforgettable space opera, #1 New York Times bestselling author George R. R. Martin presents a chilling vision of eternal night—a volatile world where cultures clash, codes of honor do not exist, and the hunter and the hunted are often interchangeable. A whisperjewel has summoned Dirk t'Larien to Worlorn, and a love he thinks he lost. But Worlorn isn't the world Dirk imagined, and Gwen Delvano is no longer the woman he once knew. She is bound to another man, and to a dying planet that is trapped in twilight. Gwen needs Dirk's protection, and he will do anything to keep her safe, even if it means challenging the barbaric man who has claimed her. But an impenetrable veil of secrecy surrounds them all, and it's becoming impossible for Dirk to distinguish between his allies and his enemies. In this dangerous triangle, one is hurtling toward escape, another toward revenge, and the last toward a brutal, untimely demise. Praise for Dying of the Light "Dying of the Light blew the doors off of my idea of what fiction could be and could do, what a work of unbridled imagination could make a reader feel and believe."—Michael Chabon "Slick science fiction . . . the Wild West in outer space."—Los Angeles Times "Something special which will keep Worlorn and its people in the reader's mind long after the final page is read."—Galileo magazine "The galactic background is excellent. . . . Martin knows how to hold the reader."—Asimov's "George R. R. Martin has the voice of a poet and a mind like a steel trap."—Algis Budrys

THE WORD FOR WORLD IS FOREST

[Gollancz](#) When the inhabitants of a peaceful world are conquered by the bloodthirsty yumens, their existence is irrevocably altered. Forced into servitude, the Athsheans find themselves at the mercy of their brutal masters. Desperation causes the Athsheans, led by Selver, to retaliate against their captors, abandoning their strictures against violence. But in defending their lives, they have endangered the very foundations of their society. For every blow against the invaders is a blow to the humanity of the Athsheans. And once the killing starts, there is no turning back.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL SAGA

THE HUROID REVOLUTION AND OTHER WARRING CREATURES

[AuthorHouse](#) In the Doorchusser Constellation, a rock planet hangs in a dark galaxy. Hidden on this world is the Miradoor, the only gateway into the evil realm of Agroanan Manbats, where Alignment Commanders and another are held captive. In the midst of a Huroid Revolution brewing, it is up to Solar Commander Thyron to find a way through the Miradoor, protect his crew from Manbat Psymindtrics, rescue their brethren, return to their universe, and close the gate forever. When the Miradoor is compromised, Thyron and the Galactarian Alignment are thrust into a land and star battle with several warring creatures all having ties to a mastermind behind the mayhem. Manbats, Warlocks and mind-controlled turned evil Huroids all collide on the rock planet. Not to mention another war with reptoids and Crytonnians. Outnumbered by the evil armies of land and air, Thyron is

their only hope. In his possession he holds The Light of Paradise; The Light of Grace. Knowing what he has to do with this Light, he violates Alignment protocol, is vulnerable to attack, and faces his own death. At battles end, the war is far from over; its on reprieve. Lives are lost and the team grieves for the loss of a beloved Commander. What is the final fate of the universe? Will Commander Thyron live to tell another tale? Find out this, and more, in this action-packed page turning action adventure.

THE COSMIC WEB

SCIENTIFIC FIELD MODELS AND LITERARY STRATEGIES IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

[Cornell University Press](#) From the central concept of the field—which depicts the world as a mutually interactive whole, with each part connected to every other part by an underlying field— have come models as diverse as quantum mathematics and Saussure's theory of language. In *The Cosmic Web*, N. Katherine Hayles seeks to establish the scope of the field concept and to assess its importance for contemporary thought. She then explores the literary strategies that are attributable directly or indirectly to the new paradigm; among the texts at which she looks closely are Robert Pirsig's *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, Nabokov's *Invitation of a Beheading*, D. H. Lawrence's early novels and essays, Borges's fiction, and Thomas Pynchon's *Gravity's Rainbow*.

AN ASTROBIOLOGY STRATEGY FOR THE SEARCH FOR LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE

[National Academies Press](#) Astrobiology is the study of the origin, evolution, distribution, and future of life in the universe. It is an inherently interdisciplinary field that encompasses astronomy, biology, geology, heliophysics, and planetary science, including complementary laboratory activities and field studies conducted in a wide range of terrestrial environments. Combining inherent scientific interest and public appeal, the search for life in the solar system and beyond provides a scientific rationale for many current and future activities carried out by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and other national and international agencies and organizations. Requested by NASA, this study offers a science strategy for astrobiology that outlines key scientific questions, identifies the most promising research in the field, and indicates the extent to which the mission priorities in existing decadal surveys address the search for life's origin, evolution, distribution, and future in the universe. This report makes recommendations for advancing the research, obtaining the measurements, and realizing NASA's goal to search for signs of life in the universe.

RISE OF THE RANGER (ECHOES OF FATE: BOOK 1)

A brand new trilogy from Philip C. Quaintrell, author of *The Terran Cycle*. *The Echoes of Fate*, a prophesy uttered unto the world a thousand years ago, cannot be denied...Mankind has lorded over the land of Illian for a thousand years, enjoying what was left to them by the elves, as if it were their birthright. A thousand years is a long time for an immortal race to see the error of their ways and realise a truth that has remained unsaid for a millennia - elves are superior! They are faster, stronger and connected to the magical world in a way that man could never grasp. Illian is their birthright. The six kingdoms of man are fractured, unallied and always clawing at each other's doors for more power. War is coming... Thrown into the heart of this war is an Outlander of the wilds, an assassin, a ranger. Asher was born a thousand years ago, but he doesn't remember. Forty years of brutal training and killing for money has beaten the earliest years of his life away, leaving his ties to the oldest of evils a mystery to all.

KINGDOM OF BONES: (ECHOES OF THE LOST BOOK 2)

The brand new trilogy in *The Echoes Saga* continues! The world has fallen into ruin. Myth and legend have proven true. Monsters have returned to Illian. Orcs, an ancient fiend thought lost to history, have risen from *The Under Realm*. Their hunger for total dominance has plunged Illian into war, pushing the survivors to Namdhor, the last refuge of man at the top of the world. For those who stand up to this foe, they do so in darkness. Ash clouds smother the skies, blocking out the sun as the orcs rampage across the land. Behind it all, manipulating from the shadows, *The Black Hand* fuels the war on both sides. The Crow, the one who was promised, has seen the future and works in the depths of *The Bastion* to forge a new weapon, a weapon that can stand against the dark at all costs. Gideon Thorn is adrift, his order decimated, and his oath to protect the realm meaningless. The Master Dragorn faces his greatest test yet, balancing his duty to the people and his duty to his order. Inara Galfrey has a choice to make as the realm's darkest hour approaches. Malliath and Asher cannot be ignored, but holding fast to her courage could save the world. It could also spell her end. Doran Heavybelly finds himself at the throne of his father. There are realms of hell he would rather visit than the halls of his ancestors. Shackled and bound, however, the dwarf has no choice but to face his past...

CYBORGS AND BARBIE DOLLS

FEMINISM, POPULAR CULTURE AND THE POSTHUMAN BODY

[I.B. Tauris](#) Bringing a lively and accessible style to a complex subject, "*Cyborgs and Barbie Dolls*" explores the idea of the 'posthuman' and the ways in which it is represented in popular culture. Toffoletti explores images of the posthuman body from goth-rocker Marilyn Manson's digitally manipulated self-portraits to the famous TDK 'baby' adverts, and from the work of artist Patricia Piccinini to the curiously 'plastic' form of the ubiquitous Barbie doll, controversially rescued here from her negative image. Drawing on the work of thinkers including Baudrillard, Donna Haraway and Rosi Braidotti, "*Cyborgs and Barbie Dolls*" explores the nature of the human - and its ambiguous gender - in an age of biotechnologies and digital worlds.

PREDATOR - INCURSION

THE RAGE WAR 1

[Titan Books \(US, CA\)](#) Predator ships stream into human space in unprecedented numbers. The Colonial Marines, controlled by Weyland-Yutani, respond to the incursion, thus entering the Rage War. This terrifying assault by the Yautja cannot go unchallenged, yet the cost of combat is high. Predators are master combatants, and each encounter yields a high body count. Then when Lt. Johnny Mains and his marines—the VoidLarks—enter the fray, they discover an enemy deadlier than any could imagine. Book one in an epic trilogy that continues in *ALIEN: INVASION* and concludes in *ALIENS VS. PREDATOR: ARMAGEDDON*. The universe will forever be changed.

SCIENCE FICTION QUOTATIONS

FROM THE INNER MIND TO THE OUTER LIMITS

[Yale University Press](#) In this unprecedented collection of science fiction and fantasy quotations, the reader revisits the stunning moment when Mary Shelley's Frankenstein monster first comes to life; witnesses the transformation of Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll into Mr. Hyde; is present when Bruce Wayne resolves to become Batman; and overhears the cosmic conclusions of *The Incredible Shrinking Man*. Drawing upon two centuries of the vast and provocative literature of science fiction and fantasy, this comprehensive book presents more than 2,900 quotations from wide-ranging sources, including science fiction and fantasy stories, novels, films, and television programs. The quotations are organized by topic—alien worlds; darkness and light; robots, androids, and cyborgs; machines and technology; weapons; and more than one hundred others. The reader will encounter the wit and wisdom of renowned authors (H. G. Wells, Ray Bradbury, J. R. R. Tolkien, Ursula K. Le Guin) along with definitive versions of such important statements as Isaac Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics and *Star Trek's* Prime Directive. With its thorough index, this book is both an invaluable resource for the writer or scholar and an irresistible page-turner for the curious browser.

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FEMINISM AND TECHNOSCIENCE

[Routledge](#) One of the founders of the posthumanities, Donna J. Haraway is professor in the History of Consciousness program at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Author of many books and widely read essays, including the now-classic essay "The Cyborg Manifesto," she received the J.D. Bernal Prize in 2000, a lifetime achievement award from the Society for Social Studies in Science. Thyrza Nicholas Goodeve is a professor of Art History at the School of Visual Arts.

RELIC OF THE GODS

ECHOES OF FATE:

The Echoes of Fate have been heard. After a thousand years, the prophecy has almost come to pass...The final days of hope have come and gone. The kingdoms of Illian stand on the edge of ruin, threatened by the armies of Valanis. As evil spreads across the land, too few are left to hold the line. A world away, the children of fire and flame may be the only hope for the realm. But the dragons have been defeated before, and Verda's future now hangs in the balance. Reeling from their losses, Asher and his companions journey north, trying to outrun the savage Darkakin. A confrontation awaits the ranger, but even with Paldora's gem, he dare not challenge Valanis yet. The days of the Dragorn have come again, and with them, a relic of the gods has been brought into the light. The knowledge of Verda's true history weighs on Gideon Thorn, and he would see the world rid of the evil that has cursed it for so long. Amid such calamity, even the gods can feel a great change coming, and a new age dawning. Whether it be light or the dark that finds victory, one soul will suffer the burden of destiny for all...

MINDHACKER

60 TIPS, TRICKS, AND GAMES TO TAKE YOUR MIND TO THE NEXT LEVEL

[John Wiley & Sons](#) Compelling tips and tricks to improve your mental skills Don't you wish you were just a little smarter? Ron and Marty Hale-Evans can help with a vast array of witty, practical techniques that tune your brain to peak performance. Founded in current research, *Mindhacker* features 60 tips, tricks, and games to develop your mental potential. This

accessible compilation helps improve memory, accelerate learning, manage time, spark creativity, hone math and logic skills, communicate better, think more clearly, and keep your mind strong and flexible.

ARTS OF LIVING ON A DAMAGED PLANET

GHOSTS AND MONSTERS OF THE ANTHROPOCENE

[U of Minnesota Press](#) Living on a damaged planet challenges who we are and where we live. This timely anthology calls on twenty eminent humanists and scientists to revitalize curiosity, observation, and transdisciplinary conversation about life on earth. As human-induced environmental change threatens multispecies livability, *Arts of Living on a Damaged Planet* puts forward a bold proposal: entangled histories, situated narratives, and thick descriptions offer urgent “arts of living.” Included are essays by scholars in anthropology, ecology, science studies, art, literature, and bioinformatics who posit critical and creative tools for collaborative survival in a more-than-human Anthropocene. The essays are organized around two key figures that also serve as the publication’s two openings: *Ghosts*, or landscapes haunted by the violences of modernity; and *Monsters*, or interspecies and intraspecies sociality. *Ghosts and Monsters* are tentacular, windy, and arboreal arts that invite readers to encounter ants, lichen, rocks, electrons, flying foxes, salmon, chestnut trees, mud volcanoes, border zones, graves, radioactive waste—in short, the wonders and terrors of an unintended epoch. Contributors: Karen Barad, U of California, Santa Cruz; Kate Brown, U of Maryland, Baltimore; Carla Freccero, U of California, Santa Cruz; Peter Funch, Aarhus U; Scott F. Gilbert, Swarthmore College; Deborah M. Gordon, Stanford U; Donna J. Haraway, U of California, Santa Cruz; Andreas Hejøl, U of Bergen, Norway; Ursula K. Le Guin; Marianne Elisabeth Lien, U of Oslo; Andrew Mathews, U of California, Santa Cruz; Margaret McFall-Ngai, U of Hawaii, Manoa; Ingrid M. Parker, U of California, Santa Cruz; Mary Louise Pratt, NYU; Anne Pringle, U of Wisconsin, Madison; Deborah Bird Rose, U of New South Wales, Sydney; Dorion Sagan; Lesley Stern, U of California, San Diego; Jens-Christian Svenning, Aarhus U.

METAMAGICAL THEMAS

QUESTING FOR THE ESSENCE OF MIND AND PATTERN

[Basic Books](#) Hofstadter's collection of quirky essays is unified by its primary concern: to examine the way people perceive and think.

APPLICATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN BUSINESS, EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE

[Springer Nature](#) This book focuses on the implementation of Artificial Intelligence in Business, Education and Healthcare. It includes research articles and expository papers on the applications of Artificial Intelligence on Decision Making, Entrepreneurship, Social Media, Healthcare, Education, Public Sector, FinTech, and RegTech. It also discusses the role of Artificial Intelligence in the current COVID-19 pandemic, in the health sector, education, and others. It also discusses the impact of Artificial Intelligence on decision-making in vital sectors of the economy.

THE LIMITS OF ORGANIC LIFE IN PLANETARY SYSTEMS

[National Academies Press](#) The search for life in the solar system and beyond has to date been governed by a model based on what we know about life on Earth (terran life). Most of NASA's mission planning is focused on locations where liquid water is possible and emphasizes searches for structures that resemble cells in terran organisms. It is possible, however, that life exists that is based on chemical reactions that do not involve carbon compounds, that occurs in solvents other than water, or that involves oxidation-reduction reactions without oxygen gas. To assist NASA incorporate this possibility in its efforts to search for life, the NRC was asked to carry out a study to evaluate whether nonstandard biochemistry might support life in solar system and conceivable extrasolar environments, and to define areas to guide research in this area. This book presents an exploration of a limited set of hypothetical chemistries of life, a review of current knowledge concerning key questions or hypotheses about nonterran life, and suggestions for future research.

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THE COMPLETE SERIES

[Createspace Independent Publishing Platform](#) #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Hopeless* joins forces with the New York Times bestselling author of *Mud Vein*. Together, they have created a gripping, romantic tale unlike any other. "How odd to be made of flesh, balanced on bone, and filled with a soul you've never met." Charlize Wynwood and Silas Nash have been best friends since they could walk. They've been in love since the age of fourteen. But as of this morning...they are complete strangers. Their first kiss, their first fight, the moment they fell in love...every memory has vanished. "I don't care what our real first kiss was," he says. "That's the one I want to remember." Charlize and Silas must work together to uncover the truth about what happened to them and why. But the more they learn about the couple they used to be...the more they question why they were ever together to begin with. "I want to remember what it feels like to love someone like that. And not just anyone. I want to know what it feels like to love Charlie."

PRINCIPLES OF NUTRIGENETICS AND NUTRIGENOMICS

FUNDAMENTALS OF INDIVIDUALIZED NUTRITION

[Academic Press](#) *Principles of Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics: Fundamentals for Individualized Nutrition* is the most comprehensive foundational text on the complex topics of nutrigenetics and nutrigenomics. Edited by three leaders in the field with contributions from the most well-cited researchers conducting groundbreaking research in the field, the book covers how the genetic makeup influences the response to foods and nutrients and how nutrients affect gene expression. *Principles of Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics: Fundamentals for Individualized Nutrition* is broken into four parts providing a valuable overview of genetics, nutrigenetics, and nutrigenomics, and a conclusion that helps to translate research into practice. With an overview of the background, evidence, challenges, and opportunities in the field, readers will come away with a strong understanding of how this new science is the frontier of medical nutrition. *Principles of Nutrigenetics and Nutrigenomics: Fundamentals for Individualized Nutrition* is a valuable reference for students and researchers studying nutrition, genetics, medicine, and related fields. Uniquely foundational, comprehensive, and systematic approach with full evidence-based coverage of established and emerging topics in nutrigenetics and nutrigenomics. Includes a valuable guide to ethics for genetic testing for nutritional advice. Chapters include definitions, methods, summaries, figures, and tables to help students, researchers, and faculty grasp key concepts. Companion website includes slide decks, images, questions, and other teaching and learning aids designed to facilitate communication and comprehension of the content presented in the book.

WHEN SPECIES MEET

[U of Minnesota Press](#) In 2006, about 69 million U.S. households had pets, giving homes to around 73.9 million dogs, 90.5 million cats, and 16.6 million birds, and spending more than 38 billion dollars on companion animals. As never before in history, our pets are truly members of the family. But the notion of “companion species”—knotted from human beings, animals and other organisms, landscapes, and technologies—includes much more than “companion animals.” In *When Species Meet*, Donna J. Haraway digs into this larger phenomenon to contemplate the interactions of humans with many kinds of critters, especially with those called domestic. At the heart of the book are her experiences in agility training with her dogs Cayenne and Roland, but Haraway’s vision here also encompasses wolves, chickens, cats, baboons, sheep, microorganisms, and whales wearing video cameras. From designer pets to lab animals to trained therapy dogs, she deftly explores philosophical, cultural, and biological aspects of animal-human encounters. In this deeply personal yet intellectually groundbreaking work, Haraway develops the idea of companion species, those who meet and break bread together but not without some indigestion. “A great deal is at stake in such meetings,” she writes, “and outcomes are not guaranteed. There is no assured happy or unhappy ending—socially, ecologically, or scientifically. There is only the chance for getting on together with some grace.” Ultimately, she finds that respect, curiosity, and knowledge spring from animal-human associations and work powerfully against ideas about human exceptionalism.

SCIENCE FICTION AND PSYCHOLOGY

[Liverpool Science Fiction Texts & Studies](#) The psychologist may appear in science fiction as the herald of utopia or dystopia; literary studies have used psychoanalytic theories to interpret science fiction; and psychology has employed science fiction as an educational medium. *Science Fiction and Psychology* goes beyond such incidental observations and engagements to offer an in-depth exploration of science fiction literature’s varied use of psychological discourses, beginning at the birth of modern psychology in the late nineteenth century and concluding with the ascendancy of neuroscience in the late twentieth century. Rather than dwelling on psychoanalytic readings, this literary investigation combines with history of psychology to offer attentive textual readings that explore five key psychological schools: evolutionary psychology, psychoanalysis, behaviourism, existential-humanism, and cognitivism. The varied functions of psychological discourses in science fiction are explored, whether to popularise and prophesy, to imagine utopia or dystopia, to estrange our everyday reality, to comment on science fiction itself, or to abet (or resist) the spread of psychological wisdom. *Science Fiction and Psychology* also considers how psychology itself has made use of science fiction in order to teach, to secure legitimacy as a discipline, and to comment on the present.

#ACCELERATE

THE ACCELERATIONIST READER

[MIT Press](#) An apparently contradictory yet radically urgent collection of texts tracing the genealogy of a controversial current in contemporary philosophy. Accelerationism is the name of a contemporary political heresy: the insistence that the only radical political response to capitalism is not to protest, disrupt, critique, or détourne it, but to accelerate and exacerbate its uprooting, alienating, decoding, abstractive tendencies. #Accelerate presents a genealogy of accelerationism, tracking the impulse through 90s UK darkside cyberculture and the theory-fictions of Nick Land, Sadie Plant, Iain Grant, and CCRU, across the cultural underground of the 80s (rave, acid house, SF cinema) and back to its sources in delirious post-68 ferment, in texts whose searing nihilistic jouissance would later be disavowed by their authors and the marxist and academic establishment alike. On either side

of this central sequence, the book includes texts by Marx that call attention to his own “Prometheanism,” and key works from recent years document the recent extraordinary emergence of new accelerationisms steeled against the onslaughts of neoliberal capitalist realism, and retooled for the twenty-first century. At the forefront of the energetic contemporary debate around this disputed, problematic term, #Accelerate activates a historical conversation about futurity, technology, politics, enjoyment, and capital. This is a legacy shot through with contradictions, yet urgently galvanized today by the poverty of “reasonable” contemporary political alternatives.

AGENTS AND DATA MINING INTERACTION

7TH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP, ADMI 2011, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, MAY 2-6, 2011, REVISED SELECTED PAPERS

Springer Science & Business Media This book constitutes the thoroughly refereed post-workshop proceedings of the 7th International Workshop on Agents and Data Mining Interaction, ADMI 2011, held in Taipei, Taiwan, in May 2011 in conjunction with AAMAS 2011, the 10th International Joint Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems. The 11 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 24 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on agents for data mining; data mining for agents; and agent mining applications.

MAKING DEATH MATTER

A FEMINIST TECHNOSCIENCE STUDY OF ALZHEIMER'S SCIENCES IN THE LABORATORY

Linköping University Electronic Press This thesis is a contribution to feminist laboratory studies and a critical engagement with the natural sciences, or more precisely research on the biochemical workings and deadly relations of Alzheimer's disease emanating from a year of field work in a *Drosophila* fly lab. The natural sciences have been a point of fascination within the field of gender studies for decades. Such sciences produce knowledge on what gets to count as nature and natural, healthy or sick, normal or not, and they have done it with great societal authority and impact throughout European modernity. However, feminist technoscience scholars argue that science and knowledge is socially produced, and political too. Concepts such as nature, animal, human, body, sex, and life itself are not simply given natural realities but phenomena processed through the naturecultures of the laboratory. Situated within such theoretical and methodological approaches, this thesis wonders how scientific facts about Alzheimer's disease are made in the lab today. What kinds of realities, bodies and ethico-political concerns are enacted? Who gets to live and who gets to die in everyday laboratory practices? Theoretically, the thesis is grounded, particularly, within Karen Barad's agential realism and posthumanist performativity, and as such it accounts for human and nonhuman entanglements through which AD is performed in the lab in relational ways. In other words, the thesis explores how AD is enacted in the bodies of transgenic fruit flies (*Drosophila melanogaster*), as these flies embody the disease, live and die with it. Last but not least, the thesis explores the materialities of death, dying, embodiment and biological waste in a biochemistry lab as constitutive parts of the produced knowledge about AD.

STAYING WITH THE TROUBLE

MAKING KIN IN THE CHTHULUCENE

Duke University Press In the midst of spiraling ecological devastation, multispecies feminist theorist Donna J. Haraway offers provocative new ways to reconfigure our relations to the earth and all its inhabitants. She eschews referring to our current epoch as the Anthropocene, preferring to conceptualize it as what she calls the Chthulucene, as it more aptly and fully describes our epoch as one in which the human and nonhuman are inextricably linked in tentacular practices. The Chthulucene, Haraway explains, requires sym-poiesis, or making-with, rather than auto-poiesis, or self-making. Learning to stay with the trouble of living and dying together on a damaged earth will prove more conducive to the kind of thinking that would provide the means to building more livable futures. Theoretically and methodologically driven by the signifier SF—string figures, science fact, science fiction, speculative feminism, speculative fabulation, so far—Staying with the Trouble further cements Haraway's reputation as one of the most daring and original thinkers of our time.