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WEB SITE

On the Christian Fandom web site, you can find out about our organization, its beliefs, goals, and activities. Also, you will find links to other sites related to Christianity, science fiction, and fantasy. This site is the home of the Recommended Listening list, the Recommended Reading List, and the Recommended Viewing List. We invite recommendations and reviews of any genre-related works which explore Christian themes. There are also files (like this one) to be printed up and distributed at conventions, a list of upcoming activities, transcripts of on-line "interviews" with Christian genre authors held on the mailing list, and author biography pages.

<http://www.christian-fandom.org>



CHRISTIAN FANDOM

Christian Fandom is an interdenominational fellowship of fans interested in the courteous and accurate representation of Christian viewpoints in the science fiction and fantasy community. Our primary functions are to:

- Act as a support group for Christians who are struggling or feeling intimidated by the anti-Christian culture that dominates SF fandom.
- Act as a support group for Christian SF fans who are struggling with the anti-intellectual attitudes that exist in too many churches today, and with the suspicions that imaginative literature is demonic or worse.
- Share information about SF and fantasy that is being done from a Christian perspective, in all mediums (literary, music, art, etc.)
- Provide resources for educating the SF community, in order to demolish commonly held misconceptions about Christianity, including (but by no means limited to) the notion that being a Christian requires one to throw one's brains out the window, the notion that Christianity is not intellectually defensible, and the notion that Christian themes are inappropriate in SF.
- Network to support Christians who are trying to create SF and fantasy in all mediums, both in terms of encouraging new artists, and sharing information about commercial opportunities.

Specific activities we engage in include:

- Holding Christian Fandom meetings and parties at the World Science Fiction Convention and at some other regional SF conventions.
- Publishing a "recommended reading" list of Christian SF and fantasy.
- Communication on the Internet via a web page and an internet mailing list.

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RECOMMENDED READING LIST

This document is based on votes by Christian fans on works which are explicitly Christian, have Christian characters, or deal with Christian themes. These works have been voted on by at least ten people, and have scores of Recommended or Highly Recommended. This list reflects the rankings as of August, 2007.

- Alighieri, Dante
The Divine Comedy (1322)
- Bradbury, Ray
The Illustrated Man (1951)
Something Wicked This Way Comes (1962)
- Bujold, Lois McMaster
Cordelia's Honor (1999)
Falling Free (1985)
Mirror Dance (1994)
Memory (1996)
Komarr (1998)
A Civil Campaign (1999)
- Card, Orson Scott
Ender's Game (1985)
Speaker for the Dead (1986)
- Chesterton, G.K.
The Man Who Was Thursday (1908)
- Henderson, Zenna
Ingathering: The Complete People Stories (1995)
- Herbert, Frank
Dune (1965)
- L'Engle, Madeleine
A Wrinkle in Time (1962)
A Wind in the Door (1973)
A Swiftly Tilting Planet (1978)
A Ring of Endless Light (1980)
Many Waters (1986)
- Lawhead, Stephen R.
Empyrion (1990)
The Pendragon Series (1987-89)
Taliesin, Merlin, Arthur
The Song of Albion Trilogy (1992)
The Paradise War, The Silver Hand, The Endless Knot

- Lewis, C.S.
The Cosmic Trilogy (1938-45)
Out of the Silent Planet, Perelandra, and That Hideous Strength.
The Screwtape Letters (1942)
The Great Divorce (1946)
The Chronicles of Narnia (1950-56)
The Magician's Nephew, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, The Horse and His Boy, Prince Caspian, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, The Silver Chair, and The Last Battle.
Mere Christianity (1952)
Till We Have Faces (1956)
- MacDonald, George
Phantastes (1858)
The Princess and the Goblin (1872)
- Miller, Walter M.
A Canticle for Leibowitz (1959)
- Peretti, Frank
This Present Darkness (1986)
Piercing the Darkness (1989)
The Oath (1996)
- Rowling, J.K.
Harry Potter series (1997-2007)
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- Tolkien, J.R.R.
The Silmarillion (1977)
The Hobbit (1937)
The Lord of the Rings (1954)
- Tyers, Kathy
The Firebird Trilogy (1999-2000)
Firebird, Fusion Fire, Crown of Fire.
- Willis, Connie
Doomsday Book (1992)
To Say Nothing of the Dog (1998)
- Wolfe, Gene
The Book of the New Sun (1980-1982)
Shadow of the Torturer, Claw of the Conciliator, The Sword of the Lictor, The Citadel of the Autarch of the Lictor, The Citadel of the Autarch