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Nominees include:

**Novel**
The Facts of Life by Graham Joyce
Fitcher’s Brides by Gregory Frost
Ombria in Shadow by Patricia McKillip
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The Scar by China Miéville

**Novella**
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
The Least Trumps by Elizabeth Hand
The Library by Zoran Zivkovic
Seven Wild Sisters by Charles de Lint
A Year in the Linear City by Paul Di Filippo

**Short Story**
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The Essayist in the Wilderness by William Browning Spencer
Little Dead Girl Singing by Stephen Gallagher
October in the Chair by Neil Gaiman
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Figures in Rain by Chet Williamson
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Summerland by Michael Chabon

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Beowulf and the Critics by J R R Tolkien edited by Michael Drout

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Fool’s Fate (Tawny Man #3) by Robin Hobb (Hb due Oct)
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- Ludica #2. Having freed the trolls of Dismal Swamp from the tyranny of Stygios Rex, the reluctant troll leader, Rollo, has left the swamp on a bittersweet mission. He plans to return his little friend Clipper to his people in the Forbidden Forest. It's a dangerous trip, but he is determined to go. Pb $12.95 195pp

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LIZ WILLIAMS
THE POISON MASTER
Alivet, a professional alchemist on the run for murder, is sequestered in Ghairen’s fortress laboratory, where she must find the one drug that can harm the Lords of the planet and topple their hierarchy. She is driven relentlessly to hone her skills in time—even though time itself is running out. Tp $30.00 358pp

SEAN WILLIAMS
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Change #3: When the three runaways—Sal, Shilly and Skender—finally arrive at the remote island of the Haunted City, home of the Sky Wardens; Sal’s great-aunt, the Syndic, is determined to keep them under control. And if that means imprisonment, so be it. And it seems the Weavers have their own plans for the three of them. Whichever path Sal chooses, it seems the price to pay is very high for those closest to him, but he must decide, or submit to a future not of his making. Pb $18.95 529pp

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Theo Vilmos is a 30-year-old lead singer in a not terribly successful rock band. Once, he had enormous, almost magical charisma both onstage and off—but now, life has taken its toll on Theo. Hitting an all-time low, he seeks refuge in a isolated cabin in the woods and reads an odd memoir written by a dead relative, who believed he had visited the magical world of Faerie. Before Theo can disregard the account as the writings of a madman, he, too, is drawn to a place beyond his wildest dreams... Hb $49.95 686pp Tp $32.95 668pp

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RECOMMENDED READING
CHRIS WOODING
THE WEAVERS OF SARAMYR
I recently finished this and was completely swept away by this amazing story. It is set in a world that is based on Japanese culture. Every powerful family in Saramyr has a Weaver, men who use the power of hideous masks to manipulate the Weaver. Through their magic these men have become indispensable to their masters and use their influence to destroy every Aberrant that is born within the Empire. Aberrants are evil, twisted beings with terrible powers, or so the Weavers claim. This is until it is discovered that the Empress’ only child is Aberrant. Despite the threat of a revolt, the Empress insists that her daughter will inherit the throne on her death and must defend her daughter from the machinations of the Weavers and assassination attempts.

Far away in the country, Kaiku is the only member of her family to escape an attack by strange demons, rescued by her strange handmaiden Asara. Her only clue, a Weaver’s mask, leads her to the conclusion that her father had discovered something that the Weavers did not want revealed. Kaiku vows revenge and, accompanied by Asara and a young acolyte named Tane, she sets off to punish the people who killed her family. Along the way Kaiku discovers that she is an Aberrant, with a power so deadly she is a threat to herself and everyone around her. She also learns that many Aberrants have escaped the notice of the Weavers and they want her to help them in their latest plan to stop the Weavers—rescue the Aberrant princess and ensure she lives to take the throne.

Wonderfully written, with great characters and plenty of plot twists, this is a series with a difference that no fantasy fan should miss. 9/ 10 - Sian
Chris Wooding
THE WEAVERS OF SARAMYR
This is the story of an empire that rules over a land being overwhelmed by evil, an evil that comes from within the empire’s centre, a sect of magicians close to the throne intent on killing any child born with magical powers. But now the empress has given birth to just such a child and revolution is brewing. Tp $29.95 375pp

Jane Yolen and Vladimir Vagin
FLYING WITCH
Flying on her mortar and pestle, the witch with the long iron nose scours the countryside for plump young children to eat. But will she be a match for the feisty little girl she hopes to throw into her soup? Hb $38.00

Ramsey Campbell
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TALES OF SEX AND DEATH
The original publication of this collection almost created the sub-genre of erotic horror. Never had sex and death been so mesmerisingly entwined. Clive Barker, in his introduction, says, “One of the delightfully unsettling things about these tales is the way Ramsey’s brooding, utterly unique vision renders an act so familiar to us all so fretful, so strange, so chilling. Sex... is the perfect stuff for the horror writer, and there can be few artists working in the genre as capable of analysing and dramatising [this] as Campbell.” Tp $36.00 239pp

Simon Clark
VAMPYRRHIC RITES
Lazarus Deep is a lake that sits like a blot of darkness in the valley. 18-year-old Dylan Adams is on the verge of leaving his hometown for a life in the city, but his plans are dramatically changed when his old school friend Luke Spencer goes missing. A search finds nothing. All anyone knows is that he was last seen at Lazarus Deep. Then, in the dead of night, Dylan’s old friend comes calling. But he’s not the same boy that everyone once knew. The desolate North Yorkshire Moors have held their secret for more than a thousand years. Now it is the turn of Lazarus Deep. Hb $59.95 504pp

Christopher Golden
THE GATHERING DARK
A novel of the Shadow Saga. Peter Octavian, once a vampire, now a powerful mage, is the only man powerful enough to stop a supernaturallyArmageddon... Pb $17.95 373pp

Stephen King
FROM A BUICK 8
For 20 years the officers in Pennsylvania State Police Barracks have kept a secret in Shed B. A vintage Buick which lures the troopers to come and take a look. Now young Ned Wilcox, son of the recently deceased officer Curt, has started hanging around the Barracks. One day, he can’t resist peeking through the windows. And it’s time to share the secret. So the veteran troopers sit Ned down on the smoking bench and tell him every skin-curdling detail - from the Buick’s arrival to the terrifying lightshow, and what it suck in and breathes out...for the Buick is a conduit to another world. Pb $19.95 467pp

Tom Piccirilli
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When Thomas’s best friend, Drabs tries to pass on a warning of impending danger to Thomas, all Thomas learns is “The carnival is coming.” With the help of Maggie, The Granny Witches, and pieces of his past that he thought lost, Thomas must face the strange forces that are swirling towards the people and town that he loves. Hb $59.95 238pp

David Schow
LOST ANGELS
Everyone wants to be good in bed... but what if it’s the bed that makes you good? It’s said the dead live on in our memories, but what if only the dead remember you? What if the most infernal dealmaker in creation visited Hollywood, where everyone’s a dealmaker, to get a little help from his friends? In this collection the author forskes horror’s usual melodrama in favor of penetrating character studies and profound examinations of the human condition. Tp $55.00 202pp

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro
NIGHT BLOOMING
St Germain #15. At the forced invitation of 8th century Germanic king Karl-lo-Magne (Charlemagne), Hiemron Ragoczy de Santus Germainius, a man rumoured to have travelled to many far places, makes the dangerous journey to France. He is called to validate the authenticity of the king’s newly purchased maps, but unbeknownst to Karl-lo-Magne, Ragoczy’s knowledge stems from centuries of being chased from these countries, rather than travelling through them. Despite his longing for peace, he yields to Karl-lo-Magne. What he does not expect, though, is to meet the albino woman, Gynethe Mehaut, who shares his curse of solitude. Showing signs of stigmata, she seeks peace from the church. But when she is taken to Rome, accusations of witchcraft fly, and she is left with a difficult choice-one that even Ragoczy cannot deny. Pb $17.95 655pp

MEDIA

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Packed with spectacular images from Warner Brothers’ hugely popular TV show this guide celebrates the series’ storylines, visuals and cast of characters. In-depth profiles of all the most exciting heroes and villains are featured, from the heroic and haunted Dark Knight himself, to the bizarre and exotic Joker, Two-Face, Catwoman and Penguin. Hb $16.95 48pp

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Mark Chadbourn
WONDERLAND
San Francisco 1967. A place of love and peace as the hippy movement is in full swing and everyone is looking forward to the ultimate festival: the human be-in. Summer, however, has lost her boyfriend and fears him dead, destroyed by a new type of drug nicknamed Blue Moonbeams. Her only friends are three English tourists: Ben and Polly and their mysterious guardian and friend, the Doctor. But will any of them help Summer, and what is the strange threat posed by the Blue Moonbeams? Hb $45.00 92pp

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T H Lain
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THE VILLAGE FILES
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Packed with images from the series and the DC comic-book series inspired by it, this guide celebrates the series’ storylines, art and cast of characters. In-depth profiles of all the most exciting heroes and villains are featured, from the heroic Man of Steel himself and his feisty true love Lois Lane to power-hungry Lex Luthor and other awesome villains such as Darkseid, Brainiac and Parasite. Hb $16.95 48pp

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REYNOLD HUMPHRIES
This overview of the popular genre of American horror films moves from Dracula in 1931 to contemporary films such as Scream, made in 1998. The various characters that recur in horror films - Dracula, Frankenstein, Dr Jekyll, the Mummy, the Werewolf - are discussed, as are repeated themes such as the mad scientist, nuclear anxiety, psychological monsters, the living dead and slasher movies. Key directors including Jacques Tourneur, David Cronenberg, and Roger Corman are covered. An extensive filmography is included and reference is made at the appropriate point to the most pertinent writing on horror. Tp $54.95 216pp

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DAVID HUGHES
Superman, Batman, Spider-Man, X-Men - the comic book movie has become one of the staples of the Hollywood studio. This book explores the landmarks among movie adaptations of comic books. As well as the many famous franchises covered by the book, a number of unusual, off-beat titles are featured including Manga classic Akira, The Crow, The Road to Perdition and Ghost World. There are also the famous flops, from Warren Beatty’s Dick Tracy to Sylvester Stallone’s Judge Dredd. Features chapters on over 20 films, including interviews with many of the key comic and film creators involved. Tp $39.95 296pp

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THE ULTIMATE VISUAL GUIDE
RUSSELL SCHROEDER
Compiled with unlimited access to Disney’s archives, this guide charts the development of the company from its early days in the 1920s right into the 21st century. Focusing on the best-loved aspects of Disney - its animated feature films - the guide reveals how characters such as Mickey Mouse, Bambi and Dumbo were created and how classics such as Snow White and Cinderella were re-invented. Hb $45.00 128pp

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Stan Lee is the Marvel Comic genius who created Spider-Man, X-Men and The Incredible Hulk among others and has been in the business for over 40 years. This memoir traces Lee’s life from growing up in New York, getting his first story published in a magazine, his first job as a gofer at Timely Comics (later to become Marvel Comics) where he worked with Jack Kirby and Joe Simon. He was made creative director aged 18 when they left, enlisted when the war broke out shortly after. Lee went back to comics after the war as the creative force behind Marvel, selling over two billion comics to young and not so young, people all over the world. Tp $33.00 245pp

GEORGE LUCAS
JIM SMITH
George Lucas is primarily known for his Star Wars film series and for having created the character of Indiana Jones. However, he was also an avant-garde maker of independent films such as THX-1138 and remains one of the greatest technical innovators the cinema has ever seen. This guide includes categories such as casting, alternative versions, recurring themes and concerns and expert witness, information on Lucas’s inspiration behind his films both directing and producing, and accounts of his other lesser-known early films. Tp $45.00 296pp

HALLIWELL’S WHO’S WHO IN THE MOVIES:
3RD EDITION
JOHN WALKER (ED)
A comprehensive guide to the who, why, what and how of cinema, the people in the movies are revealed here with brevity and wit. In A-Z format, the book is packed with comprehensive biographical profiles of actors and actresses, directors, producers, editors and other key personnel. It also contains notes on the major studios, foreign cinema, cinematic themes and definitions of technical terms. There are over 1,000 new entries added to this year’s guide as well as a history of the cinema from 1894 onwards, year-by-year Oscar listings and details of all the major film festival awards. Tp $45.00 632pp

HAMMER FILMS
JOHN MCCARTY
An informed history of the company that put British horror on the map with such controversial thrillers as The Curse of Frankenstein and Dracula, this book takes an in-depth look at every film - from the cult favourites to the underrated gems. With in-depth profiles of the creative talent behind the Hammer style, plus a complete Hammer filmography and checklist of the best Hammer websites, this book is the ideal starting point for anyone interested in Hammer or the horror genre. Pb $10.95 96pp

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JURGEN MULLER
In the era when mullets and shoulder pads were all the rage, moviegoers got their kicks from flicks as wide-ranging as Blade Runner, Indiana Jones, When Harry Met Sally and Blue Velvet. Without a doubt, sci-fi was the most important genre of the decade, with ET winning the hearts of millions while Aliens became the stuff of nightmares, and movies like Ghostbusters and Back to the Future fused comedy and sci-fi to the delight of audiences everywhere. Features cast and crew listings, box office figures, trivia, film stills, actor and director bios and an Academy Awards list. Tp $85.00 863pp
WHAT WE’VE BEEN READING...

The Truth by Terry Pratchett (Pb $19.95 444pp). The 25th Discworld novel takes place in Ankh-Morpork and concerns the introduction of printing presses with moveable-type, a dastardly plot to usurp the Patrician and amusing, anatomically suggestive roof vegetables. One of the strengths of the Discworld series has been the author’s ability to twist the genre of humorous fantasy in order to address contemporary issues. This instalment is no different, offering a light-hearted and insightful examination of tabloid journalism and investigative reporting. Throughout the course of the series, Pratchett has fleshed out dozens of hilarious citizens for the Disc’s largest metropolis and this has produced a vibrant, well-populated stable of re-worked stereotypes to interact with the protagonists of his urban adventures. The notable new additions to the Discworld’s ever-increasing dramatis personae include William de Worde, the Disc’s first journalist and Mr Pin and Mr Tulip - Pratchett’s Discworld re-interpretation of Quentin Tarrantino’s gangsters from Pulp Fiction. - Raph

Death Masks (Harry Dresden #5) by Jim Butcher (Pb $17.95). Set at least a year after Summer Knight (Pb $19.95), this has the usual mystery, mayhem and sassy dialogue of the previous books. There are some cool (in the creepy, ugly sense) demons, a character death and the return of Susan, Harry’s semi-vampire ex-girlfriend. I absolutely loved this. - Steph

Break of Dark by Robert Westall (Pb $15.95). This is a collection of some of the author’s best short stories and includes two in particular that are personal favourites. They are Hitch-Hiker and Blackham’s Wimpey. I still remember reading Hitch Hiker as a teenager and having chills going up and down my spine. Blackham’s Wimpey is a story that is a bit more personal for the author as he flew in the RAF on bombers and based it on the old “legend” of the haunted Lancaster bomber story of that time, a wimpey being a vintage twin-engined bomber. All-in-all a great read that will appeal to lovers of macabre tales that have a sting in the tail. Great for any age from children to adult. - Stephen

The Relic (Pb $19.95) and its sequel Reliquary (Pb $21.95) by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child are guaranteed to give you sleepless nights! Everyone no doubt is familiar with the movie of The Relic, but do yourself a favour and do not judge these books by the film script. They are infinitely better, more detailed and far more shocking and riveting. In a nutshell, The Relic involves an ancient artefact, with a deadly secret, that has been brought to a New York Museum, and the deaths that follow. In the sequel, the original characters of the first book all return and there is more action below New York’s city streets and in the sewers where the relic’s guardians are once more stirring... - Stephen

The next instalment in the well written Terminator series, T2 Rising Storm by S M Stirling (Pb $17.95) is also now in paperback and it’s a ripper of a read. If you enjoyed either the films or reading Stirling’s work, I cannot recommend this highly enough. It starts where the first one (T2 Infiltrator) ended, with Sarah now a prisoner of the people who are about to help create Skynet, while Skynet is beginning to take its first steps towards its eventual destiny... Again above average writing, strong characters and a great story-line that leaves you dying for the finale, which is due in hardback before the year is out. - Stephen

COMPETITION

To win one of two Jasper Fforde t-shirts (One says ‘Why Not Visit Swindon’, the other says ‘Toast’), name the heroine of the series. Send in your entry along with your name and address by 25 September 2003. Entry open to Galaxy Cardholders only.

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Sharon Faichney has won the Daredevil Banner. Congratulations!