

## Expedition A Science Fiction Novelette

The Southern Reach Trilogy begins with this Nebula Award-winning novel that "reads as if Verne or Wellsian adventurers exploring a mysterious island had warped through into a Kafkaesque nightmare world" (Kim Stanley Robinson). Area X has been cut off from the rest of the continent for decades. Nature has reclaimed the last vestige of human civilization. The first expedition returned with reports of a pristine, Edenic landscape; the second expedition ended in mass suicide; the third expedition in a hail of gunfire as its members turned on one another. The members of the eleventh expedition returned as shadows of their former selves, and within weeks, all had died of cancer. In *Annihilation*, the first volume of Jeff VanderMeer's Southern Reach trilogy, we join the twelfth expedition. The group is made up of four women: an anthropologist; a surveyor; a psychologist, the de facto leader; and our narrator, a biologist. Their mission is to map the terrain, record all observations of their surroundings and of one another, and, above all, avoid being contaminated by Area X itself. They arrive expecting the unexpected, and Area X delivers—they discover a massive topographic anomaly and life forms that surpass understanding—but it's the surprise that came across the border with them and the secrets the expedition members are keeping from one another that change everything.

'The Sparrow is one of my favourite science fiction novels and it destroyed me in the best way when I read it. It is so beautifully written and the construction of the narrative is masterful.' Emma Newman, acclaimed author of *Planetfall*

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Set in the 21st century - a number of decades from now - Sparrow is the story of a charismatic Jesuit priest and talented linguist, Emilio Sandoz, who - in response to a remarkable radio signal from the depths of space - leads a scientific mission to make first contact with an extraterrestrial culture. In the true tradition of Jesuit adventurers before him, Sandoz and his companions are prepared to endure isolation, suffering - even death - but nothing can prepare them for the civilisation they encounter. Or for the tragic misunderstanding that brings the mission a devastating end. Once considered a living saint, Sandoz returns alone to Earth horrifically maimed, both physically and spiritually, the mission's sole survivor - only to be blamed for the mission's failure and accused of heinous crimes. Written in clean, effortless prose and peopled with memorable characters who never lose their humanity or humour, *The Sparrow* is a powerful, haunting fiction - a tragic but ultimately triumphant novel about the nature of faith, of love and what it means to be 'human' and widely considered to be a classic of the genre.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature, A Checklist, 1700-1974, Volume one of Two, contains an Author Index, Title Index, Series Index, Awards Index, and the Ace and Belmont Doubles Index.

An unmanned space-probe sent to Venus for a preliminary reconnaissance brings back to earth not only vital information but also the spores of a deadly fungus which threatens to blot out mankind completely. Earth's scientists try in vain to devise a weapon to halt its deadly progress and decided, in the end, on one last desperate measure: an expedition to Venus itself.

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A Science-fiction Novel

Mars Crossing

Europa's Lost Expedition

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Arthur Conan Doyle (Science and Fantasy Fiction,  
Adventure Novel, Scientific Romance) Annotated

A Science Fiction Novel

John Lambert lives the comfortable life of a Washington DC government bureaucrat. He has successfully navigated his way through the maze of the United States Patent Office to become the agency's director. His idyllic life is abruptly interrupted when the President's Chief of Staff orders him to a meeting in the Oval Office. What follows is a sarcastic and satiric look at the federal government, reality television, and first contact with extra-terrestrials

The New York Times best-seller, now in paperback! This paperback edition of the New York Times best-selling title expands the civil upheaval among the drow, one of the most popular races in the Forgotten Realms setting. Best-selling author R.A. Salvatore wrote the prologue to Annihilation and continues to consult on the series, lending his expertise as the author who brought drow society to the forefront of the Forgotten Realms setting. From the Paperback edition.

From the bestselling author of Jurassic Park, Timeline, and Sphere comes a gripping thriller about the shocking demise of eight American geologists in the darkest region of the Congo. Deep in the African rain forest, near the ruins of the Lost City of Zinj, a field expedition is brutally killed. At the Houston-based Earth Resources Technology Services, Inc., a horrified supervisor watches a gruesome video transmission of that ill-fated group and sees a haunting, grainy, man-like blur moving amongst the bodies. In San Francisco, an extraordinary gorilla named Amy, who has a 620-sign

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vocabulary, may hold the secret to that fierce carnage. Immediately, a new expedition is sent to the Congo with Amy in tow, descending into a secret, forbidden world where the only escape may be through the grisliest death.

Introduces young readers to the world of science fiction.

Critical Approaches to Media and Environment

Dinosaur Summer

R.A. Salvatore Presents The War of the Spider Queen

The Challenge

Mystery of the Crater

Is a Science Fiction Novel

**This classically styled, chilling murder mystery about an expedition under the ice of Jupiter's ocean moon Europa, backed up by the latest scientific findings on this icy satellite. The science fiction premise explores real possibilities of exploring other bodies in the Solar System, including probing their possible astrobiology. Now that the most recent world war has concluded on Earth, human explorers are returning to exploration, carrying out a full-court press to journey into the alien abyss using tele-operated biorobotics and human-tended submersibles. Nine scientists head out to Jupiter's icy ocean-moon. But at Europa's most remote outpost, one by one, the team members**

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who shared the cruise out begin to die under suspicious circumstances. All was well until humans begin diving into Europa's subsurface ocean. The deaths have all the symptoms of some sort of plague, despite Europa's seemingly sterile environment. Besides providing thrills, a science section covers the very latest in undersea robotics, discussing the assets future explorers may have available for exploring subsurface oceans on moons including Europa, Enceladus and Titan. The book explores the most recent results in Europa research, from safe radiation levels for human habitation, landing sites, subsurface ocean currents and makeup, possible plate tectonics, geyser activity on the surface, volcanic activity on the ocean floor, and Europa's bizarre exosphere. The book also covers extremophiles and the various possible biomes on—and inside of—Europa.

Sustainable Media explores the many ways that media and environment are intertwined from the exploitation of natural and human resources during media production to the installation

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and disposal of media in the landscape; from people's engagement with environmental issues in film, television, and digital media to the mediating properties of ecologies themselves. Edited by Nicole Starosielski and Janet Walker, the assembled chapters expose how the social and representational practices of media culture are necessarily caught up with technologies, infrastructures, and environments. Through in-depth analyses of media theories, practices, and objects including cell phone towers, ecologically-themed video games, Geiger counters for registering radiation, and sound waves traveling through the ocean, contributors question the sustainability of the media we build, exchange, and inhabit and chart emerging alternatives for media ecologies.

Here are 6 modern and classic science fiction novels we hope you will enjoy: *Wolfbane*, by Frederik Pohl and C.M. Kornbluth *Slave Planet*, by Laurence Janifer *Preferred Risk*, by Frederik Pohl and Lester del Rey *The Rat Race*, by Jay Franklin *Champagne Caesar*, by

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**Jay Franklin Rememory, by John Gregory Betancourt** If you like this ebook, don't forget to search your favorite ebook store for "Wildside Press Megapack" to see more of the 300+ volumes in this series, covering adventure, historical fiction, mysteries, westerns, ghost stories, science fiction -- and much, much more! This is the first substantial commentary on Lucian's fantastic journey narrative, the True Histories - the earliest surviving example of science fiction in the Western tradition. The Introduction situates the text in Lucian's oeuvre and offers a guide to its interpretation as allegory and parody.

**Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea**  
**Congo**

**Naked to the Stars**

**The Martian Chronicles**

**Detailed Summary, Analysis and Reading Guide**

**The Murderbot Diaries**

When a landing party is sent to find out why, the Shipstar is on the same trajectory as a human party, half of the group is captured, the other half must go on the run from the bizarre inhabitants. The free group must find a way off

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of the object and back to their vessel. In the course of their attempt, however, they will uncover the secrets of the Shipstar—secrets that will forever upend their understanding of the universe, and mankind's place in it. The tranquility of Mars is disrupted by humans who want to conquer space, colonize the planet, and escape a doomed Earth.

One of the most successful public relations campaigns in history, featuring heroic astronauts, press-savvy rocket scientists, enthusiastic reporters, deep-pocketed defense contractors, and Tang. In July 1969, ninety-four percent of American televisions were tuned to coverage of Apollo 11's mission to the moon. How did space exploration, once the purview of rocket scientists, reach a larger audience than *My Three Sons*? Why did a government program whose standard operating procedure had been secrecy turn its greatest achievement into a communal experience? In *Marketing the Moon*, David Meerman Scott and Richard Jurek tell the story of one of the most successful marketing and public relations campaigns in history: the selling of the Apollo program. Primed by science fiction, magazine articles, and appearances by Wernher von Braun on the "Tomorrowland" segments of the Disneyland prime time television show, Americans were a receptive audience for NASA's pioneering "brand journalism." Scott and Jurek describe sophisticated efforts by NASA and its many contractors to market the facts about space travel—through press releases, bylined articles, lavishly detailed background materials, and fully produced radio and television features—rather than push an agenda. American astronauts, who signed exclusive

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agreements with Life magazine, became the heroic and patriotic faces of the program. And there was some judicious product placement: Hasselblad was the “first camera on the moon”; Sony cassette recorders and supplies of Tang were on board the capsule; and astronauts were equipped with the Exer-Genie personal exerciser. Everyone wanted a place on the bandwagon. Generously illustrated with vintage photographs, artwork, and advertisements, many never published before, Marketing the Moon shows that when Neil Armstrong took that giant leap for mankind, it was a triumph not just for American engineering and rocketry but for American marketing and public relations.

A terrifying vision of the future from one of the twentieth century’s most renowned writers – J. G. Ballard, author of ‘Empire of the Sun’ and ‘Crash’.

Mission Of Gravity

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Marketing the Moon

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First Landing

***Someone has taken the original document of the U.S. Constitution and substituted another. The substitute is identical, just as old, and equally authentic -- except it has been signed by Aaron Burr! It contradicts history, but it is real and there for everyone to see! Such a crime calls for out-of-this-world detective work. There must be alternate Americas -- and one of them must be an***

***American union that Burr helped shape. With a few impossible coins, the path is indicated...and the search for THE WHENABOUTS OF BURR begins! It's a hunt through all the alternate-universe Americas that might have been -- with Alexander Hamilton to point the way and Aaron Burr to block it! A classic science fiction novel combining future, past, and present in a super-science history mystery! Features a new introduction by Michael Kurland.***

***Who was the mysterious stranger who helped injured Londoners during the Blitz-- and then vanished? Who was the beautiful blonde girl who blazed like a supernova on the 1970s psychedelic rock scene for a few weeks--and then vanished? How could an astronaut have reached Mars decades before the first manned expedition to the planet finds her body there? Have all humanity's dreams of a majestic ancient Martian civilization been more than just dreams? Is the future of the human race at stake? In the grand tradition of Arthur C. Clarke, a stunning hard sf novel--the first from internationally known astronomical artist David A. Hardy--that will stretch your imagination in ways you've never experienced before. A science-fictional tour de force, now revised and expanded in a stunning Second Edition!***

***This futuristic science fiction by Tom Rothschild;***

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***picks up where The Neptune Expedition left off. The novels narrator is again a crewman aboard a space craft which has a mission with a shroud of secrecy around it. All, the narrator can determine is, there is definitely a military urgency to it, as four of his five, fellow crew members are expertly trained in combat skills. Also, instead of mining equipment, their vessel is loaded with weapons and explosives. As he is trained to be a part of this combat squad, their true reason for being adrift in Space is revealed to him. What happens next is the result of two opposing forces coming into contact with each other, as each rises to The Challenge.***

***An early science fiction novel written by the second most translated author, French writer Jules Verne, the classic tale depicts an incredible sea expedition on board a state-of-the-art submarine. First published in 1870 and a part of the Voyages Extraordinaires series, the novel is regarded as one of the most thrilling adventure stories and one of Verne's greatest pieces of work. Immersed in themes of exploration, avant-garde technology, and man's insatiable desire for knowledge and scientific progression, Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea has been an influence for many writers as well as an inspiration for numerous film adaptations. The novel kicks off when rumors***

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***Following a lengthy pursuit, the ship finally finds and attacks the monster but to no avail, as the impact hurls the three men into the water. In an attempt to grasp the hide of the monster, the men come to a startling discovery as they realize the supposed monster is in fact a submarine.***

***The men are then captured and brought inside the futuristic vessel, which they later find out is named Nautilus, and meet its enigmatic commander and creator, Captain Nemo. So begins the journey on board the Nautilus, as its three coerced guests travel across all the world's seas visiting different underwater locations while witnessing the most bizarre, yet gripping marvels of the oceanic depths. Shipwrecks, giant squids, sharks, lost cities, coral reefs, whirlpools and an eccentric captain are just some of the obstacles separating the trio from their freedom. An exhilarating subaqueous adventure through***

*unseen wonders, Verne's detailed and prophetic imagination propels the novel and secures its position as a literary classic and a pristine model for science fiction enthusiasts. An early science fiction novel written by the second most translated author, French writer Jules Verne, the classic tale depicts an incredible sea expedition on board a state-of-the-art submarine. First published in 1870 and a part of the Voyages Extraordinaires series, the novel is regarded as one of the most thrilling adventure stories and one of Verne's greatest pieces of work. Immersed in themes of exploration, avant-garde technology, and man's insatiable desire for knowledge and scientific progression, Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea has been an influence for many writers as well as an inspiration for numerous film adaptations. The novel kicks off when rumors spread about sightings of a mysterious sea monster, initially thought to be a giant narwhal. This instigates the United States government to organize an expedition in hopes of hunting down and destroying the ravaging creature. Consequently, French marine biologist Pierre Aronnax is invited to join the expedition, who takes with him his trusted servant Conseil, along with expert harpooner Ned Land, and accordingly the trio set about the search. Following a lengthy pursuit,*

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***The Puzzle Planet***

***The Sparrow***

***Lucian's Science Fiction Novel True Histories: Interpretation and Commentary***

The Lost World is a science fiction novel by British writer Arthur Conan Doyle, published in 1912, concerning an expedition to a plateau in the Amazon basin of South America where prehistoric animals still survive. It was originally published serially in the Strand Magazine and illustrated by New-Zealand-born artist Harry Rountree during the months of April–November 1912. The character of Professor Challenger was introduced in this book. The novel also describes a war between indigenous people and a vicious tribe of ape-like creatures. Edward Malone, a young reporter for the Daily Gazette, asks his editor for a dangerous assignment to impress the woman he loves, Gladys, who wishes for a great man capable of brave deeds and actions. His task is to approach the notorious Professor Challenger, who

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dislikes the popular press intensely and physically assaults intrusive journalists. The subject is to be his recent South American expedition which, surrounded by controversy, guarantees a hostile reaction. As a direct approach would be instantly rebuffed, Malone instead masquerades as an earnest student. On meeting the professor he is startled by his intimidating physique, but believes his ruse is succeeding. Seeing through the masquerade, then confirming Malone's scientific knowledge is non-existent, Challenger erupts in anger and forcibly throws him out. Malone earns his respect by refusing to press charges with a policeman who saw his violent ejection into the street. Challenger ushers him back inside and, extracting promises of confidentiality, eventually reveals he has discovered living dinosaurs in South America, following up an expedition by a now-deceased previous American explorer named Maple White. At a tumultuous public meeting in which Challenger experiences further ridicule (most notably from a professional rival, Professor Summerlee), Malone volunteers for an expedition to verify the discoveries. His companions are to be Professor Summerlee, and Lord John Roxton, an adventurer who helped end

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slavery on the Amazon; the notches on his rifle showing how many slavers he killed doing so.

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Pages: 27. Chapters: Ahead of Time, Childhood's End, Expedition to Earth, Far Rainbow, Firing the Cathedral, Man of Earth, More Than Human, On an Odd Note, Reach for Tomorrow, Roadside Picnic, Robots and Changelings, Starburst (Alfred Bester), Star Science Fiction Stories No.1, The Daleth Effect, The Fabulous Riverboat, The Human Angle, The Invincible, The Long Loud Silence, The Second Invasion from Mars, Tomorrow, the Stars, Vermilion Sands, Who Goes There? and Other Stories, Wolfbane (novel).

Excerpt: Childhood's End is a 1953 science fiction novel by the British author Arthur C. Clarke. The story follows the peaceful alien invasion of Earth by the mysterious Overlords, whose arrival ends all war, helps form a world government, and turns the planet into a near-utopia. Many questions are asked about the origins and mission of the aliens, but they avoid answering, preferring to remain in their spacecraft, governing through indirect

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rule. Decades later, the Overlords show themselves, and their impact on human culture leads to a Golden Age. Clarke's idea for the book began with his short story "Guardian Angel" (1946), which he expanded into a novel in 1952, incorporating it as the first part of the book, "Earth and the Overlords." Completed and published in 1953, *Childhood's End* sold out its first printing, received good reviews, and became Clarke's first successful novel. The book is often regarded by both readers and critics as Clarke's best novel, and is described as "a classic of alien literature." Along with *The Songs of Distant Earth* (1986), Clarke considered *Childhood's End* one of his favourite novels. Several film adaptations of the novel have been attempted. Director Stanley Kubrick expressed interest in the 1960s, but collaborated with Clarke on *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968) instead. The novel's... The signs are all there: when the destiny of the Universe is about to be fulfilled, intelligent life permeates the great void of space; when the energy released by the conjunction of a quasar and black hole breaks loose, the Universe opens a new dimension--and a brand new Universe is born; when an earth ship and an alien

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culture are attracted by the same mirage, they're put on a collision course--and who knows what will emerge from the other end? A cosmic science-fiction adventure in the grand style!

Geoffrey A. Landis had been a major figure in hard SF for over a decade before delivering this a novel-length work of SF - an epic of human tenacity and survival in the early days of manned Mars exploration. After a treacherous failed landing, one crew's only hope of survival lies in trekking halfway across the surface of Mars itself... a journey to the limits of human endurance. And in the process, what was unknown about each of them will be revealed and only the truth will save them from a terrible death far from home.

Books with Cover Art by Richard M. Powers

The Selling of the Apollo Lunar Program

The Art of Space Travel

Patent Law - A Science Fiction Novel

Sustainable Media

The Whenabouts of Burr: A Science Fiction Novel

***Badari Alpha Jamokan and his pack are growing discontented in the sanctuary valley, tired of coming in second place to the pushy new South Seas pack when it comes to assignments and everything***

***else. On top of the discord within his pack, Jamokan is distracted by the search for the right woman to be a proper Alpha's mate to partner with him in combat and in everyday life. Even the Badari goddess is warning him in visions he and his pack are on the wrong path for a happy future. In desperation, he receives permission to take his entire pack north to the mountains for a two week hunting expedition, where he hopes to use the time and rugged surroundings to settle the soldiers down and restore order and discipline. And figure out his own future. When his men unexpectedly locate a hidden Khagrish lab, he goes to investigate and see if there are humans to be rescued. Little does he suspect he'll be called upon to break one of the highest commandments of the Badari packs and bring a new disaster to those who look to him for leadership. Before she became a Khagrish prisoner, Rosemari Parcher was a hydroponics technician on a gritty colony world, who unexpectedly won a planetwide contest. Tapped to receive her heart's desire and move to a totally different life in the luxurious Inner Sectors, her life had***

***become a happy dream. Kidnapped in space by enemy aliens and given to the Khagrish, she and other humans are the unwilling subjects of a bizarre medical experiment where a quick death seems to be her only hope. Rescued by Jamokan and his pack, she finds herself deeply attracted to the Alpha but the devious Khagrish aren't through with Rosemari or the experiment. This is the fifteenth book in the Badari Warriors world (and the thirteenth book in the numbered series) and each novel or novella has a satisfying Happy for Now ending for the hero and heroine, not a cliffhanger. Genetically engineered soldiers of the far future, the Badari were created by alien enemies to fight humans. But then the scientists kidnapped an entire human colony from the Sectors to use as subjects in twisted experiments...the Badari and the humans made common cause, rebelled and escaped the labs. Now they live side by side in a sanctuary valley protected by a powerful Artificial Intelligence, and wage unceasing war on the aliens. Some overarching issues do remain unresolved in each book since this is an ongoing series but romance***

***always wins the day in my novels!***  
***BADARI WARRIORS Timeline: AYDARR  
MATEER TIMTUR (IN THE STARS  
ROMANCE) JADRIAN DARIK GABE  
KIERCE CAMRON BADARI WARRIOR'S  
BABY: MEGAN AND MATEER REEDE  
DAEGAN LANDON HONEYMOON FOR  
THE ALPHA IVOKK JAMOKAN***

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***Mesklin is a vast, inhospitable, disc-shaped planet, so cold that its oceans are liquid methane and its snows are frozen ammonia. It is a world spinning dizzyingly, a world where gravity can be a***

***crushing 700 times greater than Earth's, a world too hostile for human explorers. But the planet holds secrets of inestimable value, and an unmanned probe that has crashed close to one of its poles must be recovered. Only the Mesklinites, the small creatures so bizarrely adapted to their harsh environment, can help. And so Barlennan, the resourceful and courageous captain of the Mesklinite ship Bree, sets out on an heroic and appalling journey into the terrible unknown. For him and his people, the prize to be gained is as great as that for mankind... Hal Clement's MISSION OF GRAVITY is universally regarded as one of the most important and best loved novels in the genre. The remarkable and sympathetic depiction of an alien species and the plausible and scientifically based realisation of the strange world they inhabit make it a major landmark in the history of hard SF.***

***Unlock the more straightforward side of The Ice People with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of The Ice People by René Barjavel,***

***which is one of the first French science-fiction novels. It tells the story of a discovery into the past of mankind that could very well change its future. From a lost civilization to a tragic love story, this novel has appealed to a broad readership since its publication in 1968. While Barjavel's works focused on science fiction, he also often emphasised the theme of everlasting love, perfectly blending romance with science to create novels that can be enjoyed by everyone. Find out everything you need to know about The Ice People in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose BrightSummaries.com? Available in print and digital format, our publications are designed to accompany you in your reading journey. The clear and concise style makes for easy understanding, providing the perfect opportunity to improve your literary knowledge in no time. See the very best of literature in a whole new light with BrightSummaries.com!***

***Interpretation and Commentary***  
***Aurora: A Child of Two Worlds: A Science  
Fiction Novel***

***6 Great Science Fiction Novels***

***All Systems Red***

***Annihilation***

***Pioneers of Science Fiction***

*Winner: 2018 Hugo Award for Best Novella  
Winner: 2018 Nebula Award for Best Novella  
Winner: 2018 Alex Award Winner: 2018 Locus  
Award One of the Verge's Best Books of 2017 A  
New York Times and USA Today Bestseller A  
murderous android discovers itself in All Systems  
Red, a tense science fiction adventure by Martha  
Wells that interrogates the roots of  
consciousness through Artificial Intelligence. "As  
a heartless killing machine, I was a complete  
failure." In a corporate-dominated spacefaring  
future, planetary missions must be approved and  
supplied by the Company. Exploratory teams are  
accompanied by Company-supplied security  
androids, for their own safety. But in a society  
where contracts are awarded to the lowest  
bidder, safety isn't a primary concern. On a  
distant planet, a team of scientists are  
conducting surface tests, shadowed by their  
Company-supplied 'droid — a self-aware SecUnit  
that has hacked its own governor module, and  
refers to itself (though never out loud) as  
"Murderbot." Scornful of humans, all it really*

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wants is to be left alone long enough to figure out who it is. But when a neighboring mission goes dark, it's up to the scientists and their Murderbot to get to the truth. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. Roy Auckland had been asked to join the expedition now on the remote planet Carolus. Despite the fact that he was a communications expert, not an explorer, he was excited about the opportunity to visit an unknown world. But he wondered why he had been requested personally by the head of the expedition. Once on Carolus, Roy met the weird creatures called the Vaec and was immediately intrigued by their mirth-loving nature and their patient devotion to practical jokes. But was it one of their practical jokes that almost exploded alongside Dr. James' skull? Or was it a made-on-Earth murder gimmick? Suddenly, Roy Auckland realized that behind their "native simplicity" the Vaec were dangerously and subtly deceptive. And he also realized that somehow he had to break through their mask to understand them - or Dr. James would be only the first of the Earthmen to die. \*\* From renowned Mars visionary Robert Zubrin comes his much-anticipated debut novel. Filled with startling authenticity, *First Landing* follows humankind's first manned mission to Mars, a new frontier of undreamed-of possibilities—and nightmarish dangers. Five are chosen for the

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*landmark mission to Mars—to become the first humans to walk upon the Red Planet. But when their findings set off a wave of controversy and political upheaval back home, public opinion turns against the Mars mission—and an ineffective government leaves the team stranded. As their situation becomes more desperate, all trust is lost in NASA Mission Control. With differences dividing the crew into warring cliques, life-threatening accidents begin to look like sabotage. Yet somehow the crew must try to pull together. Because if they don't save themselves, no one will.*

*When medical Dr. John Naysmith reports to his new assignment on Mars, he's immediately confronted by a crisis: the outbreak of an alien virus among several men who've been exploring the Martian landscape. The entire base is quarantined, and the Security Chief tells Naysmith that he has just 72 hours to find a solution, or the base will be destroyed by nuclear bombs to prevent the infection from spreading. With time running out, there's just one more option: visiting the crater that's the source of the infection. Can the doctor develop a vaccine in time?*

*Expedition Venus*

*A Scientific Novel*

*The Ice People by René Barjavel (Book Analysis)*

*Hello America*

*The Frank Belknap Long Science Fiction Novel*

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*MEGAPACK®: 4 Great Novels*

*The Luminous Dead*

"This claustrophobic, horror-leaning tour de force is highly recommended for fans of Jeff VanderMeer's *Annihilation* and Andy Weir's *The Martian*." -- Publishers Weekly (starred review) \*\*\* A thrilling, atmospheric debut with the intensive drive of *The Martian* and *Gravity* and the creeping dread of *Annihilation*, in which a caver on a foreign planet finds herself on a terrifying psychological and emotional journey for survival. When Gyre Price lied her way into this expedition, she thought she'd be mapping mineral deposits, and that her biggest problems would be cave collapses and gear malfunctions. She also thought that the fat paycheck—enough to get her off-planet and on the trail of her mother—meant she'd get a skilled surface team, monitoring her suit and environment, keeping her safe. Keeping her sane. Instead, she got Em. Em sees nothing wrong with controlling Gyre's body with drugs or withholding critical information to "ensure the smooth operation" of her expedition. Em knows all about Gyre's falsified credentials, and has no qualms using them as a leash—and a lash. And Em has secrets, too . . . As Gyre descends, little inconsistencies—missing supplies,

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unexpected changes in the route, and, worst of all, shifts in Em's motivations—drive her out of her depths. Lost and disoriented, Gyre finds her sense of control giving way to paranoia and anger. On her own in this mysterious, deadly place, surrounded by darkness and the unknown, Gyre must overcome more than just the dangerous terrain and the Tunneler which calls underground its home if she wants to make it out alive—she must confront the ghosts in her own head. But how come she can't shake the feeling she's being followed?

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*confidentiality, eventually reveals he has discovered living dinosaurs in South America, following up an expedition by a now-deceased previous American explorer named Maple White. At a tumultuous public meeting in which Challenger experiences further ridicule (most notably from a professional rival, Professor Summerlee), Malone volunteers for an expedition to verify the discoveries. His companions are to be Professor Summerlee, and Lord John Roxton, an adventurer who helped end slavery on the Amazon; the notches on his rifle showing how many slavers he killed doing so. Running the gauntlet of hostile tribes, the expedition finally reaches the lost world with the aid of Indian guides, who are superstitiously scared of the area. Summerlee retains his scepticism - although being delighted at making other scientific discoveries in the field of botany and entomology: even a glimpse of a pterodactyl at a distance fails to convince him, believing it is some species of stork (the sharper-eyed Roxton is inclined to agree it is not a stork but has no clue what it really is), until a night-time encounter when it flies down and is seen by all at close range, as it steals the companions' dinner. After this, Summerlee apologises to Challenger. The cliffs to the plateau itself prove to be apparently unscalable, but an adjacent pinnacle turns out to be climbable, and moreover, has a tall tree which can be cut down and used as a bridge, which allows the four explorers to cross to the plateau.*

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