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News From The **ROBERT J. SAWYER** Web Site

“Sawyer is Canada’s Most Lauded Science Fiction Writer.” — *The Whitehorse Star*



China’s Top SF Award

Robert J. Sawyer flew to China in August to accept the **Galaxy Award**, China’s top honor in science fiction, in the category “**Most Popular Foreign SF Author**.”

The award, voted on by Chinese readers, was presented at the Chengdu International Science Fiction and Fantasy Conference, the largest SF convention ever held in China. “I was mobbed like a rock star,” says Rob. “It was the most incredible experience of my life.”

The Galaxy Award honors Rob’s entire oeuvre, rather than a specific book. The award was presented at a gala ceremony at the Chengdu Museum of Science and Technology.

Chinese translations of Rob’s novels are published by Science Fiction World, headquartered in Chengdu, and his short stories have appeared in *Science Fiction World* magazine, the world’s largest-circulation SF publication; Rob is also a past columnist for that magazine.

Honorary Doctorate

On Saturday, June 2, 2007, Robert J. Sawyer received an **honorary doctorate** (Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*) from **Laurentian University** in Sudbury, Ontario; Rob also gave the convocation address to graduating arts students that day. The doctorate was given in recognition of his international success as a science-fiction writer.

Laurentian, a bilingual English-and-French institution, is the leading university in northern Ontario. In 1970, it bestowed its first honorary doctorate of letters on Canadian literary legend Farley Mowat. ◆

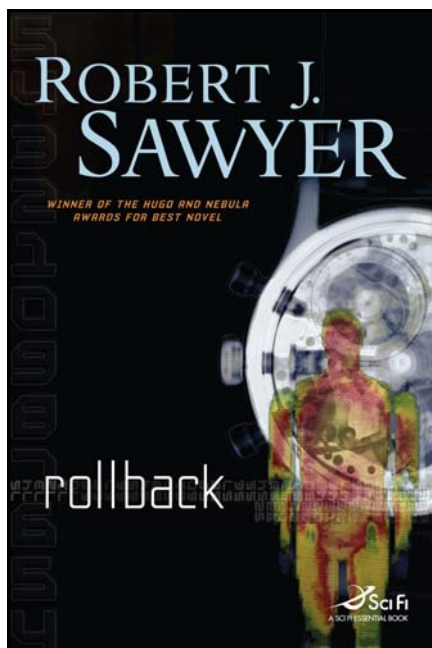


In his acceptance speech Rob said, “I come from Toronto, which was bidding against Beijing to hold the 2008 Olympics. And so I have to confess that I was sad when it was announced that China was getting the 2008 Games. But I forgive you now! I don’t know how many of my countrymen and countrywomen will bring home medals next year — but I feel like I’ve just won a Gold for Canada.”

In addition to Chinese, Rob’s work is published in Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, and Spanish. He has previously won the top SF awards in Spain (a record-setting three times), Japan (three times), and France. ◆

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Rave Reviews for **ROLLBACK**



Reviews for Robert J. Sawyer's *Rollback* have been wonderfully positive:

“Sawyer may well win another major SF award with this superior effort.” —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“An elegantly told story for all libraries; highly recommended.” —*Library Journal* (starred review)

“An early candidate for sci-fi book of the year.” —*Kansas City Star*

“A shoo-in to be short-listed for next year’s major awards.” —*SciFi Dimensions*

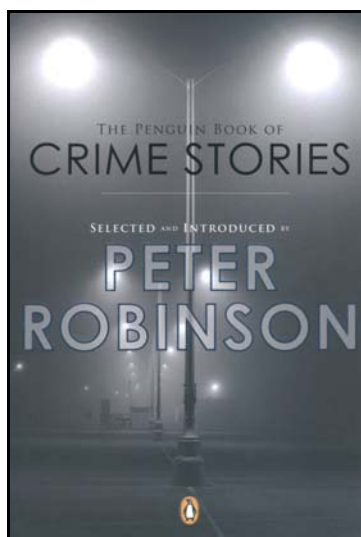
“*Rollback* is an investigation of our very humanity, and how relationships are key to defining who we are. The characters feel real, and their emotions and responses genuine. Beyond the SF trappings, *Rollback* is a story about love and commitment, about humanity at its most basic — a novel to be savored by science-fiction and mainstream readers alike.” —*The Globe and Mail: Canada’s National Newspaper* ◆

Tenth Aurora Award Win!

Rob’s “*Biding Time*” just won the 2007 **Aurora Award** — Canada’s top honor in SF — for best English-language short story of the year. This is Rob’s tenth Aurora Award, and his fifth for short fiction.

“*Biding Time*” was first published in the DAW anthology *Slipstreams* and is reprinted in *The Penguin Book of Crime Stories*, edited by Peter Robinson.

It will appear again in Rob’s collection *Identity Theft and Other Stories*, coming early in 2008 from Calgary’s Red Deer Press. ◆



Bookstore Alert

Do you have all these books by Robert J. Sawyer in stock?

HARDCOVERS:

- ❑ *Rollback* (Tor, April 2007, 978-0-765-31108-5). Rob’s latest novel!
- ❑ *Relativity* (ISFiC Press, November 2004, 978-0-975-91560-8). Collection of nonfiction, essays, and speeches.

MASS-MARKET PAPERBACKS:

- ❑ *Calculating God* (Tor, July 2001, 978-0-812-58035-8). Hugo finalist!
- ❑ *Flashforward* (Tor, April 2000, 978-0-812-58034-1). *Locus* bestseller!
- ❑ *Hominids* (Tor, February 2003, 978-0-765-34500-4). Neanderthal Parallax trilogy #1. Hugo winner!
- ❑ *Humans* (Tor, September 2003, 978-0-765-34675-9). Neanderthal Parallax trilogy #2. Hugo finalist!
- ❑ *Hybrids* (Tor, Nov. 2004, 978-0-765-34906-4). Neanderthal Parallax trilogy #3. Starred *Booklist* review!
- ❑ *Mindscan* (Tor, Jan. 2006, 978-0-765-34975-0). Campbell Award winner!

TRADE PAPERBACKS:

- ❑ *End of an Era* (Tor, Sept. 2001, 978-0-312-87693-7). Seiun Award winner!
- ❑ *Factoring Humanity* (Tor, Jan. 2004, 978-0-765-30903-7). Hugo finalist!
- ❑ *Far-Seer* (Tor, May 2004, 978-0-765-30974-7). *Quintaglio Ascension* #1.
- ❑ *Fossil Hunter* (Tor, March 2005, 978-0-765-30973-0). *Quintaglio Ascension* #2.
- ❑ *Foreigner* (Tor, August 2005, 978-0-765-30972-3). *Quintaglio Ascension* #3.
- ❑ *Frameshift* (Tor, Nov. 2005, 978-0-765-31316-4). Seiun Award winner!
- ❑ *Golden Fleece* (Tor, Nov. 1999, 978-0-312-86865-9). Aurora winner!
- ❑ *Iterations* (Red Deer, Feb. 2004, 978-0-88995-303-1) 22 short stories.