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Rob's 18th novel: *Wake*

Robert J. Sawyer's new novel *Wake* is the April 2009 lead science-fiction hardcover from **Ace Science Fiction** in New York.

And, in a new move for Rob, the Canadian rights have separately gone to **Penguin Canada**, which is producing its own hardcover that same month—and sending Rob on a cross-country 12-city book tour. Meanwhile, British and Australian rights to *Wake* have gone to **Orion Publishing Group**.

Wake received a starred review in **Publishers Weekly** and will be a Main Selection of the **Science Fiction Book Club**. An audiobook is forthcoming from **Audible.com**.

Wake tells the story of Caitlin Decter, a blind 15-year-old math genius, and her discovery of a vast consciousness in the background of the World Wide Web.

Wake is the first volume of Rob's **WWW** trilogy; the other volumes will be *Watch* and *Wonder*. ♦

ABC Makes *Flash Forward* TV Pilot

On March 14, 2009, in Los Angeles, **ABC** wrapped filming on the pilot for an hour-long TV series based on **Robert J. Sawyer's** Aurora Award-winning 1999 novel *Flash Forward*.

The script was written by **David S. Goyer** (*Batman Begins*) and **Brannon Braga** (*Star Trek, 24*).

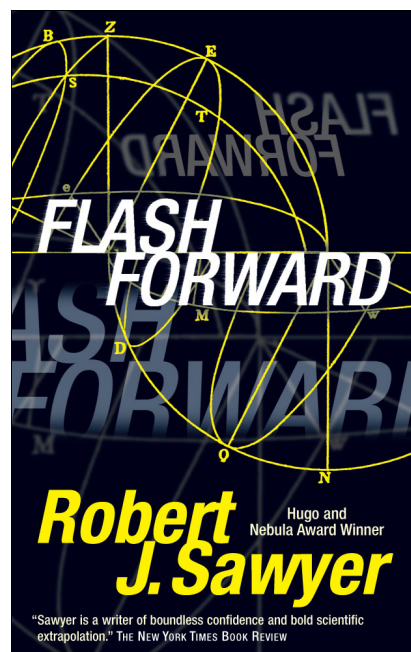


Goyer directed the pilot, which stars **Joseph Fiennes, John Cho, Jack Davenport, Sonya Walger,** and **Courtney B. Vance**.

Rob was on-set for much of the filming. He is story consultant for the series, and will be writing a first-season episode himself. *Flash Forward* deals with a mysterious event that causes everyone on Earth to see glimpses of the future.

The Hollywood Reporter says, "ABC might finally have launched a strong companion to *Lost* with *Flash Forward*." ♦

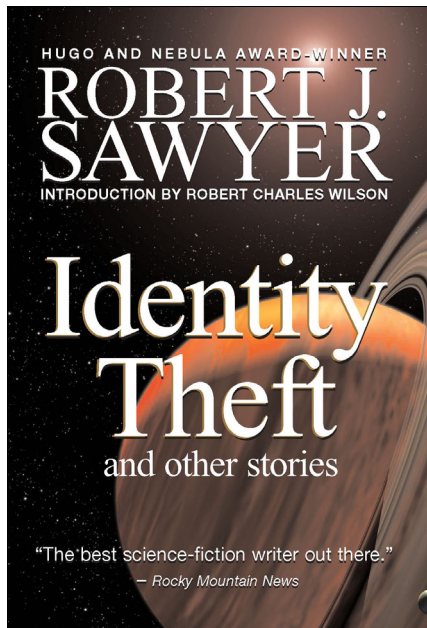
Photo: Joseph Fiennes and Rob on location



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New Collection: *Identity Theft*



Robert J. Sawyer's second short-story collection is now out. Published by Canada's **Red Deer Press**, and featuring a foreword by Robert Charles Wilson, *Identity Theft and Other Stories* gathers 17 fantastic tales, including the Nebula Award nominated title novella, the Hugo Award finalist "Shed Skin," and Aurora Award winners "Ineluctable" and "Biding Time."

"At every opportunity, Sawyer forces his readers to think while holding their attention with ingenious premises and superlative craftsmanship."

—**Booklist**

Writer-in-Residence at Synchrotron

For all of June and July 2009, **Robert J. Sawyer** will be the first-ever **Writer-in-Residence** at the **Canadian Light Source** in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. CLS is Canada's national synchrotron, a type of particle accelerator. The position was created especially for Rob.

He will be doing one-on-one mentoring with the scientific staff and people from the public who wish to improve their writing. He will also be giving lectures and seminars, as well as working on his next novel. His residency will launch with a signing at **McNally Robinson**, Saskatoon's leading bookstore. ◆

Rob Hosts *Supernatural Investigator*

Television viewers in Canada are now seeing a lot more of Rob Sawyer. He's the host of *Supernatural Investigator*, a popular seventeen-episode half-hour documentary series seen coast-to-coast on **Vision TV**.

The series, which premiered on January 27, 2009, takes a skeptical look at claims of alien abductions, supposed psychic powers, putative hauntings, and so on. ◆



RJS Books in Print

HARDCOVERS:

- ❑ *Wake* (April 2009: Ace USA 978-0-441-01679-2; Penguin Canada 978-0-670-06741-1). Rob's latest novel!
- ❑ *Relativity* (ISFiC Press, November 2004, 978-0-975-91560-8). Collection of nonfiction, essays, and speeches.

MASS-MARKET PAPERBACKS:

- ❑ *Rollback* (Tor, February 2008, 978-0-765-34974-3). Starred PW review!
- ❑ *Mindscan* (Tor, Jan. 2006, 978-0-765-34975-0). Campbell Award winner!
- ❑ *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 #3.
- ❑ *Flash Forward* (Tor, April 2000, 978-0-812-58034-1). ABC TV pilot!

TRADE PAPERBACKS:

- ❑ *Identity Theft* (Red Deer, May 2008, 978-0-88995-412-0) 17 short stories.
- ❑ *Iterations* (Red Deer, Feb. 2004, 978-0-88995-416-8) 22 short stories.
- ❑ *Calculating God* (Tor, March 2009, 978-0-812-32289-0). Hugo finalist!
- ❑ *Frameshift* (Tor, Nov. 2005, 978-0-765-31316-4). Seiun Award winner!
- ❑ *Factoring Humanity* (Tor, Jan. 2004, 978-0-765-30903-7). Hugo Finalist!
- ❑ *End of an Era* (Tor, Sept. 2001, 978-0-312-87693-7). Seiun Award winner!
- ❑ *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. Starred Kliatt review!
- ❑ *Foreigner* (Tor, August 2005, 978-0-765-30972-3). Quintaglio Ascension #3.
- ❑ *Golden Fleece* (Tor, Nov. 1999, 978-0-312-86865-9). Aurora winner!