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Instead of studying law, he tinkered with mechanical gadgets. His employer sent him back to his father. For a short time, Jean worked as a watchmaker. Instead of returning the books, his curiosity got the best of him. From those crude volumes, he learned the rudiments of magic. He practiced at all hours of the day. He was upset that the books he got only revealed how the secrets were done but did not show how to do them. So Jean began taking lessons from a local amateur magician. He was proficient in sleight of hand, and he taught Jean how to juggle to coordinate his eye and hand. He told young Jean that digital dexterity came with repetition, and as a direct result, Jean practiced incessantly. When he felt he was ready, he moved to Tours and set up a watchmaking business, doing conjuring on the side. What is known is that his early performing came from joining an amateur acting troupe. He hyphenated his own name to hers and became Robert-Houdin. Houdin worked in the main shop, Jean was to tinker with mechanical toys and automatic figures. Quite by accident, Robert-Houdin walked into a shop on the Rue Richelieu and discovered it sold magic. From there, he built his own mechanical figures, like a singing bird, a dancer on a tightrope, and an automaton doing the cups and balls. His most acclaimed automaton was his writing and drawing figure. He displayed this figure before King Louis Philippe and eventually sold it to P. Robert-Houdin loved to watch the big magic shows that came to Paris. He envisioned a stage that would be as elegant as the drawing rooms in which he was hired to perform. He also thought that a magician should be dressed as such by wearing traditional evening clothes. He rented out a suite of rooms above the archways around the gardens of the Palais Royal, which was once owned by Cardinal Richelieu. They painted it white with gold trim. Tasteful drapes were hung, chic candelabras were placed throughout, and the stage furniture was set in the style of Louis XV. He suffered from stage fright that caused him to talk too fast and in a monotone. He said that he did not know what he was saying or doing, and everything was a blur. He believed that a magician should not present a trick until it was mechanically perfected to be certain of avoiding failure, and this caused him to over-rehearse. He closed the theatre and had every intention to close it for good, until a friend agreed that the venture was a silly idea. Even with all of this, still relatively few people would come to the little theatre during the summer months, and he struggled to keep it opened. To meet expenses, he sold the three houses that he had inherited from his mother. The following year, he added a new trick to his program that became especially popular. Seats at the Palais Royal were at a premium. This new marvel was called Second Sight. Second Sight drew the audiences into the little theatre. Once there, they saw the other creations Robert-Houdin had to offer. By turning on an electromagnet hidden under the floor, he made it immovable, "proving" that through his "will power", he could make it impossible to be lifted even by the strongest Algerian warriors. He found the trick was more impressive not when he claimed that he could make the trunk heavy, but when he claimed he could make the strong man too weak to lift a trunk that even a small child could lift. Before him, magicians performed in marketplaces and fairs, but Robert-Houdin performed magic in theatres and private parties. He also chose to wear formal clothes, like those of his audiences. Many magicians today mimic this by wearing tail-coats. Famous illusions[edit] Robert-Houdin felt that every magic program should be arranged so one trick builds upon the others. One surprise should lead to an even bigger surprise. Some of the tricks and illusions Robert-Houdin presented became classics. Here are a few of them. Second Sight[edit] When Robert-Houdin first opened his theatre, it was sparsely attended and he realized that he needed something more extraordinary that would bring the public to his theatre. So he came upon the idea of doing a two-person mind-reading act, concocting a silly story about how his son Emile had created a game of hot and cold that resulted in Robert-Houdin using it for the stage. Anderson had a box into which items were inserted. The medium would then describe the contents inside. It caused a sensation and brought the throng to see his shows. Eventually, Robert-Houdin changed the method, so instead of asking his son what was in his hands, he simply rang a bell. This stunned those that suspected a spoken code. He would even set the bell off to the side and remain silent, and his son still

described every object handed to his father. Robert-Houdin even made the test difficult. He was able to perceive the taste of the liquids that spectators from the audience merely thought of. He told the audience that he discovered a marvelous new property of ether. He proceeded to "prove" just that. He placed three stools on a wooden bench. With the instructions from his father, he extended his arms. He took a vial of ether and opened it. The audience smelled it wafting through the theatre. In reality, the vial was empty, with the odour being produced by his son Emile pouring real ether on a hot iron shovel. He took away one of the canes, so he was dangling by one arm, and carefully placed his head against his upraised hand. This was startling enough. What he did next was stunning. He lifted his boy upright in a horizontal position by his little finger and then let go until he was suspended in mid air. When he woke up, he seemed no worse for wear. The first in Europe was Ching Lau Lauro in or He rolled it into a ball. He rubbed the ball in between his hands, and the handkerchief got smaller and smaller until it disappeared, passing through to the egg on the table. Carefully, he picked up the egg. Instead, he made that disappear too. He told the audience that the egg went to the lemon. This was repeated with the lemon and the orange. When he made the orange disappear, all that was left was a fine powder. This was placed into a silver vial. He soaked this vial with alcohol and set it on fire. A small orange tree planted in a wooden box was brought forth by one of his assistants. The audience noticed that the tree was barren of any blossoms or fruit. The blue flame from the vial was placed underneath it. The vapors from it caused the leaves to spread and sprout orange blossoms from it. Robert-Houdin then picked up his magic wand and waved it. The flowers disappeared and oranges bloomed forth. He plucked the oranges from the tree and tossed them to the audience to prove they were real. He did this until he only had one left. He waved his wand again, and the orange split open into four sections, revealing a white material of sorts inside of it. Two clockwork butterflies appeared from behind the tree. The portfolio was only about one and three quarters of an inch thick, too small or too thin to hold anything but pictures. He lowered the flap for each production. Then, he showed a picture of birds, followed by a stuffed bird flat as a pancake. One was filled with beans, another with flames bursting forth, and the third pot was filled with boiling water. Robert-Houdin brought on a small wooden box about a foot wide. He said that he had found a way to protect it from thieves. He asked a spectator to lift it, usually a small child. The child lifted it with ease. Then, he brought an adult male up from the audience and asked him to lift the same box. The adult male was unable to lift the box. It is not known whether Herrmann or the others bought the illusions directly from LeGrand or from another source, but they willingly performed the illusions after knowing that they were invented by Robert-Houdin. The public complained, because Robert-Houdin could not magically make his theatre bigger. It became the place for the Paris elite to go.

Chapter 2 : Jean Eugène Robert-Houdin - Wikipedia

Dragon's Egg by Robert L. Forward, Robert L. Forward "In science fiction there is only a handful of books that stretch the mind"and this is one of them." Arthur C. Clarke *In a moving story of sacrifice and triumph, human scientists establish a relationship with intelligent lifeforms"the cheela"living on Dragon's Egg, a neutron.*

Rarity from the Hollow is his debut novel. Its release followed publication of three short Lacy Dawn Adventures in magazines: The Advance Review Copy of *Rarity from the Hollow* received considerable praise through Robert learning about the world of books as a novice. The final edition was released to Amazon on December 5, He continues to write fiction with new adventures based on a protagonist that is a composite character of children that he met when delivering group psychotherapy services. The overall theme of his stories remains victimization to empowerment. Life in the hollow is hard. She has one advantage " an android was inserted into her life and is working with her to cure her parents. But, he wants something in exchange. The *Cancer Ward* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn similarly inspired people concerning a disease that continues to devastate families worldwide. Separated by decades, what do these two books have in common? In addition to great writing styles, the technique used to inspire readers is similar. There are many other examples of books that inspire by: It will make you feel better. Several notches above listening to an inspirational speaker selling a get-rich scheme, such as was once popular in real estate, other books reach for human drive and ambitions to inspire. A cornerstone was its wisdom on how to increase earning power " you can influence the behavior of others by how you behave toward them. As a former door-to-door Amway salesperson during college, attitudes and skills shared by Carnegie did prove effective in me paying for my books and tuition. I became a master of the compliment, heartfelt or not. Yes, we can become inspired to achieve material success. Not counting the thousands of other great books which have inspired us to diet, eat more nutritionally" , one of my personal favorite inspirational books was *The Art of Happiness* by Dalai Lama. In contrast to books that inspired pursuit of materialism, this one encouraged us to reflect on our inner selves and to find out what happiness truly means. It questioned whether material success equates with true happiness. For those who have achieved financial security, and who have found that happiness is elusive despite wealth, books like this one have been successful even if many of the concepts promoted in them cannot be proven to be fact. Of course, *The Bible* has inspired countless individuals worldwide. So have *Shruti* for believers of Hinduism, *The Tripitaka* for those holding faith in Buddhism, *Tanakh* " the Hebrew Bible, and several other religious texts. For me, while most familiar with Christianity, the inspirational technique employed is fear: Apparently, threats can be inspiring. Quite a few folks who post on Facebook seem to believe so. Have I gotten off on a tangent? This article was supposed to be about inspiration in fiction. Before I consider addressing superheroes, John Wayne-type characters, and the G. Joes, please note that, depending on reader interpretation, there may be a fine line between fiction and nonfiction. And, because that was precisely my dilemma as I wrote my debut novel, *Rarity from the Hollow*. How could I inspire sensitivity to the plight of maltreated children without taking readers outside of their comfort zones? All that has been tried before and child victimization rates are going up: I decided that *Rarity from the Hollow* would sensitize and inspire adult readers who were not prudish, faint-of-heart, or easily offended. I later realized, as the Advance Review Copy of my novel was being circulated, this designation carried an unintended message about my story to some potential readers and book reviewers " that it contained heavy sexual or violent content. Before the release of the final edition of my novel to Amazon on December 5, , I wrote an article that was published on a book blog in an effort to clarify its content. Most of the writing had been done after coming home drained from having worked at the local mental health center all day. Exhausted, at some point I made a very inspirational decision for me. Half of author proceeds are donated to the prevention of child maltreatment. *Rarity from the Hollow* uses soft science fiction as a backdrop, but has elements of other genres: The content addresses social issues: The way I see it, the systems in place to help maltreated children are woefully inadequate. I felt that *Rarity from the Hollow* had to be hopeful. I wanted it to inspire survivors of child maltreatment toward competitiveness within our existing economic structures, instead of folks using past

victimization as an excuse for inactivity â€” living in the past. That almost never actually happens in real life, so that genre was too unrealistic as the primary. There was already enough horror in the story, so that genre was out too. What could be more horrific than child abuse? Readers who are used to the fantastical may feel less inspired about my bottom line to achieve a HEA ending for Rarity from the Hollow. While it may never be forgotten or forgiven, the ability to put the past in the past and to move on with our lives regardless of the pain that we all have suffered from time to time, is the key to achieving true inspiration in fiction and in life.

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I thought the human characterization was weak in places not enough introspection, lack of diversity of characters , but clearly Bob knows about the scientific establishment! Actually, I thought that the alien characters were better drawn. With a very high Gauss field, not to mention the dense atmosphere, would not there be some strange optical effects? The atmosphere should make for strange refraction patterns, similar to those on Venus, where the horizon curves UP into the sky. And the high Gauss EM field should make optical effects dependent upon the direction you are observing them. The only real mention I recall of strange optics were those at the poles, which were attributed to relativity. Are they the EM effects mentioned above? Or were they effects due to the high gravity acceleration at the surface? I believe the distinction here is between the special and the general relativity effects. Somehow, no matter how good a book it is would seem not to appeal to at least one of the judging groups! Also, how fast is long and short talk? Does the reference to acoustic waves mean "sound" speed? The speed of sound seems fantastically slow communication method to beings a million times faster than us. It was full of philosophy on robotics and the nature of intelligence, space, time, and the universe. It encompassed all of space and time and contained zero plot, characterization, and action. Fortunately Lester del Rey got to Bob Forward before the readers had this rambling letdown ending imposed upon them. A major difference between the two is that Clement assumes the Mesklinites run on real-time e. It is interesting that Clement did think of this, as witnessed by his character remarking "We knew things would fall faster here, but we just assumed you Mesklinites would therefore have faster reaction times. This review was written at the time as I was running my own personal BBS server. Much of the language of this and other reviews written in reflect a very particular kind of language: It has neither and still works. The lack of characterisation is caused by the sheer amount of time that passes. The cheela are wonderfully conceived and you really get a sense of how physically weird they are. Yes, a thoroughly enjoyable novel. I love the bit with the black holes at the end. It starts slowly enough half a millions years ago and much of it takes place one day in the not too far future as a space expedition to visit a neutron star approaches within a manageable number of diameters of the solar system. Apparently this is a classic of hard science fiction and I can see why. Quite a number of characters appear and pass on limiting their time on the scene, but there are quite a few heroic and epic stories told. I was quite satisfied when I finished it in one day. I just did not want to put it down. Nonetheless, I thoroughly enjoyed the book. It reminded a great deal of The Listeners by James E. Who knew something so prosaic could be spellbinding?

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Chapter 5 : John McGallian (62 books)

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Chapter 6 : Guest Post | The Cosy Dragon

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