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The fourth volume, which I have not read, is *Science-Fiction Rebels: The Story of the Science Fiction Magazines from to*. I will admit that book pricing is a mystery to me. Some of the books I would like to own in any readable copy just seem I am going to go off the subject of this book almost immediately. Some of the books I would like to own in any readable copy just seem extraordinarily expensive to me. It does not surprise me that a signed, first edition copy of *The Great Gatsby* would be out of my price range. But what makes other books such as the ones I have mentioned so expensive? I honestly have no idea, and would like to know. None of which has any relevance to *Gateways to Forever*. This is an extremely complete discussion of the publication of science fiction of less than novel length, both in and outside of science fiction magazines, from to . Of course, someone could do an even more complete study, with a detailed assessment of every fantasy and science fiction story published in that period. I might be missing information given somewhere in this book, but it appears to me that the fine cover of the book is not credited. The first chapter covers the death of John W. Chapter two covers the threat posed to the magazines from the explosion in paperback original anthologies published in the mid-seventies and the influence of female writers on the field. The chapter also charts the rise of academic criticism of SF, with the appearance of magazines and journals such as *Riverside Quarterly*, *Science Fiction Review*, *Extrapolation* and *Foundation*. The new media magazines, which flourished in the wake of *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*, are also covered. The volume has the same appendices as the previous volumes - Non-English language SF magazines, summary of SF magazines, directory of editors and publishers, and directory of magazine cover artists. Also included for the first time in this series is a chronology and a schedule of magazine circulation figures. This volume is a first class continuation of an excellent series by Mike Ashley. Despite the lack of illustrations, I would highly recommend this series to any SF history buff or magazine collector. An interesting addition to the story of Eric M.

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When I began this volume it was intended to complete my trilogy of the history of the science-fiction magazines, and cover the years from to the present, or at least to the year The first volume, The Time Machines, had covered 25 years, from to , from the first all-sf magazine.

Throughout the early 20th century, it was a popular and growing field in literature, and as its popularity grew, so too did the importance of female authors. Despite this, a major section of American society had largely been unrepresented on bookshelves and in magazines: One such author, Octavia E. Butler, helped to break into the field with stunning works that directly addressed issues such as racism and sexism, becoming one of the most influential authors to emerge in the mid- to late century. Shortly after she was born, her father, a shoeshiner, passed away, leaving Butler in the care of her mother and grandmother. Despite a diagnosis of dyslexia, she read widely: In her interview in the book *Across the Wounded Galaxies: Her appetite for science fiction became an unstoppable flood, and she devoured stories by authors such as Arthur C. Later, she became an avid comic book reader, snatching up back issues whenever she could find them. While she was a fan of the genre, she found herself alienated from the characters in the stories she read: They were pretty awful. Her own stories wore a maturity to them, and she described her writing as grim, enough so that her teachers assumed that she had been copying stories from adult authors. Science fiction up to this point was largely dominated by a narrow demographic profile: African-American authors were largely absent from the genre, even as there were a number of authors writing since the s producing speculative works. Butler, along with other non-white sci-fi fans, found themselves outsiders looking in, an experience which helped shape her fiction. Growing up around the Civil Rights movement and its aftermath, Butler helped to bring issues of race and sexuality to the science fiction genre. In , Butler joined the Open Door Program of the Screen Writers Guild of America, a program which she would credit as one of the more influential experiences of her writing career. There, she met science fiction author Harlan Ellison. She would later note that the program would help shape her writing skills. Ellison encouraged her to attend another influential educational experience: Her instructors were an impressive group: Joanna Russ, Samuel R. Butler described the experience as "my only preparation specifically for writing science fiction Mike Ashley notes in his history *Gateways to Forever: The Story of the Science-Fiction Magazines from to that Butler joined part of a growing movement in magazine science fiction that had begun to explore feminist themes and topics, along with newer authors such as Sonya Dorman and Suzette Harden Elgrin, and established pros such as Russ and James Tiptree Jr. In the interceding years, Butler worked a variety of jobs as she attempted to write. Science fiction was essentially a gated community. Butler, and others throughout the s, helped to change that perception. Butler broke through with her first novel, Patternmaster. Published in by Doubleday, the novel takes place in a far future in which humanity is ruled by a sect of telepaths. The following year, a new entry in the series, Mind of My Mind, was published. This sequel preceded Patternmaster as it explored the roots of the telepathic society and efforts to control it. A third novel in the series, Survivor, was published in , and followed humanity after contact with an alien race, the Kohn. They were a little sly, or a little like "the natives" in a very bad, old movie. Apart from all these human beings populating the galaxy, this is really offensive garbage. Some humans go up to another world, and immediately begin mating with the aliens and having children with them. I think of it as my Star Trek novel. At the same time, she shifted gears and published a new novel outside of her Patternist series. Kindred has remained one of her best known works to date. The novel follows Dana, an African-American woman who finds herself drawn back in time to slave-era Maryland, where she encounters several of her ancestors. The book is a powerful fantasy which ruminates on the power of memory and heritage. The book was highly praised in the genre community. In , Butler produced a new Patternist novel, Wild Seed. This novel is the earliest in the series chronologically and introduces Doro, an immortal, and Anyanwu, a shape shifter, and their uneasy relationship over the years. This novel followed an astronaut recently returned from an alien world, infected**

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with a disease that could devastate his home world. While Butler was primarily a novelist, she wrote a handful of short stories throughout the 1970s and beyond. In the same year, Butler embarked on a new series: Xenogenesis, which started with Dawn. The novel featured an Earth devastated by conflict, where the few human survivors are retrieved by an alien race called the Oankali and placed in stasis until Earth is habitable again. The aliens want to create a hybrid race; the novel focuses on Lilith and her desire to remain fully human. Humans are rendered infertile, and the novel follows Akin, a human construct who must reconcile his human and alien natures. In 1981, Butler released the final book in the trilogy, Imago, which examines the nature of the human-Oankali species. Once again, Butler turned to themes of race and sexuality throughout the Xenogenesis novels, looking at the idea of racial integration between unwilling participants. The Oankali are presented as saviors of the human race, much as many slave owners presented themselves as providing good homes and work for enslaved Africans. In the 1980s, Butler set to work on a new series, Parable, and the first entry, Parable of the Sower, appeared in 1980. Set in Los Angeles, its main character, Lauren, is an empath who creates a new religion amid the collapse of society. Its sequel, Parable of the Talents, published in 1984, examines the conduct of religious extremists. Parable of the Talents won the Best Novel Nebula, and was shortlisted for the Clarke award in 1985. In the same year, Butler released a collection of short fiction and essay titled Bloodchild and Other Stories. Her last published novel, Fledgling, was published in 1986—a vampire novel. It would be the last book published within her lifetime. On February 24th, 1987, she slipped and fell outside of her home in Seattle, Washington, hitting her head. She passed away at the age of 58. The sense of loss to the science fiction and literature communities was immediate. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund was set up by the Carl Brandon Society with the express purpose to "[enable] writers of color to attend one of the Clarion writing workshops, where Octavia got her start. According to scholar Gerry Canavan, the finding aid the guide to the papers themselves is 1,200 pages in length alone. The two stories have recently been paired together in an e-book, and it was released last month by Open Road Media under the title Unexpected Stories. Andrew Liptak is a freelance writer and historian from Vermont.

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Chapter 3 : Gateways to Forever - Paperback - Mike Ashley - Oxford University Press

Mike Ashley's history of science fiction magazines continues its high standard with "Gateways to Forever." This is the first volume Ashley has devoted to a single decade, but the Seventies were complex enough that he needed to.

Film companies started realizing that science-fiction movies were incredibly popular, introducing an entirely new audience to stories only previously imagined in the pages of a book. While this was all happening, there was one magazine that remained both influential and successful: In 1970, Bob Guccione, the publisher of Penthouse Magazine, announced a new magazine project titled Nova. Guccione was prompted to begin the project in part by his wife, Kathy Keeton, who, according to Mike Ashley in *Gateways to Forever: The Story of the Science-Fiction Magazines from 1970 to 1980*, "retained a childhood passion for science fiction and escapist literature. It was she who wanted a magazine that explored all realms of science and the paranormal, that delved into all corners of the unknown and projected some of those discoveries into fiction. Fiction would always be part of the mix, according to Dick Teresi, who planned out the project: When McQuown left the magazine, Kendig tried to get Bova to come on board again, but the editor begged off, and recommended Diana King, the associate editor at Analog. King joined the team and began work on the new magazine. Shortly before Nova was set to launch, Boston public television network WGBH filed an injunction against the magazine: Guccione opted to change the name of the magazine, and chose Omni, because the name fit the existing format. Kendig once again went to Bova. He pointed out that there was a hole in the staff that was partially my responsibility. After thinking about it for a couple of minutes, I agreed to step in as the fiction editor, at least pro tem. She was persistent, and he offered her the opportunity to read submissions for the magazine. Just a month later, the newly renamed Omni launched on schedule in September. The thick magazine boasted a triumphant editorial from Bob Guccione: Its magic has become the alchemy of logic, the geometric progression of knowledge, science and technology. Harry Stein, along with previews of upcoming television shows such as *Battlestar Galactica* and *Battle of the Planets*. The September issue also featured new science fiction: Alongside the articles and fiction was fantastic artwork by the likes of H. R. Giger. The company published a million copies, and attracted over 1 million subscribers, which steadily grew over the next year. Now, 60 years later, Bob Guccione was doing exactly the same thing—only better. Sheckley lasted only a couple of years before resigning: By 1975, Bova himself found that the pressure of running the magazine was too much and made the decision to resign. Datlow noted that while she initially bought science fiction for the magazine, she eventually expanded her reach by including fantasy and horror into the mix. Her goal was to purchase stories that she enjoyed: I wanted it to be as literate as the best mainstream fiction. Coming in with a set of fresh eyes allowed Datlow to utilize a unique style for Omni: While Omni was generally greeted with some trepidation from genre fans, Bova, Sheckley, and Datlow had something that soon won them over: Dick Cusack, Alfred Bester, George R. Martin, and William Gibson, among many others. It was a high-quality publication, and Datlow did her part, focusing on publishing stories that were well-written and polished: At the same time, science-fiction writers were branching out and trying new things. While major authors such as Arthur C. Clarke and Isaac Asimov landed incredible deals for continuations of long-running works that became instant bestsellers, a smaller knot of authors writing for Omni were experimenting and innovating, such as William Gibson, Bruce Sterling and Pat Cadigan. They experimented with topics like computers and nanotechnology in novel ways, helping to spark major new subgenres such as Cyberpunk. In 1980, sales of the magazine peaked at a million subscribers and began to decline. In 1981, the magazine relocated to North Carolina, and began to drop issues as the magazine industry contracted. In 1982, Omni announced that it would become an electronic-only magazine, Omni Online, with the printed edition ending in April of that year. The website continued to produce content through 1995, when the magazine closed up shop for good. In recent years, the publication has been revitalized, under the title *Omni Reboot*, and publishes a range of sci-fi-related content and fiction. Ultimately, Omni can be remembered as an injection of fresh blood and thought into genre circles. The science-fiction community

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was changing in profound ways at the time: For that reason, the magazine was profoundly influential on a generation of science-fiction readers and writers, who have since sprouted careers of their own. Ellen Datlow has since become one of the reigning figures in genre short fiction, producing hundreds of anthologies since the end of the magazine. It fills a very similar niche, covering a blend of genre and real-world science news. The magazine influenced a generation of speculative fiction authors and readers, and will likely continue to do so: Andrew Liptak is a freelance writer and historian from Vermont. You Might Also Like.

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