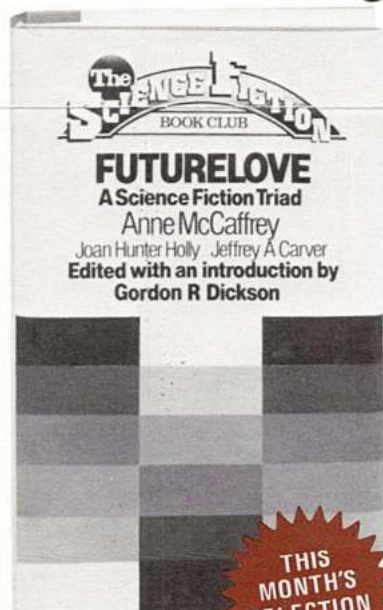


# The SCIENCE FICTION

## Book Club News

### BOY MEETS GIRL: BOY MEETS CLONE OF HIMSELF: BOY MEETS ALIEN —three highly original views on the future of romance



#### FUTURELOVE

Three stories by Anne McCaffrey, Joan Hunter Holly and Jeffrey A. Carver, introduction by Gordon R. Dickson

*The Greatest Love* by Anne McCaffrey: What are the medical, legal and moral repercussions when fertilization takes place in the womb of one woman and the egg is transferred to the uterus of another? More explosively, what happens when the father and host mother are brother and sister?

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In his introduction, Gordon R. Dickson makes the point that story-making cannot be reduced to a formula; it is the writer and not the material which is important. *Futurelove* proves the truth of his words. Here three writers have taken a single theme, love, and produced very different stories. Anne McCaffrey examines a mother love that goes beyond the physical, in

a new and different sense of that phrase; a sense in fact, not possible until present-day medical technology gave us the means of realizing it. The particular gift of Anne McCaffrey is that she can infuse such intense human light and warmth into a hitherto-unknown laboratory-cold subject that it takes on a familiar, common quality.

Joan Hunter Holly, who has also been writing SF successfully for years, deals with a different kind of parent-child pattern. Again there is a love situation emerging out of a relationship which would have been impossible before present-day science gave it to us as something that could happen. But here again, through Joan Holly's creativity, we have an intense, swift-running story, like a landslide channelled between canyon walls so deep they almost shut out the light. Jeffrey Carver goes one step beyond the interaction of ordinary human love. He plunges you into a small whirlpool of individual lives, carried along with a rushing current of power, plunging ever more swiftly toward the brink of a waterfall. Here, the love is not between human and human, but between human and something else. *Futurelove* makes fascinating and memorable reading. 192pp

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