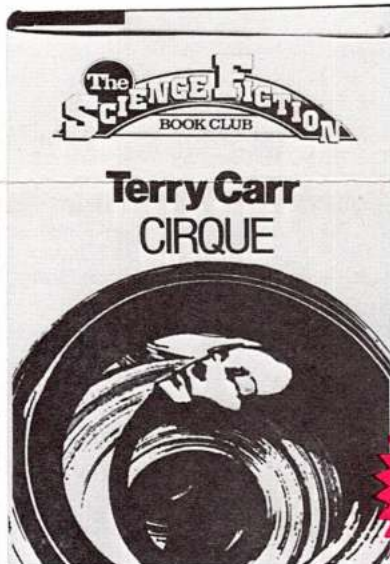


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SCIENCE FICTION

Book Club News

SOME SAY THAT THE BEAST LIVES IN THE PIT ...AND THAT ONE DAY IT MAY EMERGE



Terry Carr
CIRQUE

'...Cirque
is a brilliant
novel.
Read it.'

— Howard Zimmerman,
Future

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'Recommended.' — Locus

Earth has become a backwater planet and is ignored by others in the universe, her last graceful metropolis being Cirque, a circular city built in terraced levels around an enormous abyss.

The Abyss is old, so old that even the myth of its origin has been forgotten, and for countless generations it has received the garbage and refuse of the city, the citizens being confident that it is bottomless. But some say that a terrible creature lives in the Abyss...

One day a visitor arrives in Cirque, an event worthy of attention in itself, but particularly so in this case because it is a millipede from Aldebaran, a creature which knows the future as well as we know our past, and it has come to

witness an event that only he knows will take place and which will forever after make Cirque the Mecca of the Galaxy.

Cirque is Terry Carr's third novel. It was widely praised when published in the United States, and was nominated for a Nebula in 1978, the year that *Gateway* swept the board. 187pp

About the Author

Terry Carr was born in Oregon in 1937 and is a noted anthologist and short story writer. His previous novels were *Warlord of Gor* and *Invasion from 2500* (written in collaboration with Ted White).

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In a brutal and wasted world there was only one law—survive at any cost

FALSE DAWN



Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

Earth in the future. Genetic experimentation, war and pollution has virtually destroyed civilization. Pockets of mutants survive in this harsh world, struggling against disease and famine — and against the Pirates, a ruthless ragtag army as greedy for rape and murder as they were for food, guns and anything else they could steal.

Thea was a loner. Armed only with a crossbow, she survived by her wits as she made her way Eastward to a place of safety she had heard of — Gold Lake. En-route she meets a man left for dead by his former comrades. He is Evan Montague, one time leader of the Pirates,

now their most bitter and hunted enemy. Thea and Evan form an uneasy alliance as they struggle for survival, clinging to the frail hope that they will reach Gold Lake. 208pp

About the Author

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro has a growing reputation as a novelist and short story writer in the mystery and science fiction fields. She won a Mystery Writers of America Award in 1973 and has been compared with LeGuin and Harlan Ellison.

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THE ULTIMATE JUNGLE

Michael Coney

'Mankind will cease to exist at 6pm
on 28 March 3256.'

So the computer predicted the future — or rather end — of mankind. Matt Service finds himself involved with mind projection experiments and begins to experience life on a future Earth, a world of shallow seas, mutated trees

growing in layers on each other's branches, and strangely evolved animals like snappersnouts, humpers and energy creatures.

It is a world which soon becomes all too real... 250pp

SFBC £3.40

Millington £4.50

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