

The SCIENCE FICTION Book Club News

The Stainless Steel Rat, interstellar con-man and crook extraordinaire, meets his ugliest foes yet!



"The Stainless Steel Rat... in fine form once more... roars along with violence, humour and pure escapism..."

— Bolton Evening News

"Harry Harrison has always shone where there is a strong element of humour in his work."

— Frederick Allen, Morning Star

"After this hectic caper The Rat can hold his head high amongst the most elevated super hero company."

— Times Literary Supplement

Slippery Jim diGriz, the Stainless Steel Rat, is still recovering from his efforts to save the world when he is confronted with an even bigger challenge: saving the Galaxy! If anyone can, Slippery Jim's the man — we hope...*

The human race is too ugly to exist. An intergalactic war. Untold billions of slaving, slimy, horrible creatures attacking in monster battleships are closing in on mankind. All planetary chiefs of staff of the League Navy have mysteriously disappeared, leaving the League without Admirals to lead the war — fortunately Chief Petty Officers have been put in command and unit efficiency has naturally doubled, but it is to no avail; the uglies are still winning hand over tential, sucker, pod, claw and fist. There is only one chance to save the Galaxy — the Stainless Steel Rat!

Slippery Jim — aided only by his wife, the lovely and larcenous

Angelina, and their teenage sons, James and Bolivar — undertakes to penetrate the very heart of the enemy council chambers, but he reckons without the arch-villains of the Galaxy, the ice-hearted Grey Men, and the interference of higher and higher secret agencies (would you believe a Morality Corps headed by somebody called Jay Hovah!). Can Slippery Jim think of an ingenious eleventh-hour plan to arrest the ghastly course of events?

As expected from the combination of Harry Harrison and Slippery Jim diGriz, *The Stainless Steel Rat Wants You* provides pure escapism, humour, a mere whiff of sex and an abundance of non-stop entertainment. 191pp

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* *The Stainless Steel Rat Saves the World* is available from the Science Fiction Book Club for 95p. REF 5092

JAMES TIPTREE JNR

Up The Walls of The World

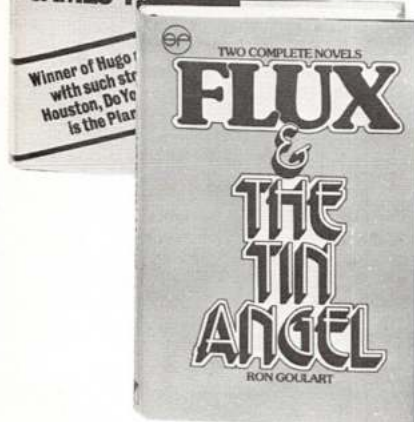
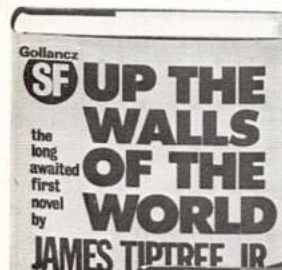
The long-awaited first novel from one of the major voices in science fiction.

As a result of a secret US Navy project investigating paranormal powers telepathic contact is made with the Tyrenni, strange alien beings who dwell in the upper atmosphere of their tempestuous world; a world being threatened by the Destroyer, a huge being which

obliterates whole solar systems as it moves through space. Realising that the Destroyer will exterminate all life on their planet, the Tyrenni are forced into a decision contrary to all their moral beliefs — they must take over the bodies of their human contacts! 319pp

James Tiptree Jnr (whose real name is Alice Sheldon) is one of the most acclaimed sf writers of the 1970s and winner of both the Hugo and Nebula Awards.

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Ron Goulart

Flux and The Tin Angel

Two complete novels in one volume from the author of the wildest and wackiest books in the field of science fiction.

In *Flux* meet Ben Jolson of the galaxy-famous Chameleon Corps who can disguise himself as just about anything — doctor, lawyer, Indian chief, even a refrigerator! But on the planet Jasper Jolson's abilities are strained to the absolute limit.

The Tin Angel is Bowser, a wise-cracking bionic dog, the top-rated star of 1999's television. Man's best friend to the vast audience, he is a cur, mutt, and son of a five-letter-word to Bert Schenley, his agent and guardian. When Bowser and Bert go to the front of a guerrilla war Bowser is determined to grab the headlines, Bert is determined to stay alive, and everybody else is equally set on blotting them both out.

Ron Goulart has become popular in the last few years, chiefly because of his delicately zany humour. A satirist of distinction he is being hailed as 'the next Kurt Vonnegut'. Praise indeed. 251pp

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