

# The SCIENCE FICTION Book Club News

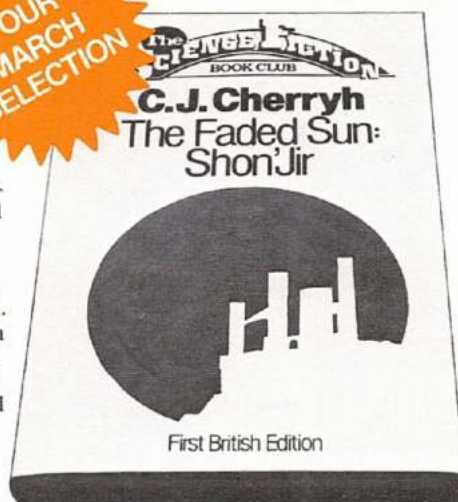
**The second volume in the awe-inspiring trilogy  
not generally available in the UK!**

*'This is a powerful story, bitter and yet somehow inspiring . . . it sticks in the mind, long after the last page is finished.'* – Lester Del Rey, *Analog*.

Sten Duncan had ended up saving the lives of the last two of humanity's deadliest enemies – the *mri* – during the takeover of their planet Kesrith. Sten thus felt responsible for their future . . . if any.

The power relationships of the *mri* are complex: although the two were blood brother and sister, they each represented different power castes in their ancient warrior race. Nium was the very last of a long line of Samurai. Melein, although so young, was the last priestess-queen. And although mankind was their enemy through a long tradition of terrible struggle and mutual danger, they had sealed Sten Duncan to their loyalty. As their blood brother, he was obligated to help them flee mankind and take the long evasion-route across the cosmos . . . to a legendary lost planet which might afford the *mri* just one more chance.

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C J Cherryh's powerful style will hold you spellbound from start to finish. She deals in stark adventure, the grim realities of what can happen when alien planets and peoples intermingle, how human beings behave face to face with the unknown, what it is like to be the sole survivor of an intelligent species which has vanished from the universe.

'While Nium was angular and gaunt, a warrior of his kind, Melein was delicate and fine. On their faces both *mri* were scarred, three fine lines of blue stain slanting across each cheek, from the inner corner of the eye to the outer edge of the cheekbone, marks of meaning no human knew. On Melein's sleeping face, the fine blue lines lent exotic beauty to her bronze-lashed eyes; she seemed too fragile to partake of *mri* ferocity or to bear the weight of *mri* crimes . . .'  
253pp

**Club Edition £2.45**

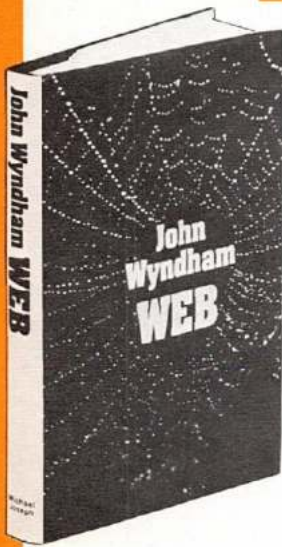
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Note: *The Faded Sun: Kesrith* is still available from SFBC.

**Club Edition £2.85**

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## John Wyndham WEB



'He is one of the few authors whose compulsive readability is a compliment to the intelligence.' Edmund Crispin (*Spectator*)

John Wyndham is preoccupied in all his novels with the fine margin by which man maintains his supremacy over other living things, and the logical possibility that his reign could end if another creature took a giant step in evolution. In *Web*, a millionaire tycoon conceives a Utopia free from false doctrines and obsolete standards. For the site of his experiment he chooses a South Pacific island which, unknown to him, was the site of a nuclear test which has made it virtually uninhabitable. Did this have any bearing on the sinister development of the Little Sisters – the spiders who were lying in wait for the Utopians . . . ?  
6¼ x 4in / 186pp

**Member's price £3.75**

Michael Joseph £4.95

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MICHAEL CONEY

## THE ULTIMATE JUNGLE

The computer predicts: *mankind will cease to exist at 6pm GMT on 28 March 3256*. What are we to do? Find a new home among the stars? Or search for an alternative timestream where mankind goes on forever? Matt Helm, captain of the last space shuttle, has uncanny mind projections of a future Earth – a world of mutated trees, moving plants, strangely evolved animals, and where people have an odd power over each other. And Matt's visions become reality when the last passengers for the Star Ship are left behind . . . and he is face to face with the Jungle and the unfettered emotions of himself and his companions.  
8¼ x 4¼in / 250pp

**Member's price £3.40**

Millington £4.50

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