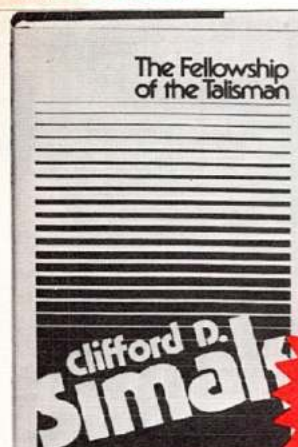


The SCIENCE FICTION Book Club News

The Dark Ages return to 20th Century England

The latest novel
from Nebula Grand Master
Clifford D Simak



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Throughout history the demonic, bloodthirsty creatures known as the Harriers had thwarted progress and kept humanity stagnating in ignorance. The only hope against the terror was a very old manuscript which appeared to be an account of the ministry of Jesus, a diary kept by someone who had lived at the time and witnessed the events he wrote about. But the manuscript had to be proved genuine and the only person who could authenticate it was the venerable scholar Bishop Wise - who lived beyond the Harried Lands!

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nervous ghost, a grumpy goblin, and a demon AWOL from Hell. And there was the talisman, a wizard's bauble - but even these forces for good crumbled when the Harriers launched their final assault and left Duncan with nothing but his courage.

Clifford D Simak A veteran from the days of the pulps, Clifford D Simak is perhaps best known for the SF classic *City*. He won a Hugo in 1959 for his novelette 'The Big Front Yard' and in 1964 for Best Novel *Way Station*. In 1977 the Science Fiction Writers of America awarded him the Nebula Grand Master and in 1978 he won the Jupiter Award for Best Novel, *A Heritage of Stars* (SFBC 95p REF 5142).

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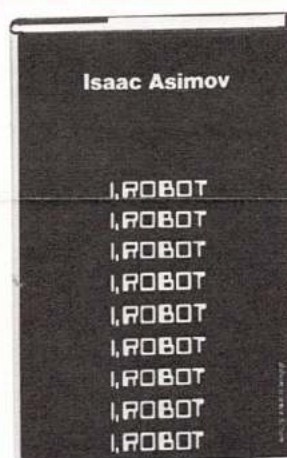
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