

The SCIENCE FICTION Book Club News

There had been five cosmic villains on Kirth Gersen's vengeance list. Now there were just two left. The one who now crosses his path is Lens Larque, the notorious Demon Prince . . .

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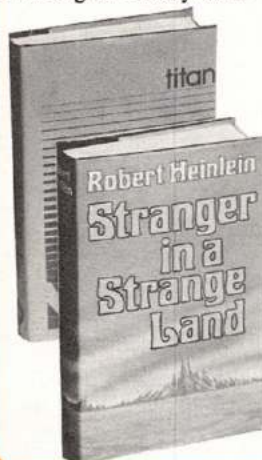
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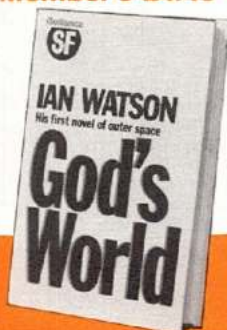
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Never before has a publishing and book club company celebrated an anniversary in quite the way David & Charles do for their twenty-first birthday in April and May. We hope that many members of the Science Fiction Book Club will find the time to take part in one or more of the activities, and there are some special discounts for members too.

Special to Cornwall

On 9 May, jointly with the National Trust, we run a luxury special train from Paddington/Reading/Taunton and Devon stations to West Cornwall. The fare of £16.50 (less 10% to members and their friends) includes coach, ferry to romantic St Michael's Mount, admission and cream tea. There is a very attractive alternative Paddington/Reading train and Devon coach tour taking lunch and cream tea at different National Trust Houses. Members' cost £19 less 10% discount.

Richard Baker Concert

On 14 May, Richard Baker presents a special concert at St John's, Smith Square, in London. The best tickets cost £10 but are offered at £7.50 to Readers Union members. They include admission to 'The David & Charles Story' at 7.00pm, the concert at 7.30 (Haydn's Symphony No 46, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, Walton's Facade with Richard Baker as narrator), a glass of wine, an autographed copy of *A Classical Guide To Music* by Richard Baker, and a book voucher to use at our bookstall. Truly an evening to remember.

Victorian Weekend

David & Charles take you back in time at the 4-star Cumbria Grand, Grange-over-Sands, 15-17 May. Room 2 nights, dinner, bed and breakfast, private bath, Sunday Victorian buffet lunch, steam train/boat/coach and tour/walk across Morecambe Bay, film shows, Victorian melodrama, etc. £57 per person less 10% members' discount; outstanding value for an outstanding event. At 10.45 on Sunday morning there will be a special get-together of members, and those living in the North of England wanting to come for the day without staying at the hotel pay a net £8.50 for the meeting, with coffee, the Victorian buffet lunch and the walk across Morecambe Bay.

Garden Party

On 21 May, at Newton Abbot, our old and much-respected friend, John Arlott, opens a garden party in the grounds of historic Forde House at Newton Abbot, near our offices.

Further Details

A separate, more detailed, programme of events is available for those requiring more information; and please do tell your friends of these never-to-be-repeated events.

All correspondence together with remittance as appropriate should be sent in a separate envelope clearly marked 'D & C Anniversary Programme' and by all means enclose it within any other communication you are sending us so as to avoid extra postage.