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## Book Club News

The strangest planet in the universe awaited their arrival

# STRATA

## Terry Pratchett

There had never been any such thing as a natural universe. That was the Theory of Continuous Creation.

Races arose and changed the universe to suit themselves, and died. And then other races arose in the ruins, changed the universe to suit themselves, and they too died. And so it went on.

The Great Spindle Kings had built themselves planets – Earth included. But they weren't the first lords of Creations. Before them were the silicon hemispheres called Wheelers... and before them the nova-creating Paleotechs... and the star-spinning ChThones... and the RIME, who produced hydrogen as part of their biological processes.

But some of the Creators were jokers. And the medieval world Jago Jalo found looked like one of their jokes.

It was flat.

Jalo, Kin Arad, the kung Marco Farfarer, and the 56-syllable-named shand better known as Silver set out to learn the secrets of the disc world.

Who built it? How – when – and most of all, why?

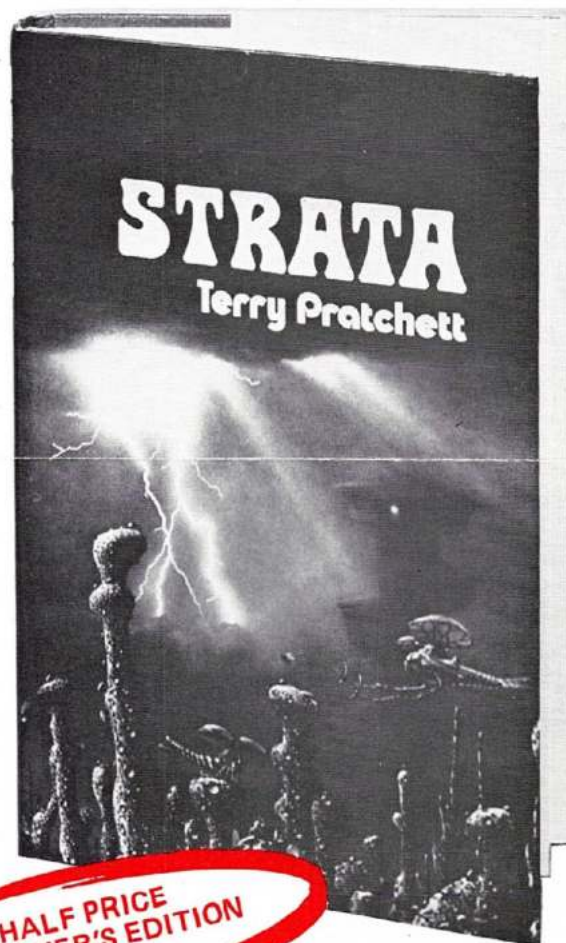
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