

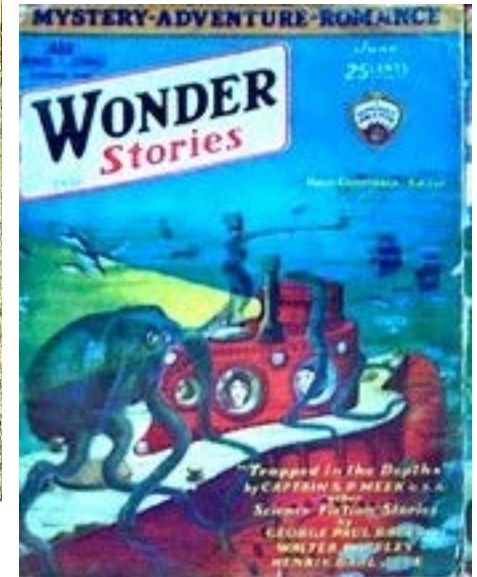
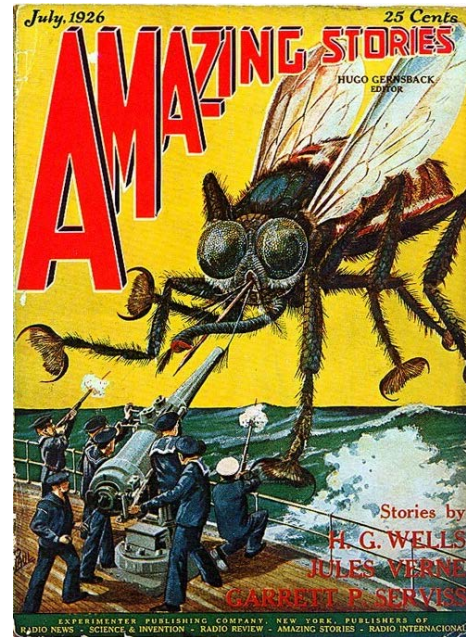
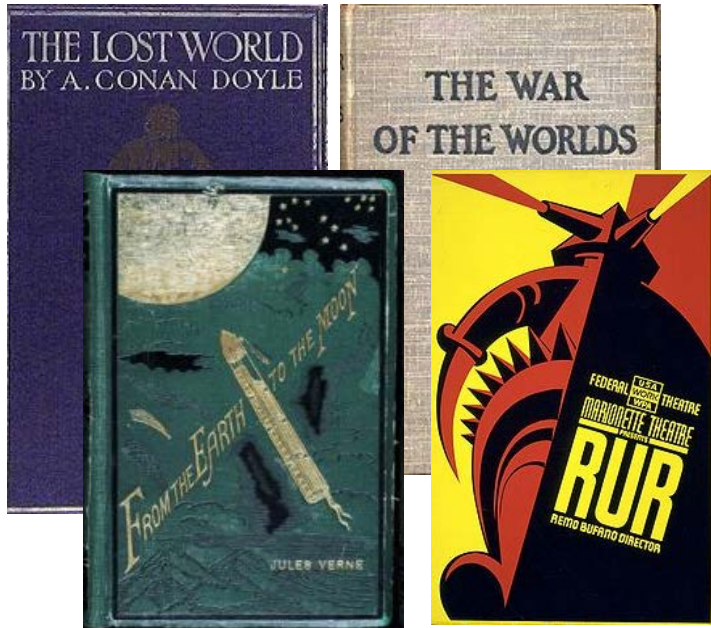


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Before the Beginning



Jules Verne – From the Earth to the Moon - 1865

H.G. Wells – The War of the Worlds - 1898

Conan Doyle – The Lost World – 1912

Karel Capek – R.U.R. - 1920

Gernsback:

Amazing Stories, from 1926 then
Wonder Stories, from 1929

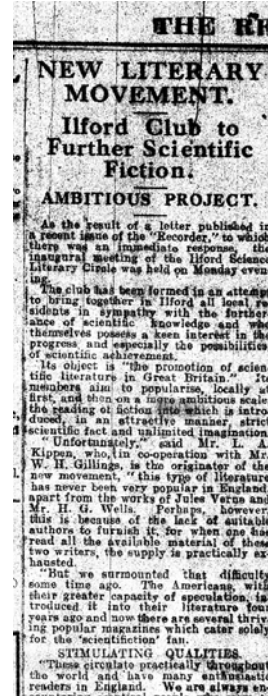
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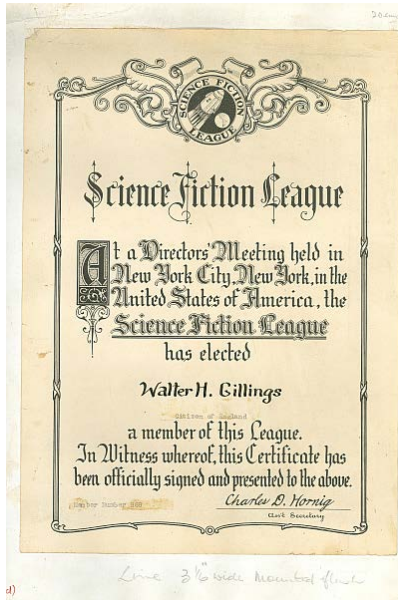
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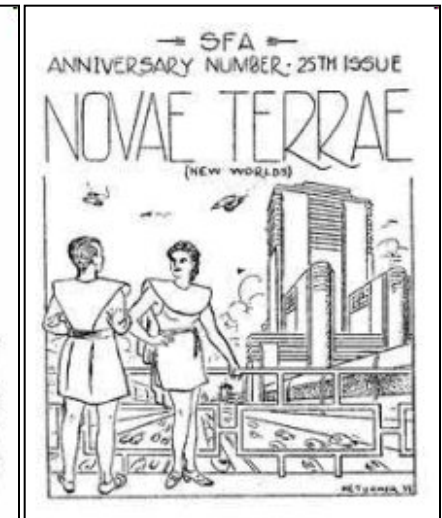
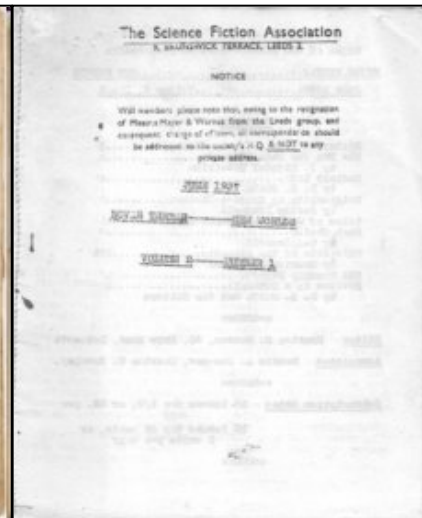
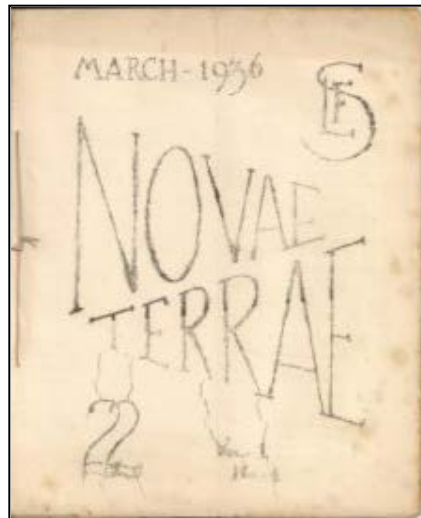
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- British
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Society 1933

1935-37 – SFL



88 Gray's Inn Road

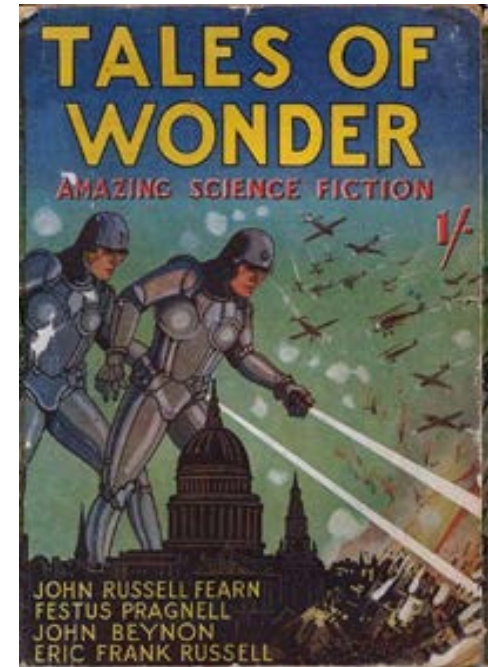
Maurice K. Hanson
– Novae Terrae Issues 1, 13, 23 & 25



1937-38 – First Convention!

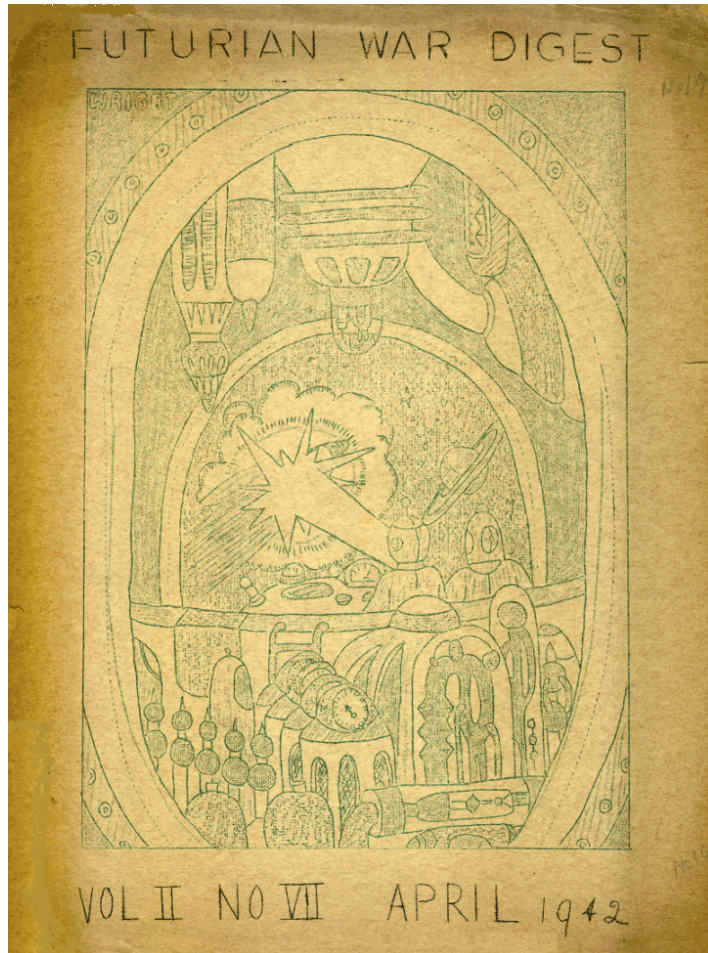


January 1937: Leeds' Theosophical Hall:
Maurice K. Hanson, Arthur C. Clarke,
Walter Gillings, Les Johnson, Ted Carnell,
Eric Frank Russell, Herbert Warnes (chairman),
George Airey, D.W.F. Mayer, A. Miller,
J. Michael Rosenblum



Editor:
Walter Gillings
Published 1937-42

1939-45 – War Years & BFS



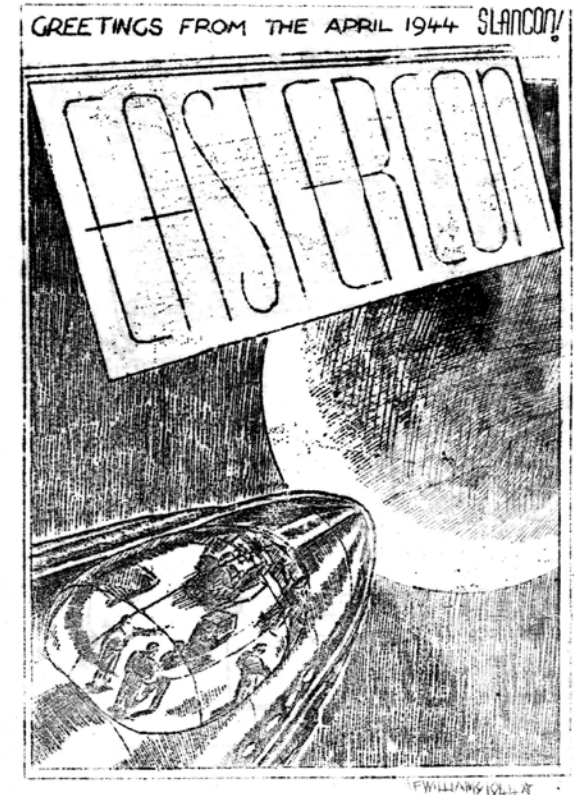
Futurian War Digest – published by Mike Rosenblum October 1940 – March 1945



Arthur C. Clarke in uniform



Terry Jeeves Aged 21 in Nov 43

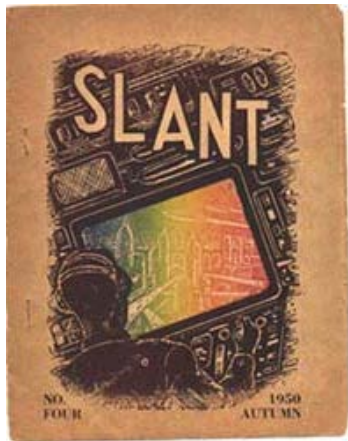


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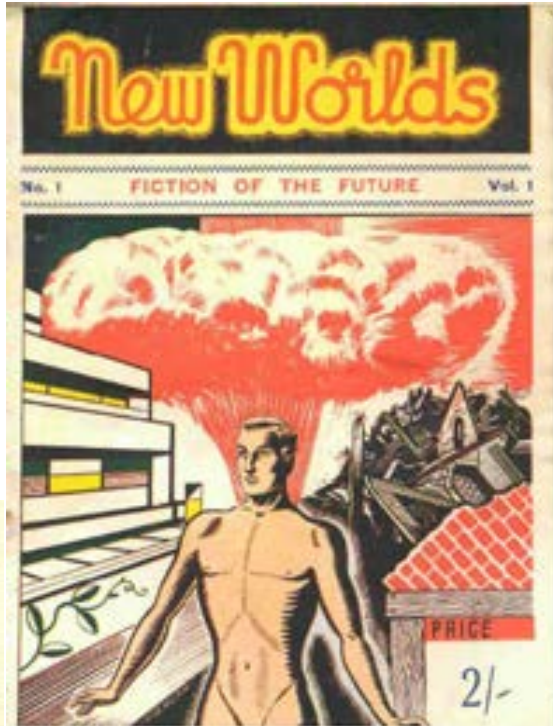
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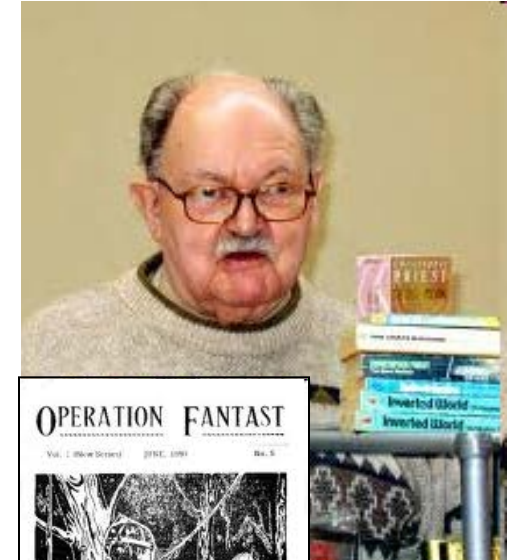
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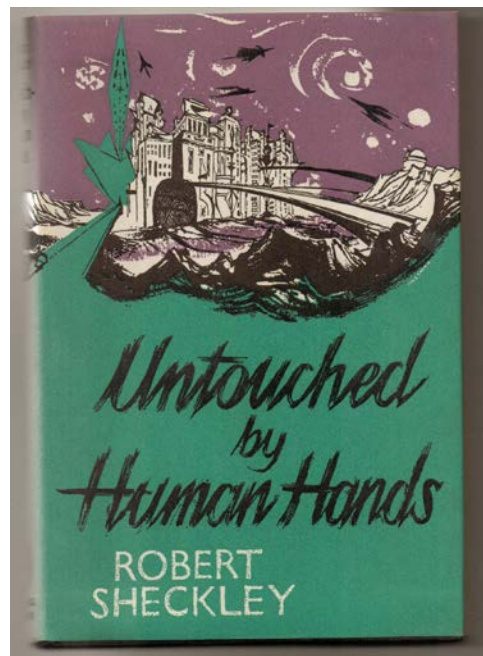
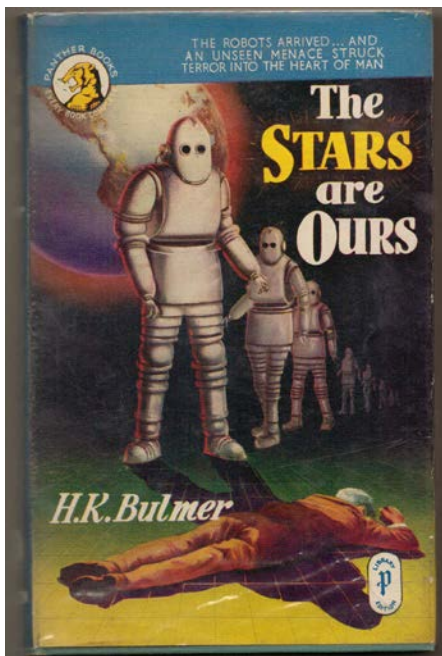
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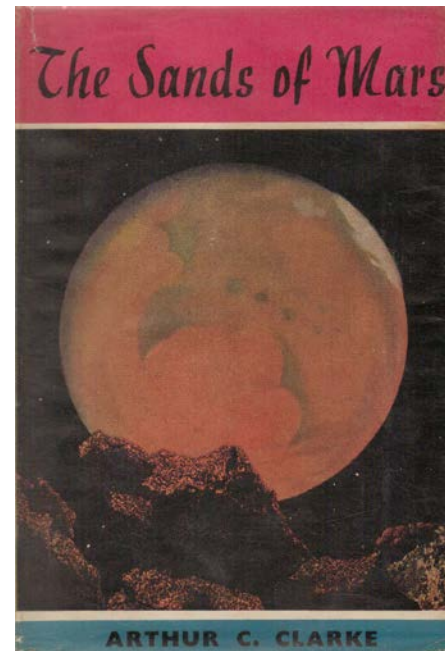
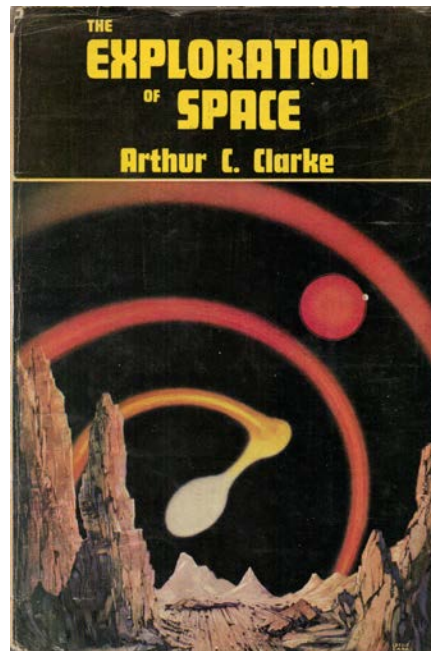
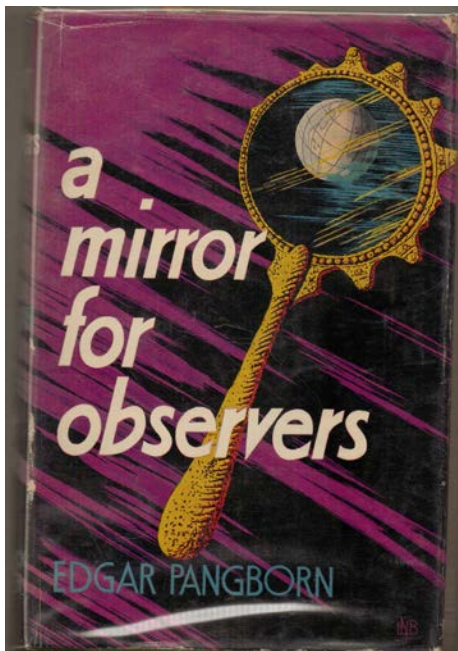
New Worlds
Vol 1 No 1 1946



Ken Slater
1917-2008
& Operation Fantast

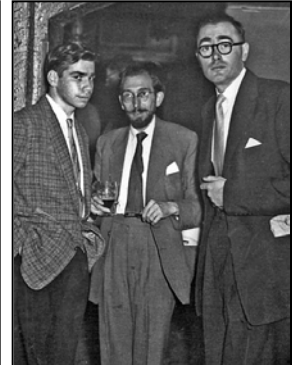


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Arthur C.
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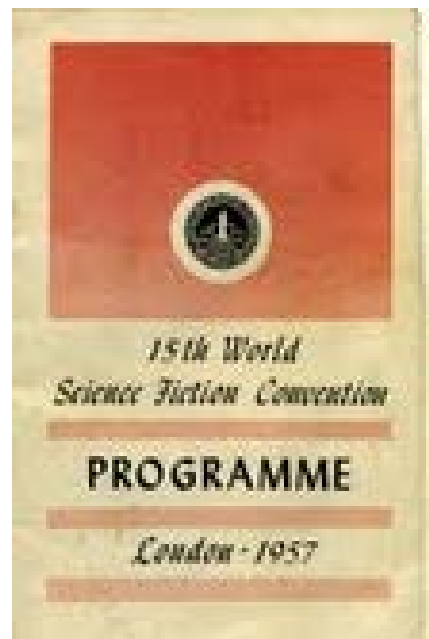
1957 – The London Worldcon



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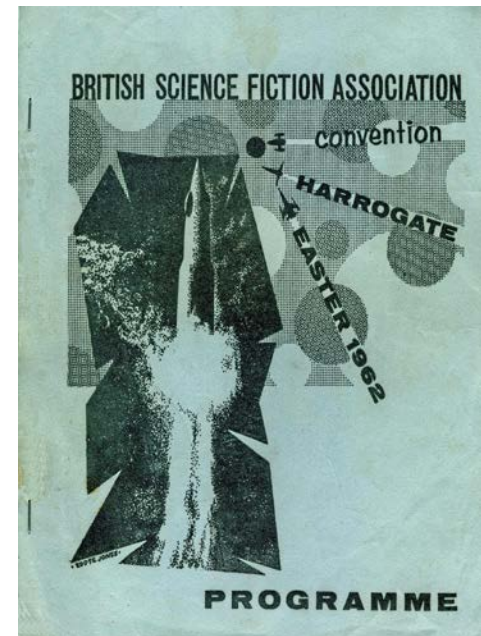
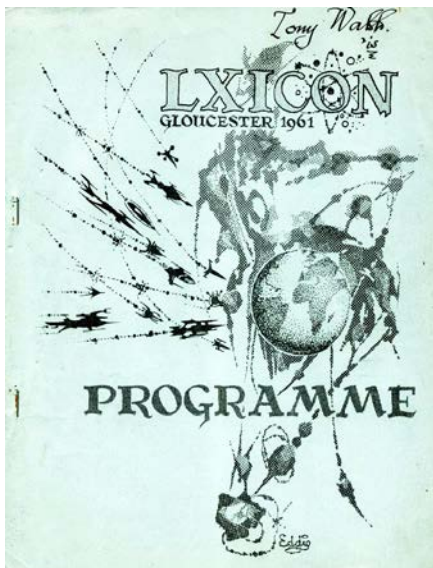
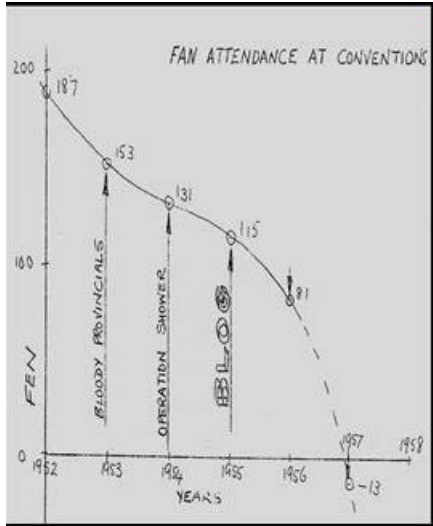


Ken Slater selling magazines



Masquerade – Alan Whicker MC

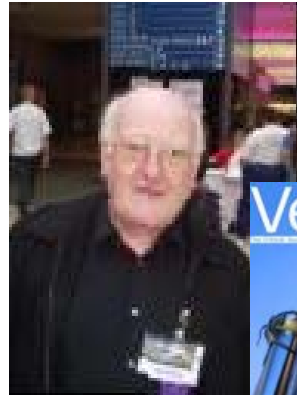
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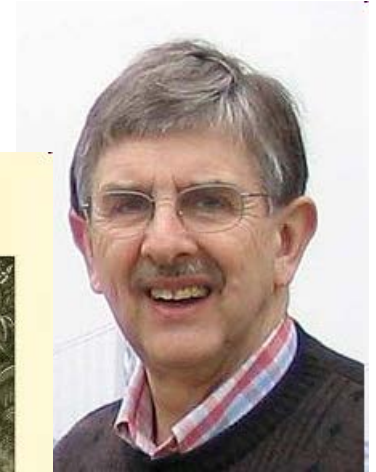
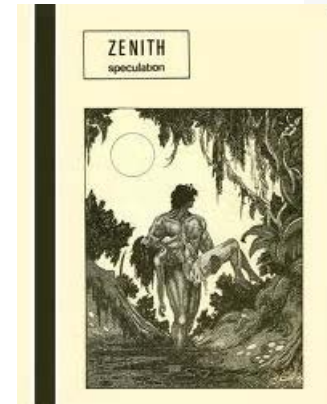
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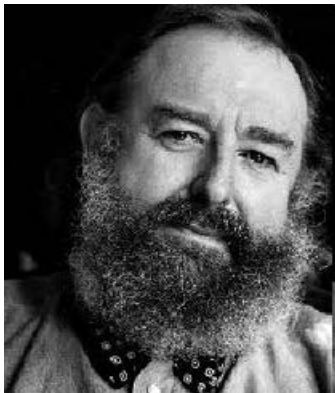
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Rog Peyton
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& Zenith / Speculation



Michael Moorcock & New Worlds



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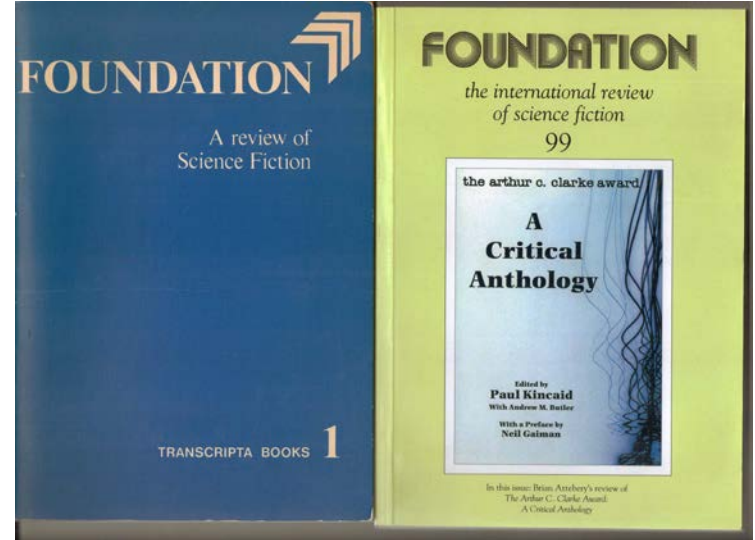


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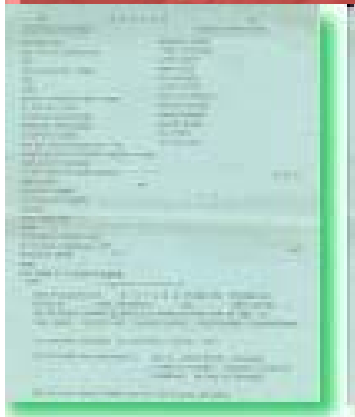
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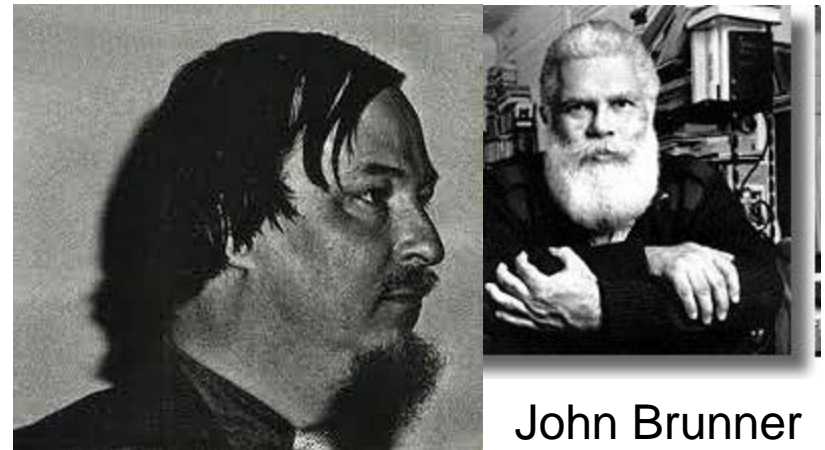
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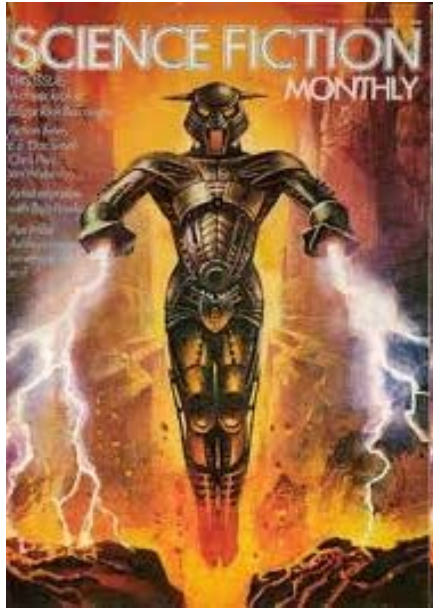


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John Brunner
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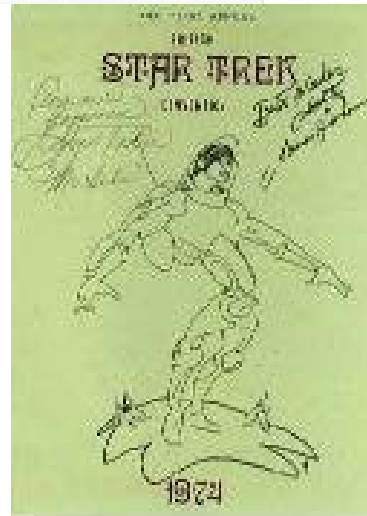
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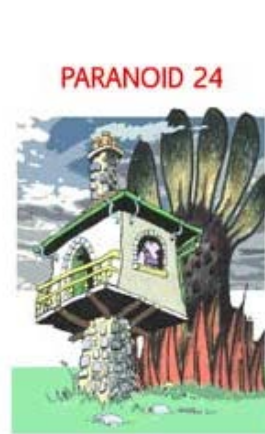
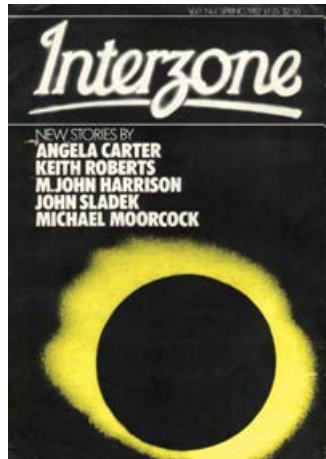
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Roger Robinson
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