

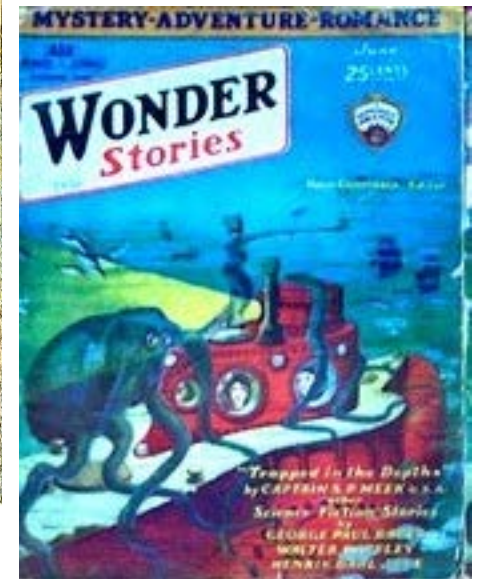
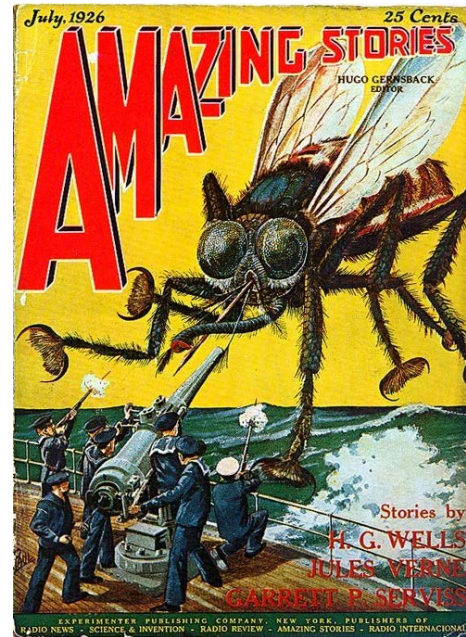
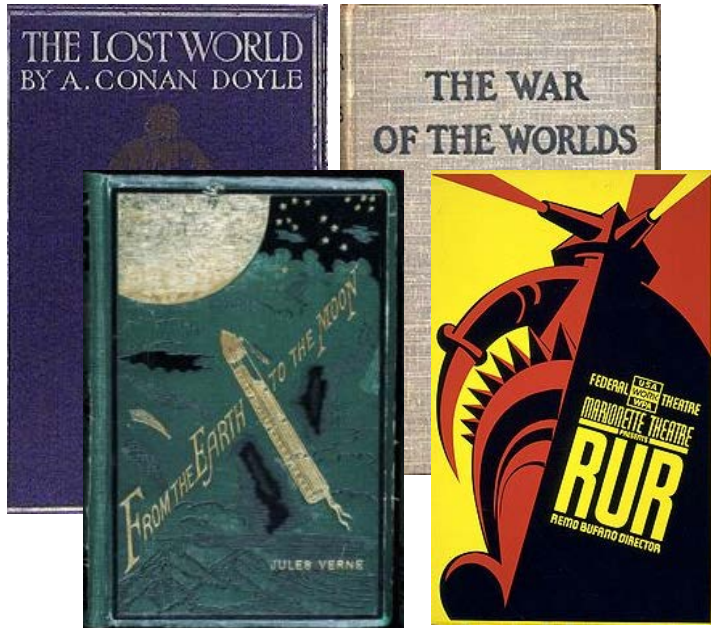


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Before the Beginning



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
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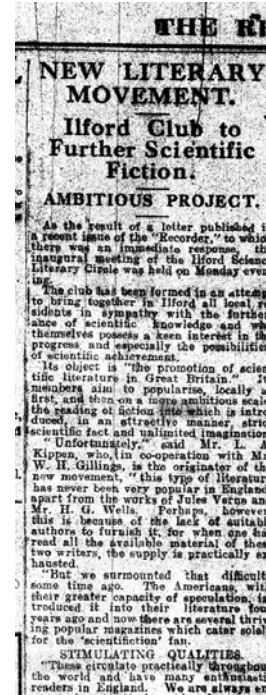
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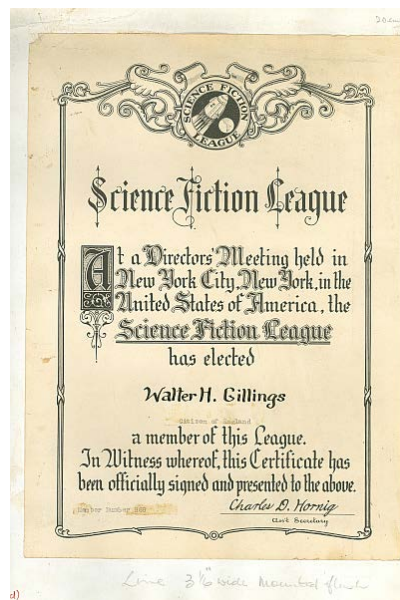


Walter Gillings -
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Scoops
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- Universal Science
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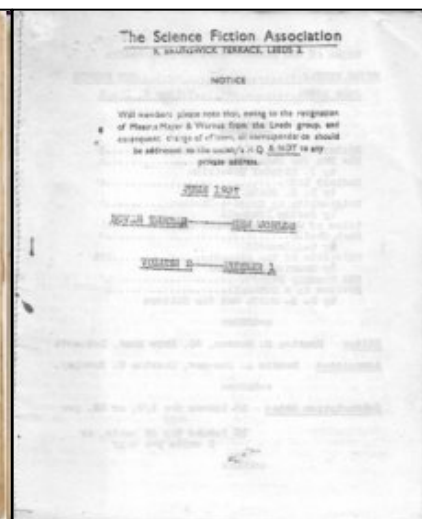
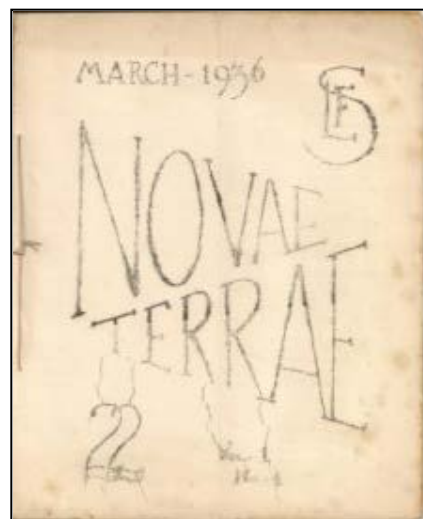


1935-37 – SFL



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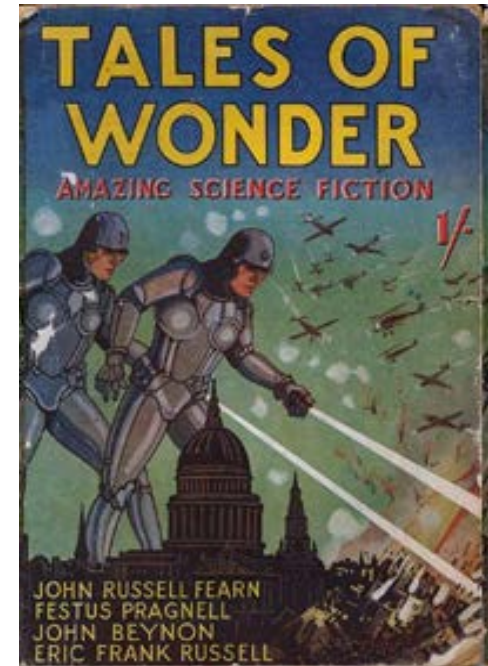
Maurice K. Hanson
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1937-38 – First Convention!

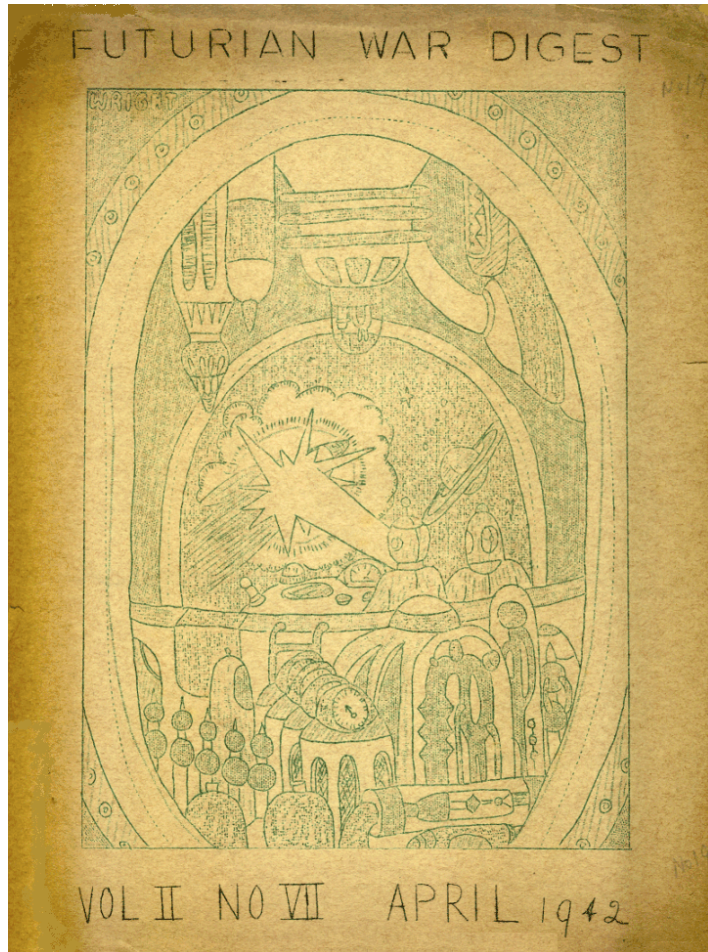


January 1937: Leeds' Theosophical Hall:
Maurice K. Hanson, Arthur C. Clarke,
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Eric Frank Russell, Herbert Warnes (chairman),
George Airey, D.W.F. Mayer, A. Miller,
J. Michael Rosenblum



Editor:
Walter Gillings
Published 1937-42

1939-45 – War Years & BFS



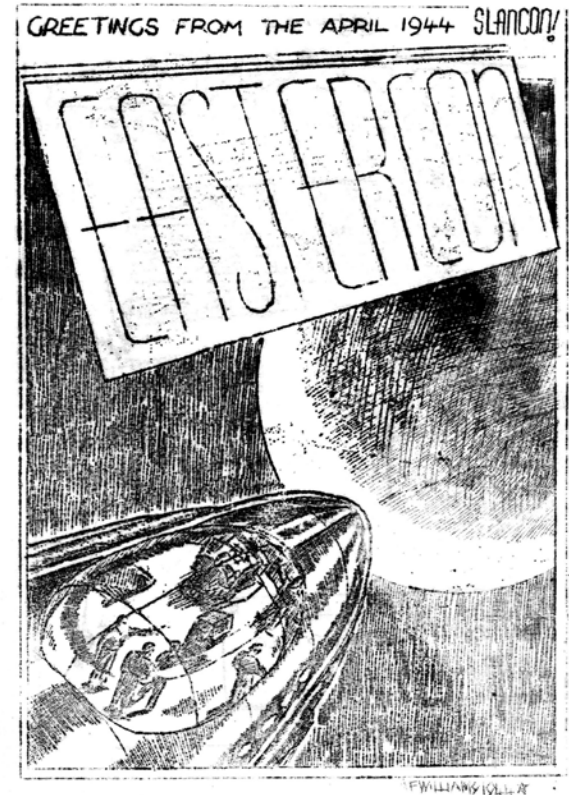
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Arthur C. Clarke in uniform



Terry Jeeves Aged 21 in Nov 43

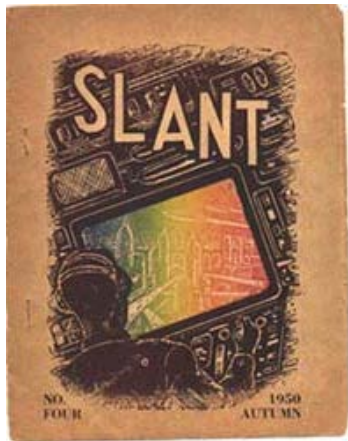


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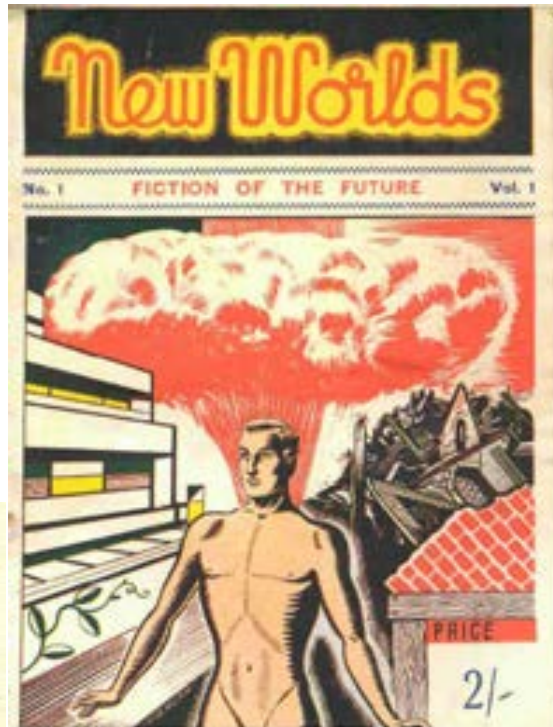
1946-56: Rebirth of fandom



The White Horse, London
1946-53



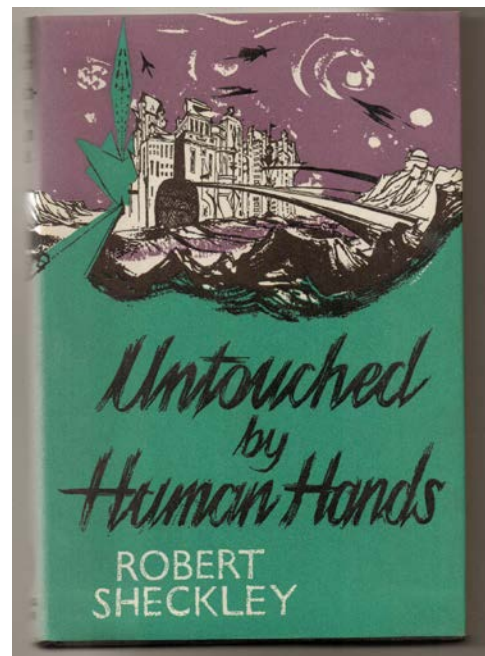
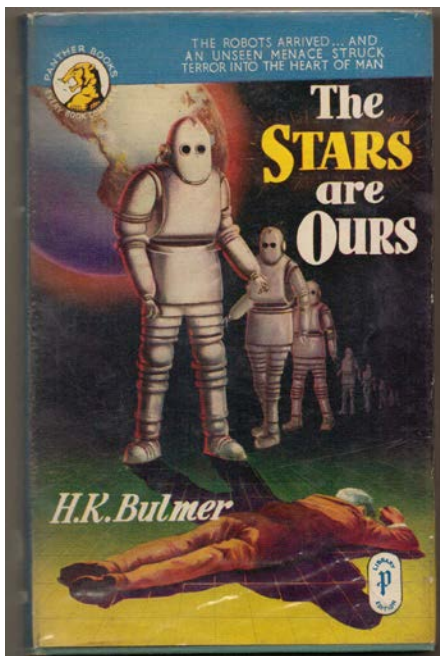
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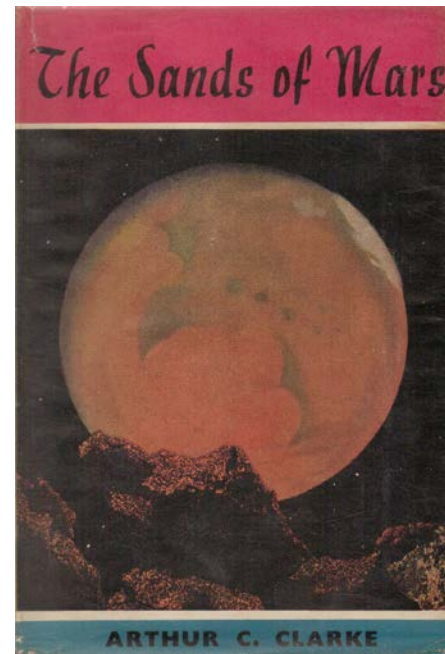
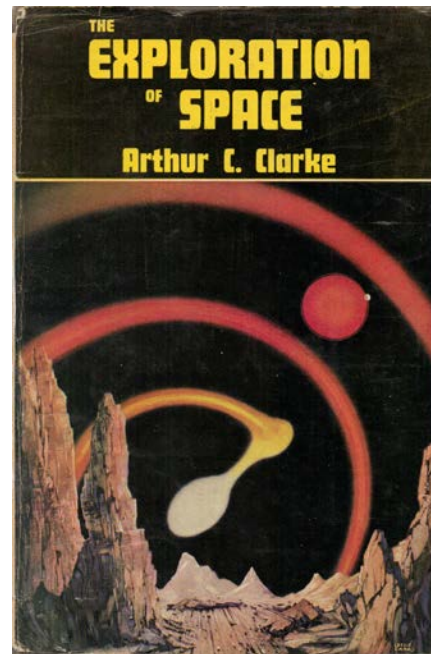
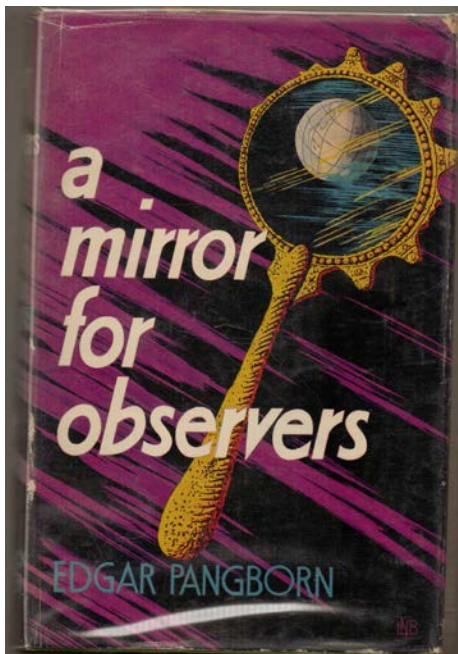
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Ken Slater
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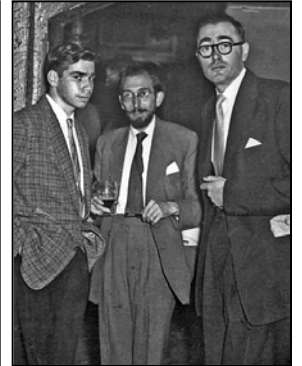


Clemence
Dane
edited
Novels of
Tomorrow



Arthur C.
Clarke 1951

1957 – The London Worldcon



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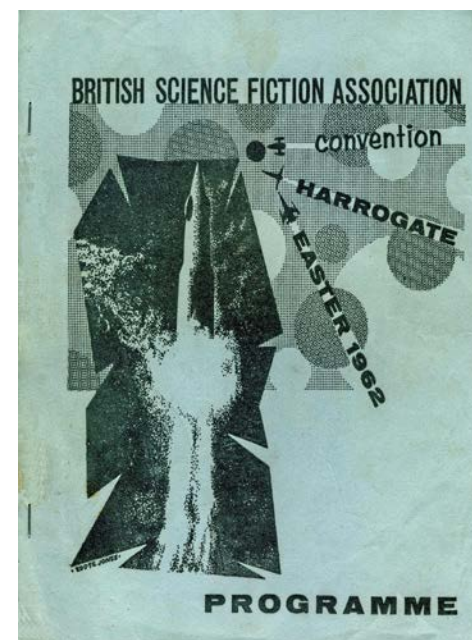
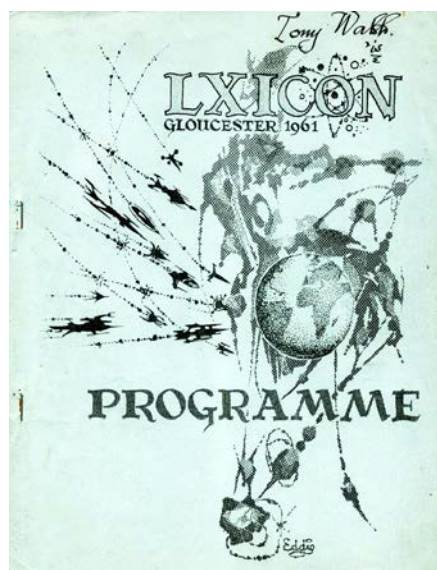
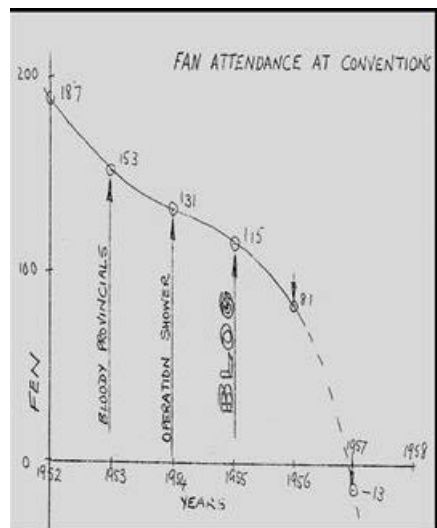


Ken Slater selling magazines



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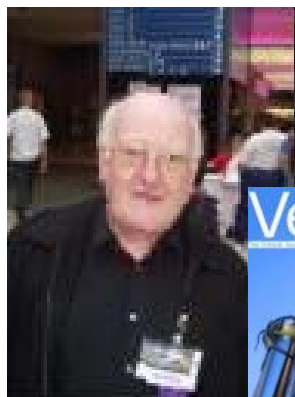
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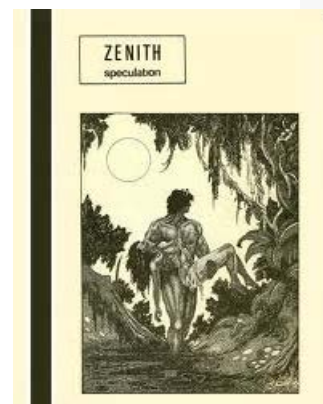
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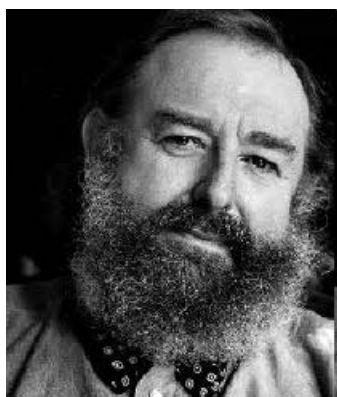
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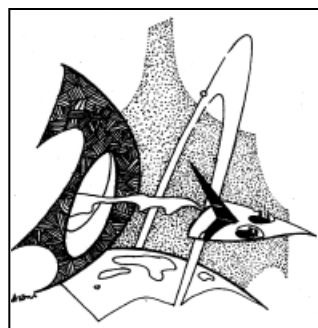
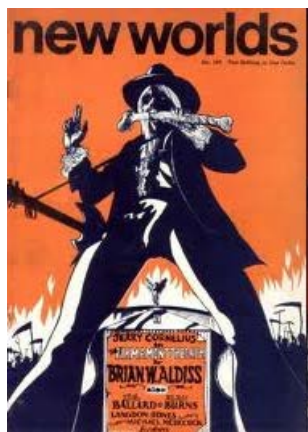
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1970-74 – Ratfandom et al



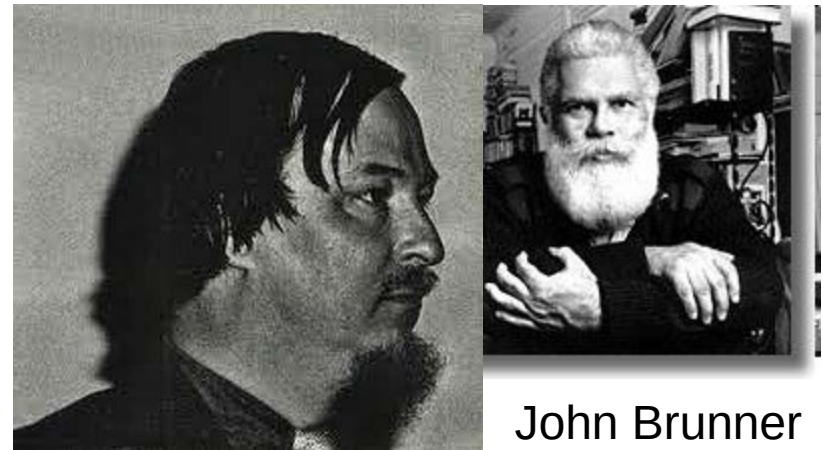
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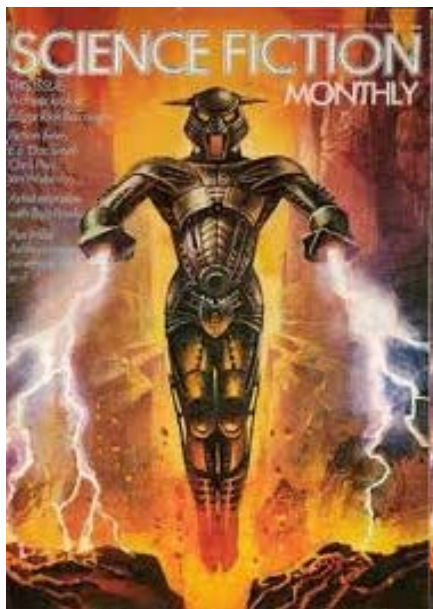


Greg Pickersgill
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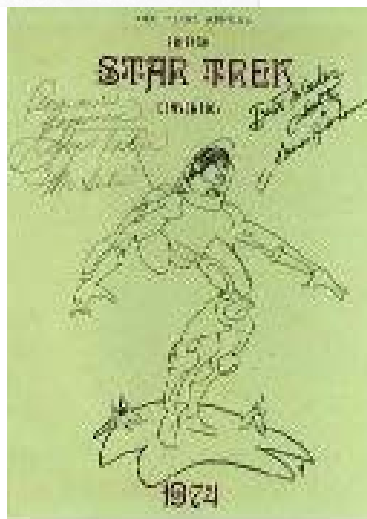
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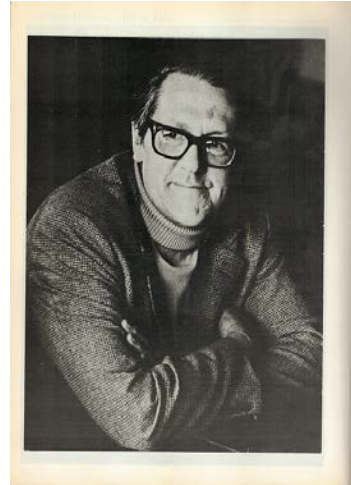
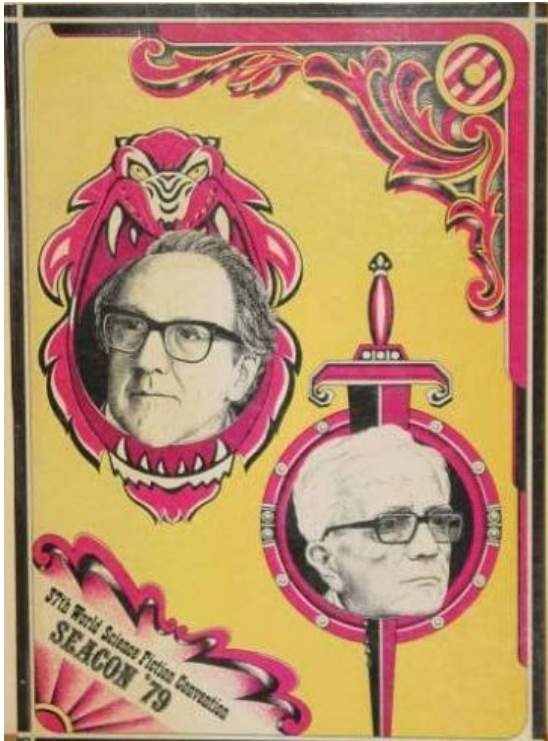
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Roger Robinson
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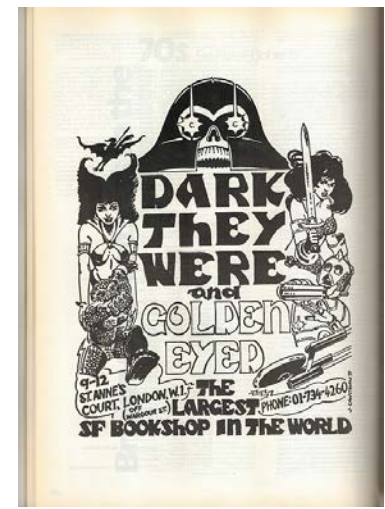
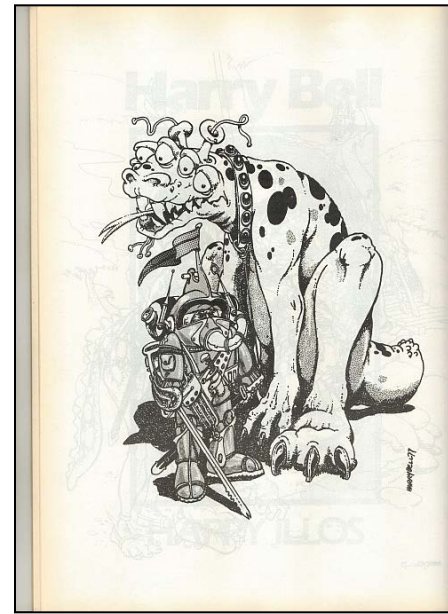
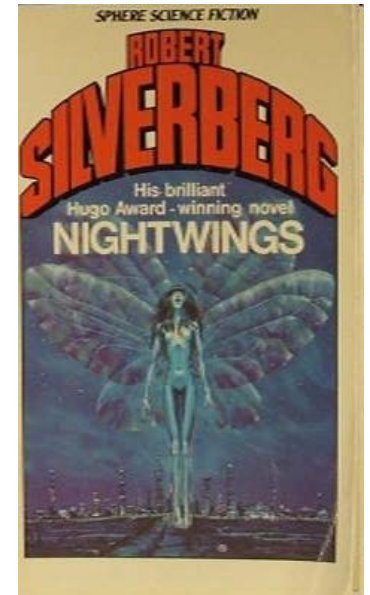


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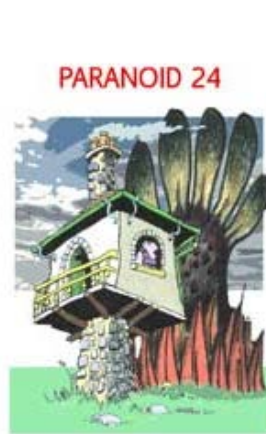
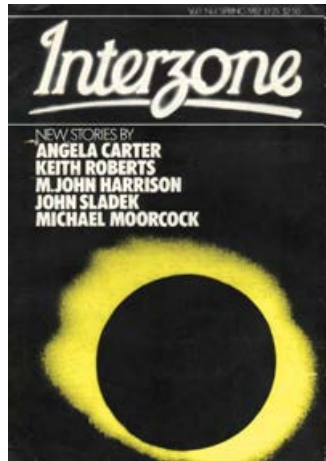
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