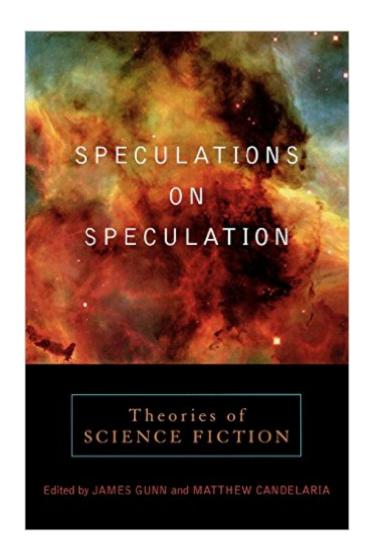
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# **Speculations On Speculation: Theories Of Science Fiction**





## Synopsis

Science fiction is a field of literature that has great interest and great controversy among its writers and critics. This book examines the roots, history, development, current status, and future directions of the field through articles contributed by well-respected science fiction writers, teachers, and critics. The articles 'speculate' on what is science fiction, is science fiction serious literature, which writers are considered good science fiction writers, and where the genre of science fiction is headed with 21st-century writers. Contributors include Brian W. Aldiss, Kathryn Cramer, Samuel R. Delany, David G. Hartwell, Ursula K. Le Guin, Barry N. Malzberg, Darko Suvin, Michael Swanwick, and many other outstanding authors. Examining all genres and subgenres of science fiction writing, this book provides differing viewpoints on science fiction, making it a great basis for dynamic classroom discussions.

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A wonderful compilation of essays edited by James Gunn and Matthew Candelaria. Some are out of print or hard to find canonical articles, such as 2 chapters from Darko Suvin's \_Metamorphoses of Science Fiction\_, other from Robert Scholes' \_Structural Fabulation\_, Alexei and Cory Panshin's à «Science Fiction and the Dimension of Mythà », or even David Ketterer's à «The Apocalyptic Imagination...à ». Others are more recent or even written for the occasion, as is the case of Gary K. Wolfe's à «Coming to Termsà », on the almost impossible task to define the genre.It is a wide ranging and impartial collection (it is very hard to find Suvin and the Panshins side by side on other compilations), which is a must if you have a theoretical interest on this literary genre (particularly teachers on any level), but also recommended for everyone who just reads SF for pleasure and wants to know a little more on its history and significance.Will The Scarecrow Press and the editors be willing to have it on mass market paperback, thus reaching a wider audience?

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