Kirkus Reviews Best of 2016 Science Fiction & Fantasy

SUPER EXTRA GRANDE by Yoss, translated by David Frye
SF YOS
"An exceptionally enjoyable comic tale set in a fully realized, firmly science-fictional universe."
A lighthearted space-opera adventure by Cuban author Yoss.

THE OBELISK GATE by N.K. Jemisin
SF JEM
"Stunning, again."
In the second of a trilogy (The Fifth Season, 2015) by the science-fiction columnist for the New York Times Book Review, the latest in a series of apocalypses marches on.

ALL THE BIRDS IN THE SKY by Charlie Jane Anders
SF AND
"Reminiscent of the best of Jo Walton and Nina Kiriki Hoffman."
Will science or magic save our world and all the living beings on it? That's the question posed in this science fantasy love story by the editor-in-chief of online geek mecca io9.com.

KINGFISHER by Patricia A. McKillip
SF MCK
"Fantasy lovers looking for a lighter touch amidst all those vampires, zombies, werewolves, and industrial-strength malefactors will find this a refreshing change of pace."
A delicately wrought, twinkle-eyed fantasy from the accomplished author of The Bards of Bone Plain.

DEATH'S END by Cixin Liu, translated by Ken Liu
SF LIU
"Liu's trilogy is the first major work of science fiction to come to the West out of China, and it's a masterpiece."
What if alien civilizations do exist? In this final installment of a stunning and provocative trilogy, Liu teases out the grim, unsettling implications.
INFOMOCRACY by Malka Older
SF OLD
"Some aspects of the story may risk dating, but on the whole, timely and perhaps timeless."
A debut sci-fi author suggests that the electoral process could be even scarier, more convoluted, and more subject to factual distortions than it currently is.

THE LAST MORTAL BOND by Brian Staveley
SF STA
"A deeply satisfying but bleak, dark work; its only illumination are flashes of high tragedy and perhaps the glimmers of a realistic but not far-ranging hope."
Humanity teeters toward doom in the concluding Chronicle of the Unhewn Throne.

A NIGHT WITHOUT STARS by Peter F. Hamilton
SF HAM
"An atomic blast of a yarn. Hamilton in peak form and absolutely not to be missed."
Hamilton's latest (a relatively slender 704 pages) brings to a furious boil the two-book saga describing human colony planet Bienvenido's unremitting battle against the hostile alien Fallers.

SUPERNOVA by C.A. Higgins
SF HIG
"Sci-fi fans will love this tense, action-packed, and thought-provoking adventure."
The story of a revolution-turned-civil war waged across the solar system—and within one very unusual spaceship.