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THE TIDE STREAM - - - - - /by J. Harry Vincent

## NEW "FANTASY" MAG COMING

Syracuse, 16 May, (CNS) - The May 1959 issue of Writers Digest announced that: Camerarts Publishing Co., Inc. of Chicago will soon publish a fact-fiction fantasy magazine. It will be published bi-monthly and the first issue will be out August. Editor-In-Chief Paul G. Neimark states his need for the proposed mag is: "....our need is immediate for all lengths of stories and weird true adventures, from 3000 to 30,000 words. Anything which cannot be scientifically explained is welcomed here, although we do want a tight plot and good characterization --- even if the main character is a ghost or a monster from the depths of the earth. We will use one long story per issue (20,000 - 30,000 words) and a couple of short-shorts (5000 or less). The balance of the pieces should run between 6000 and 12,000 words. No science-fiction, since we intend to make this magazine the purest escape reading on the newsstands. Payments on acceptance:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ a word for first acceptance by an author, higher rates thereafter."

In a later notice in The Writers magazine, it was stated that the new fantasy magazine would be called Strange Stories and will be pocket-book in size.

If you'll remember Strange Stories was once a title of Pines (or Standard) Magazines back in the late 30s.

### "FANTASTIC" TITLE CHANGED TO "FANTASTIC SCIENCE FICTION STORIES"

NEW YORK, 25 May, (CNS) - Fantastic will change its name again with the September 1959 issue. This time it'll be Fantastic Science Fiction Stories. Fantastic started life as plain Fantastic; then under Paul Fairman it became Fantastic Science Fiction. It later became plain Fantastic again -- and now Fantastic Science Fiction Stories. It seems that "science-fiction" is still needed to sell a science-fiction/fantasy magazine. Cele Goldsmith states that the contents of the magazine will not change, it'll still carry weird, fantasy, and science-fiction.

The term 'Science Fiction Stories' was first used by Robert Lowndes just before World War II, when he titled his combined Future and Science Fiction magazine Science Fiction Stories. Lowndes later revived (in a sense) Science Fiction Stories and added "The Original" to it. ((Although the actual name of the mag is Science Fiction Stories)). Paul Fairman changed the time-honored name of Amazing last year to Amazing Science Fiction Stories. One announced title change for Fantastic was Fantastic Fact & Fiction, but it never came about.

### "SATURN" DISAPPEARS FROM 'DETECTIVE' EDITION:

NEW YORK, 23 May, (CNS) - The former science-fiction magazine Saturn Science Fiction that became a detective magazine Saturn Web Detective Stories has changed its name to plain Web Detective Stories with the current July 1959 issue. It still carries the Science Fiction Book Club ad on the two rear covers, one of the few magazines, s-f or otherwise, that still does so. The current issue was delayed a month in coming out. It was suppose to be dated June and actually was dated July. Collectors might note an error in the numbering of the April 1959 issue of this magazine. It was suppose to be numbered Vol. 2 No. 2 and was actually numbered



Vol. 2 No. 3. This has been corrected with the current issue.

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IN GENERAL:

Venture Science Fiction Magazine that folded last year has been combined, after a fashion, with Fantasy and Science Fiction. The current, July 1959, issue states on the contents page: "Fantasy And Science Fiction, including Venture Science Fiction". This keeps the name alive, and the possibility of revival of Venture if and when Mercury Press thinks such a move would be wise.

Mack Reynolds who has been touring Europe and writing for the men's magazines is currently working on a lengthy story for Astounding which takes place in Moscow.

Larry Shaw divorced on May 5, 1959. The former Mrs. Lee Shaw will resume her maiden name of Lee Hoffman.

There is a rumor afloat that a science-fiction magazine (35¢ type) might become a pocket-book series.

Starting with the next issue, October 1959; ((9th Anniversary issue)), Galaxy Magazine will use heavier stock on their covers. This will be a good deal as the present thin cover is a bit too thin for the job it has to do. The British edition of Galaxy beat the "home" edition to it, their first 196 pager #72 has a very heavy stock on their covers. In fact the interior paper is also much heavier and it bulks up the whole issue to almost twice the thickness of the US edition. The reason why thin paper was still used after the mag went 196 pagers was that Guinn had a supply of such paper on hand and had to use it up first.

----- ARKHAM HOUSE NEWS ----- by August Derleth

Arkham House is just getting set to release a new bulletin which will publicize dates for forthcoming titles. First of all, AH is handling the penultimate Stanon & Lee titles - WILBUR, THE TRUSTING WHIPPOORWILL, a whimsy for pixilated adults by Derleth & Dwig - (Clare Victor Dwifffins died last October at 84, and this is his last work); this book comes out this month (May) at \$2. Then, Summer 1959, two chap-books, paperback: ARKHAM HOUSE: THE FIRST 20 YEARS (\$1.00), and SOME NOTES ON H. P. LOVECRAFT (\$1.25). In October, 1959, our 20th anniversary volume, THE SHUTTERED ROOM & OTHER PIECES, by Lovecraft & Divers Hands, \$5.00. In April, 1960, Clark Ashton Smith's THE ABOMINATIONS OF YONDO, \$4.00. ... \$4.00 seems to be the set price now for the standard AH collection. ... Coming up after YONDO will be La Spina's INVADERS FROM THE DARK, Wakefield's STRAYERS FROM SHEOL, Derleth's THE CHATEAU, Long's THE HOUNDS OF TINDALOS, and Howard's SKULL FACE & OTHERS.

Of other non-publishing news, I divorced my wife March 23, and I was given custody of our children, April Rose - almost 5, and Walden William, almost 3.

If AH chapbooks catch on, we may do others. ... Best - selling new books from AH in the past 6 years have been THE SURVIVOR & OTHERS and THE RETURN OF SOLAR PONS. Both are over 50% sold.

----- SCIENCE FICTION FORECASTS ----- Coming Up Next In The Pros

IF SCIENCE FICTION, September 1959, Vol. 9 - No. 4:  
Short Novel: SUMMER GUESTS by James H. Schmitz. Novelettes: HOMECOMING by Gordon R. Dickson, and EXCAPE INTO SILENCE by Wynne N. Whiteford. Short Stories: FAIR GAME by Philip K. Dick, THE SCARLET HEXAPOD by Margaret St. Clair, BARGAIN BASEMENT by Charles L. Fontenay, AN HONEST CREDIT by Kirby Kerr, and HORNET'S NEST by Lloyd Biffle, Jr. Feature: WORLDS OF IF by Frederik Pohl. Cover by Pederson: "Basic Research In Heat".

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FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION, August 1959, Vol. 17 - No. 2:



OPERATION LADYBIRD (short Novelet) by Jay Williams, Science: THE ULTIMATE SPLIT OF THE SECOND by Isaac Asimov, DAY AT THE BEACH by Carol Emshwiller, THE WALKER-THROUGH-WALLS by Marcel Ayme, BRAVE TO BE A KING (Novelet) by Poul Anderson, THE ROSEDUD by Ray Russell, Books: THE INNOCENCE OF EVIL by Damon Knight, FERDINAND FEGHOOT XVII by Grendel Briarton, EMPTY NEST by Kit Reed, OBITUARY by Isaac Asimov, and PACT by Winston P. Sanders. Cover by Emsh, illustrating his wife's story "Day At The Beach".

GALAXY MAGAZINE, October 1959, Vol. 18 - No. 1:

Novella: SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME by Christopher Grimm. Novelets: A DEATH IN THE HOUSE by Clifford D. Simak, SILENCE by John Brunner, WAY UP YONDER by Charles Satterfield. Short Stories: LAST OF THE MORTICIANS by E. C. Tubb, KING OF THE PLANET by Wilson Tucker, TRUE SELF by Elisabeth Mann Borgese, and Science Dept.: FOR YOUR INFORMATION "The Accident That Didn't Happen" by Willy Ley. Features: EDITOR'S PAGE by H. L. Gold and GALAXY'S FIVE STAR SHELF by Floyd C. Gale. Cover by Wood illustrating "Someone To Watch Over Me".

AMAZING SCIENCE FICTION STORIES, August 1959:

Complete Book-Length Novel: A TASTE OF FIRE by Lloyd Biggle. Short Stories: THE GREAT BEER PLAGUE by Les Collins, CONTRIBUTING FACTOR by Roy Carroll, THE TRAVELING COUCH by Henry Slesar, and BOLCE AL FINE by Jack Sharkey.

FANTASTIC, August 1959:

Novelets: MAN UNDER GLASS by Evelyn Goldstein, and THOSE WINSLOW GIRLS by G. L. Vandenburg, Short Stories: DAMNATION MORNING by Fritz Leiber, LET X = ALLIGATOR by Jack Sharkey, THE IDOL by A. Bertram Chandler, UNSPIRIT by Will Worthington, CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN by Ron Goulart, THE QUIET MAN by Robert Laurence, and THE SHAKESPEARE by Arthur Porges.

ALSO OF INTEREST

by Frank R. Prieto, Jr.

## HEARST BUYS AVON

Avon Pocket-size books, plus all other titles published by Avon Publications, Inc., all company titles, copyrights and goodwill, plus inventory have been bought by the Hearst Corporation. No purchase price was given out. It will be operated in the future as the "Avon Division" of Hearst Magazine who have been distributing Avon books for the last seven years.

Avon has and is publishing numerous science-fiction/fantasy pocket-books. At one time it published digest-size Avon Fantasy Reader and Avon Science Fiction Reader, plus Out Of This World Adventures and 10 Story Fantasy, both pulp size, and Avon Science Fiction & Fantasy Reader, in digest-size. All but the last were edited by Donald A. Wollheim, now at the helm of the Ace science-fiction pocket-books.

Avon was one of the first publishers of pocket-size books and has been in business twenty years.

SCIENCE-FICTION BOOKS

by Stephen J. Takacs

NEW SCIENCE-FICTION/FANTASY BOOKS RECEIVED:

THE MACABRE READER, edited by Donald A. Wollheim, Ace Books, NY, 35¢, March 2.  
THE STAR OF LIFE by Edmond Hamilton, Dodd, Mead Co., \$2.95, March 9, 1959.  
THE DOOR INTO SUMMER by Robert A. Heinlein, Signet Books, NY, 35¢, March 9, '59.  
WASP by Eric Frank Russell, Perma Books, NY, 35¢, March 9, 1959.  
THE THIRD LEVEL by Jack Finney, Dell Books, 35¢, March 13, 1959.



PATH OF UNREASON by George O. Smith, Gnome Press, NY, \$3.00, March 25, 1959.  
 STAR SHIP by Brian W. Aldiss, Criterion Books, NY, \$3.50, March 26, 1959.  
 THE HIDDEN PLANET, edited by Donald A. Wollheim, Ace Books, NY, 35¢, March 26.  
 THE PLOT AGAINST EARTH by Calvin M. Knox, plus RECRUIT FOR ANDROMEDA by Milton Lesser, Ace Books, NY, 35¢, March 26, 1959.  
 GIANTS FROM ETERNITY by Manly Wade Wellman, Avalon Books, NY, \$2.75, March 27,  
 THE MIDWICH CIKOOS by John Wyndham, Ballantine Books, NY, 35¢, March 27, 1959.  
 THE SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL; Intro. by Basil Davenport, Advent:Publishers, Chicago Ill, \$3.50, March 30, 1959.  
 THE FOURTH GALAXY READER, edited by H. L. Gold, Doubleday & Co, \$3.95, April 1.  
 TIME OUT OF JOINT by Philip K. Dick, Lippincott & Co., \$3.50, April 6, 1959.  
 EARTH IS ROOM ENOUGH by Isaac Asimov, Bantam Books, NY, 35¢, April 6, 1959.  
 OSSIAN'S RIDE by Fred Hoyler, Harper & Bros, NY, \$3.00, April 13, 1959.  
 THE MARCHING MORONS by C. M. Kornbluth, Ballantine Books, NY, 35¢, April 16, '59  
 THE INVOLUNTARY IMMORTALS by Rog Phillips, Avalon Books, NY, \$2.75, April 25.  
 IMAGINATION UNLIMITED, edited by Bleiler & Dikty, Berkely Books, NY, 35¢, April-  
 27, 1959.  
 EDGE OF TIME by David Grinnell, plus THE 100th MILLENNIUM by John Brunner, Ace Books, NY, 35¢, April 29, 1959.  
 STAR SCIENCE FICTION STORIES: #5, edited by Fred Pohl, Ballantine Books, NY, 35¢, May 15, 1959.  
 ENCOUNTER by J. Hunter Holly, Avalon Books, NY, \$2.75, May 25, 1959.  
 THE CHANGELING WORLDS by Kenneth Bulmer, plus VANGUARD FROM ALPHA by Brian W. Aldiss, Ace Books, NY, 35¢, May 27, 1959.  
 THE INVADERS ARE COMING by Alan E. Nourse & J. A. Meyer, Ace Books, N.Y., 35¢, May 27, 1959.

# THE SCIENCE-FICTION RECORD - - - - - by Frank R. Prieto, Jr.

## OUT IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 1959:

N A M E	DATE	PRICE	PAGES	TYPE	DATE ON STANDS	SCHEDULE
Satellite Science Fiction	May*	35¢	64	L-S	April 7, 1959	Monthly*
Amazing Science Fiction St.	May	35¢	146	Digest	April 9, 1959	Monthly
Galaxy Magazine	June	50¢	196	Digest	April 9, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Future Science Fiction	June	35¢	130	Digest	April 9, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Nebula Science Fiction	May	35¢	112	Digest	April 11, 1959	Monthly
If Science Fiction**	July	35¢	130	Digest	April 14, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Fantastic	May	35¢	130	Digest	April 21, 1959	Monthly
Astounding Science Fiction	May	35¢	162	Digest	April 21, 1959	Monthly
Fantasy And Science Fiction	June	40¢	130	Digest	April 28, 1959	Monthly
Science Fiction Stories***	July	35¢	130	Digest	April 30, 1959	Bi-Monthly

\*Last monthly issue.

\*\*First issue by Guinn & Gold.

\*\*\*Last 10-A-Year, now bi-monthly.

## OUT IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 1959:

Amazing S-F Stories	June	35¢	146	Digest	May 5, 1959	Monthly
Fantastic Universe S-F	July	35¢	128	Digest	May 5, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Astounding Science Fiction	June	35¢	162	Digest	May 13, 1959	Monthly
Fantastic	June	35¢	130	Digest	May 19, 1959	Monthly
Super-Science Fiction	Aug.	35¢	128	Digest	May 19, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Fantasy & Science Fiction	July	40¢	130	Digest	May 20, 1959	Monthly

During April 1959, 10 science/fantasy magazines came out. 9 were digests costing



\$3.35 and contained 1,264 pages. One was large-size costing 35¢ and contained 64 pages. For a monthly total of \$3.70 and 1,328 pages.

During May 1959, 6 science/fantasy magazines came out. All were digest-size. They cost \$2.15 and contained 824 pages.

NOT S/F, BUT OF INTEREST TO FANS FOR APRIL 1959:

Flying Saucers	May	35¢	98	Pulp	April 3, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Fate	May	35¢	130	Digest	April 7, 1959	Monthly
Science Digest	May	35¢	96	Digest	April 28, 1959	Monthly

NOT S/F, BUT OF INTEREST TO FANS FOR MAY 1959:

Fate	June	35¢	130	Digest	May 5, 1959	Monthly
Search	June	35¢	130	Digest	May 5, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Science Digest	June	35¢	96	Digest	May 21, 1959	Monthly

THE COSMIC REPORTER

/by Arthur Jean Cox/

One of the best comic strips in the world, I think, is one called Spirou, drawn and written (in the French language) by A. Franquin, and published in Belgium, France and Canada by Editions Dupuis, Fils & Cie. Spirou is the star of a bi-weekly comic magazine of the same name, and there have been published (at last count) some six hard cover volumes (8½" x 12", 64 pages in full color) exclusively dedicated to his adventures in Europe and lesser-explored parts of the world. The strip, a wonderful blend of humor and adventure, of cartooning and action-illustrating -- is hard to describe, but the author has that story-telling ability which we associate with such writers as Edgar Rice Burroughs. (I am also tempted to describe it as a sophisticated version of the Mickey Mouse daily strip of the 'thirties'). Spirou is a boy, or young man, dressed in what appears to be a bellhop's uniform. His side-kick, Fantasio, not employed in one of the uniformed professions, is the inventor of various fantastic gadgets. This duo is accompanied everywhere by something resembling a squirrel. There is a high proportion of fantasy in the strip, rendered surprisingly plausible by many comic and realistic touches. Unfortunately, each of the volumes cost about \$2 -- but they're worth it, if you like good comic strips and have a French-English dictionary handy. I got my copies from Editions Fides, 25 Saint James Street East, Montreal, Canada.

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE-FICTION NEWS

/by Roger Dard/

PERTH, Australia, 19 May, (CNS) - Just out in Australia is one of the most important books to deal with science-fiction, ever published. It is "A HANDBOOK OF SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY", compiled and published by Donald H. Tuck. Published in two volumes at \$6.50, the mammoth 400-page work is a veritable encyclopaedia of science-fiction. Everything, but everything is listed: authors' and their bibliographies; checklists of all the magazines; short histories of the magazines; exhaustive lists of hard cover books, paperback books, fan mags, in fact everything but comic books is listed (and the only reason Tuck has ignored the comics is because of lack of data on them). This must have been a labor of love for Tuck, and it is a definite MUST for every collector and science-fiction fan.

BECAUSE a number of subs sent to our new address in Syracuse were returned because the Zone number 9 was left out, we've obtained a more complete address so that this will not happen again: S-F Times, INC, P.O. Box 115, Solvay Branch, Syracuse 9, N.Y. The old Flushing (P.O. Box 184) closes on June 30th 1959. -The Publishers.



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