

SCIENCE FICTION WRITER

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JOHN RANKINE

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Science fiction presents allegories for our time and increasingly the general public are turning to it for a stimulating read with more intellectual bite than the pabulum offered by the general novel.

There is as wide a range in S.F. as in any other field. Some is virtually updated Western, some is highly literate as for instance Aldous Huxley's 'Brave New World' or Orwell's '1984'.

This writer has a wide appeal. As a Jane Austen addict he has a certain pre-occupation with style but every novel has a fast pace and is basically action adventure with philosophic overtones.

Under the John Rankine label there is a series of novels with a central character — Commander Fletcher — who is an inter planetary Hornblower. 'Binary Z' is basically a blackboard jungle with an alien presence. 'The Weisman Experiment' is on the social programme front.

The Douglas R. Mason titles are almost all Earth orientated, many of them concerned with the pathology of the urban wen. Translations into German and Dutch are noted below. This provides useful contemporary texts for persons studying the language.

BOOKS AND PUBLISHERS

Under Douglas R. Mason

Title	Hardcover Publisher	Paperback
From Carthage Then I Came	Hale U.K. Doubleday U.S.A.	German—'Stadt unter Glas'. Goldmann, Munich. Dutch—Born, Amsterdam.
Ring of Violence	Hale U.K.	
Landfall is a State of Mind	Hale U.K.	
The Tower of Rizwan	Hale U.K.	
The Janus Syndrome	Hale U.K.	
Matrix	Hale U.K.	

Due out 1971-72—'Satellite 54-0'; 'Horizon Alpha'; 'Dilation Effect'; 'The Resurrection of Roger Diment'.

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Interstellar Two Five	Dobson & R.U.	Corgi.
Never the Same Door	Dobson	
One is One	Dobson	Corgi.
Moons of Triopus	Dobson	Avon.
Binary Z	Dobson & R.U.	
The Weizman Experiment	Dobson	German Translation—Goldmann, Munich.

'The Plantos Affair' due out from Dobson.

'The Ring of Garamas' due out from Dobson.

Short stories in 'New Writing in Science Fiction' — Impulse, Galaxy, Vision of Tomorrow. T.V. play scripted from 'Six Cubed plus One' — for 'Out of the Unknown' series.