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The Long Mars - Terry Pratchett 2014-06-17

The third novel in Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter's "Long Earth" series, which Io9 calls "a brilliant science fiction collaboration."

2040-2045: In the years after the cataclysmic Yellowstone eruption there is massive economic dislocation as populations flee Datum Earth to myriad Long Earth worlds. Sally, Joshua, and Lobsang are all involved in this perilous rescue work when, out of the blue, Sally is contacted by her long-vanished father and inventor of the original Stepper device, Willis Linsay. He tells her he is planning a fantastic voyage across the Long Mars and wants her to accompany him. But Sally soon learns that Willis has an ulterior motive for his request. . . . Meanwhile U. S. Navy Commander Maggie Kauffman has embarked on an incredible journey of her own, leading an expedition to the outer limits of the far Long Earth. For Joshua, the crisis he faces is much closer to home. He becomes embroiled in the plight of the Next: the super-bright post-humans who are beginning to emerge from their "long childhood" in the community called Happy Landings, located deep in the Long Earth. Ignorance and fear have caused "normal" human society to turn against the Next. A dramatic showdown seems inevitable. . . .

**Proxima** - Stephen Baxter 2014-11-04

"Stephen Baxter has been heralded, with some merit, as Arthur C. Clarke's literary heir, and Proxima certainly reinforces this accolade in spades."—Concatenation Mankind's future in

this galaxy could be all but infinite. There are hundreds of billions of red dwarf stars, lasting trillions of years—and their planets can be habitable for humans. Such is the world of Proxima Centauri. And its promise could mean the never-ending existence of humanity. But first it must be colonized, and no one wants to be a settler. There is no glamor that accompanies it, nor is there the ease of becoming a citizen of an already-tamed world. There is only hardship...loneliness...emptiness, even as war brews in the solar system. But that's where Yuri comes in. Because sometimes exploration isn't voluntary. It must be coerced.

Flood - Stephen Baxter 2009-05-05

Four hostages are rescued from a group of religious extremists in Barcelona. After five years of being held captive together, they make a vow to always watch out for one another. But they never expected this. The world they have returned to has been transformed-by water. And the water is rising.

*Sunstorm* - Arthur C. Clarke 2006-02-28

"Clarke and Baxter have mastered the art of saving the world in blockbuster style."—Entertainment Weekly Returned to the Earth of 2037 by the mysterious and powerful Firstborn, Bisesa Dutt is haunted by memories of her five years spent on the strange alternate Earth called Mir, a jigsaw-puzzle world made up of lands and people cut out of different eras of Earth's history. Why did the Firstborn create Mir? Why was Bisesa taken there and then

brought back just a day after her disappearance? Bisesa's questions are answered when scientists discover an unnatural anomaly in the sun's core—evidence of alien intervention more than two thousand years ago. Now plans set in motion by inscrutable observers light-years away are coming to fruition in a sunstorm designed to eradicate all life on Earth in a bombardment of radiation. As the apocalypse looms, religious and political differences on Earth threaten to undermine every countereffort. And all the while, the Firstborn are watching. . . . Praise for Sunstorm "An absolute must for science fiction fans."—All Things Considered, NPR "Enthralling . . . highly satisfying."—The New York Times Book Review "Will keep readers turning pages."—Publishers Weekly

**Manifold: Space** - Stephen Baxter 2003-12-16 "As always, [Stephen] Baxter plays with space and time with consummate skill. . . . He continues to be one of the leading writers of hard science fiction, and one of the most thought-provoking as well."—Science Fiction Chronicle The year is 2020. Fueled by an insatiable curiosity, Reid Malenfant ventures to the far edge of the solar system, where he discovers a strange artifact left behind by an alien civilization: A gateway that functions as a kind of quantum transporter, allowing virtually instantaneous travel over the vast distances of interstellar space. What lies on the other side of the gateway? Malenfant decides to find out. Yet he will soon be faced with an impossible choice that will push him beyond terror, beyond sanity, beyond humanity itself. Meanwhile on Earth the Japanese scientist Nemoto fears her worst nightmares are coming true. Startling discoveries reveal that the Moon, Venus, even Mars once thrived with life—life that was snuffed out not just once but many times, in cycles of birth and destruction. And the next chilling cycle is set to begin again . . . "When the travel bug bites and usual planets don't excite, perhaps it's time to burst the bounds of this old solar system and really see the sights. . . .

Baxter's expansive new novel is just the ticket."—The Washington Times "Breathtaking in its originality and scope."—The Washington Post

**The Long War** - Terry Pratchett 2013-06-18 The Long War by Terry Pratchett and Stephen

Baxter follows the adventures and travails of heroes Joshua Valiente and Lobsang in an exciting continuation of the extraordinary science fiction journey begun in their New York Times bestseller *The Long Earth*. A generation after the events of *The Long Earth*, humankind has spread across the new worlds opened up by "stepping." A new "America"—Valhalla—is emerging more than a million steps from Datum—our Earth. Thanks to a bountiful environment, the Valhalla society mirrors the core values and behaviors of colonial America. And Valhalla is growing restless under the controlling long arm of the Datum government. Soon Joshua, now a married man, is summoned by Lobsang to deal with a building crisis that threatens to plunge the Long Earth into a war unlike any humankind has waged before.

**Weaver** - Stephen Baxter 2008

As Germany launches a successful invasion of England during World War II, American historian Mary Wooler, her warrior son Gary, and Ben Kaman, a Jewish refugee, become caught in the middle of the conflict as a dark conspiracy threatens to destroy the very fabric of time itself.

Manifold: Time - Stephen Baxter 2003-12-16 "Reading *Manifold: Time* is like sending your mind to the gym for a brisk workout. If you don't feel both exhausted and exhilarated when you're done, you haven't been working hard enough."—The New York Times Book Review The year is 2010. More than a century of ecological damage, industrial and technological expansion, and unchecked population growth has left the Earth on the brink of devastation. As the world's governments turn inward, one man dares to envision a bolder, brighter future. That man, Reid Malenfant, has a very different solution to the problems plaguing the planet: the exploration and colonization of space. Now Malenfant gambles the very existence of time on a single desperate throw of the dice. Battling national sabotage and international outcry, as apocalyptic riots sweep the globe, he builds a spacecraft and launches it into deep space. The odds are a trillion to one against him. Or are they? "A staggering novel! If you ever thought you understood time, you'll be quickly disillusioned when you read *Manifold: Time*."—Sir Arthur C. Clarke

Coalescent - Stephen Baxter 2004-11-23

"Lean, taut storytelling . . . breakneck stuff . . . Arguably his most accessible book to date—Baxter [is] resplendent."—SFX magazine  
When his father dies suddenly, George Poole stumbles onto a family secret: He has a twin sister he never knew existed, who was raised by an enigmatic cult called the Order. The Order is a hive—a human hive with a dominant queen—that has prospered below the streets of Rome for almost two millennia. After Poole enters the Order's vast underground city and meets the disturbing inhabitants, he uncovers evidence that they have embarked on a divergent evolutionary path. These genetically superior humans are equipped with the tools necessary to render modern Homo sapiens as extinct as the Neanderthals. And now they are preparing to leave their underground realm. "[Excels] at both action-packed storytelling and philosophical speculation."—Library Journal  
"Utterly fascinating . . . constantly surprising . . . Coalescent reveals a new side to Baxter's vast talent."—Locus

Anti-ice - Stephen Baxter 1994-10-16

Discovering a new element, Anti-Ice, a mysterious substance that unleashes vast energies when warmed, a millionaire industrialist dreams of power from an item that promises world peace--or world destruction. Original.

Obelisk - Stephen Baxter 2017-07-11

A remarkable collection of short fiction from one of our greatest SF author, including two brand new short stories. This collection contains stories set in the universe of the bestselling duology PROXIMA and ULTIMA, which expand on the characters and worlds of that series. There are also a selection of alternate histories and possible futures, echoing Baxter's work with Terry Pratchett on the LONG EARTH series. Confirms Stephen Baxter's place as one of the greatest practitioners of the SF short story.

**The Hercules Text** - Jack McDevitt 2015-04-28

The classic first-contact science fiction novel that launched the career of Jack McDevitt, the national bestselling author of Coming Home—now revised from the original edition, and featuring a new foreword. From a remote corner of the galaxy a message is being sent. The continuous beats of a pulsar have become

odd, irregular...artificial. It can only be a code. Frantically, a research team struggles to decipher the alien communication. And what the scientists discover is destined to shake the foundations of empires around this world—from Wall Street to the Vatican...

**Exultant** - Stephen Baxter 2004-10-26

"Baxter has an uncanny gift for mixing a punchy, cyberpunk cynicism with his resolutely hard SF story base. . . . [Exultant] rivals Asimov in its boundless vision for the future evolution of humanity."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) For more than twenty thousand years, humans have been at war with the alien race of Xeelee. Faced with certain death, a young pilot, Piriuss, disobeys orders and travels into the future. Upon his return, Piriuss is court-martialed and sentenced to penal servitude. But it is not only Piriuss who pays the price. In flying into the future and back again, Piriuss returned to a time before he'd left, a time inhabited by his younger self, who also receives punishment. Commissary Nilis believes that the elder Piriuss, whom he dubs Piriuss Blue, may know how to defeat the Xeelee. But Nilis can do nothing for Piriuss Blue. Instead, he takes the younger Piriuss—Piriuss Red—back to Earth. There Piriuss Red will discover truths that shatter his preconceived notions of all that he is fighting for, while Piriuss Blue will learn even harsher truths. But the most shocking revelation of all is still to come.

"Absurdly ambitious, technically brilliant, and downright exciting."—SFX Magazine "Striking . . . chilling . . . [with] a triumphant conclusion."—Starburst

*Titan* - Stephen Baxter 2013-04-11

Signs of life have been found on Titan, Saturn's largest moon.

**Flux** - Stephen Baxter 2013-01-24

Star humans were engineered to exist within the mantle of a star, mere tools of their Earth-evolved makers in a war against the Xeelee, owners of the universe. Stephen Baxter's third novel in his magnificent Xeelee Sequence is an exotic and endearing story of an abandoned people. Abandoned to their fate, their history lost along with contact with their makers, Star people survive in an environment that is possibly the strangest in science fiction. Microscopic inhabitants of superfluid air above a Quantum Sea and below the tangled Crust of the Star,

swimming in an electric-blue grid, the Magfield, which is subject to violent storms, Star people struggle, like us, to make sense of their world... and the threat hanging over it. Though the truth is far more disturbing and ominous than they feared, they will confront, finally, their makers, and they will rebel against the purpose for which they were created.

**Emperor** - Stephen Baxter 2007

A first installment of a four-book alternate history epic traces the rise of a powerful family whose successes are linked to an ancient prophecy that guides their financial and political choices, in a tale that begins with a Celtic noble's betrayal and culminates in the fall of the Roman empire. 20,000 first printing.

**Ultima (festival, Oslo, Norway)** - Stephen Baxter 2016-04-05

On the planet of Per Ardua, alien artifacts were discovered--hatches that allowed humans to step across light-years of space as if they were stepping into another room. But this newfound freedom has consequences ...

*Origin* - Stephen Baxter 2012-06-28

2015: Astronaut Reid Malenfant is flying over the African continent, intent on examining a mysterious glowing construct in Earth's orbit.

**Iron Winter** - Stephen Baxter 2013-11-05

Praised as "not only a gifted storyteller but also a master of speculative fiction" (Library Journal), bestselling author Stephen Baxter brings his epic Northland trilogy to a close as a once-thriving civilization faces winter without end....

Many generations ago, the Wall was built to hold back the sea. A simple dam, it grew into a vast linear city, home to scholars, builders, and merchants. Northland's prosperity survived wars and unrest—and brought the whole of Europe together. But now darkness is falling. Days grow shorter, temperatures colder, and in the wake of long winters come famine, destruction, and terror. As a mass exodus to warmer climes threatens to fracture Northland, one man believes he can outwit the cold, and even salvage some scraps of the great civilization—before interminable gloom settles over the land; before the fires of war lay waste to an empire; before the ice comes....

**World Engines: Destroyer** - Stephen Baxter 2019-09-19

In the year 2570, a sleeper will wake . . . In the

mid-21st century, the Kernel, a strange object on a five-hundred-year-orbit, is detected coming from high above the plane of the solar system. Could it be an alien artefact? In the middle of climate-change crises, there is no mood for space-exploration stunts - but Reid Malenfant, elderly, once a shuttle pilot and frustrated would-be asteroid miner, decides to go take a look anyway. Nothing more is heard of him. But his ex-wife, Emma Stoney, sets up a trust fund to search for him the next time the Kernel returns . . . By 2570 Earth is transformed. A mere billion people are supported by advanced technology on a world that is almost indistinguishable from the natural, with recovered forests, oceans, ice caps. It is not an age for expansion; there are only small science bases beyond the Earth. But this is a world you would want to live in: a Star Trek without the stars. After 500 years the Kernel returns, and a descendant of Stoney, who Malenfant will call Emma II, mounts a mission to see what became of Malenfant. She finds him still alive, cryo-preserved . . . His culture-shock encounter with a conservative future is entertaining . . . But the Kernel itself turns out to be attached to a kind of wormhole, through which Malenfant and Emma II, exploring further, plummet back in time, across five billion years . . .

**Raft** - Stephen Baxter 2018-07-10

Stephen Baxter's highly acclaimed first novel and the beginning of his stunning Xeelee Sequence finally enters the SF Masterwork series! A spaceship from Earth accidentally crossed through a hole in space-time to a universe where the force of gravity is one billion times as strong as the gravity we know. Somehow the crew survived, aided by the fact that they emerged into a cloud of gas surrounding a black hole, which provided a breathable atmosphere. Five hundred years later, their descendants still struggle for existence, divided into two main groups. The Miners live on the Belt, a ramshackle ring of dwellings orbiting the core of a dead star, which they excavate for raw materials. These can be traded for food from the Raft, a structure built from the wreckage of the ship, on which a small group of scientists preserve the ancient knowledge which makes survival possible. Rees is a Miner whose curiosity about his world

makes him stow away on a flying tree - just one of the many strange local lifeforms - carrying trade between the Belt and the Raft. And what he finds will change his world...

**The Long Utopia** - Terry Pratchett 2015-06-23  
The fourth novel in Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter's internationally bestselling "Long Earth" series, hailed as "a brilliant science fiction collaboration . . . a love letter to all Pratchett fans, readers, and lovers of wonder everywhere" (Io9). 2045-2059. Human society continues to evolve on Datum Earth, its battered and weary origin planet, as the spread of humanity progresses throughout the many Earths beyond. Lobsang, now an elderly and complex AI, suffers a breakdown, and disguised as a human attempts to live a "normal" life on one of the millions of Long Earth worlds. His old friend, Joshua, now in his fifties, searches for his father and discovers a heretofore unknown family history. And the super-intelligent post-humans known as "the Next" continue to adapt to life among "lesser" humans. But an alarming new challenge looms. An alien planet has somehow become "entangled" with one of the Long Earth worlds and, as Lobsang and Joshua learn, its voracious denizens intend to capture, conquer, and colonize the new universe—the Long Earth—they have inadvertently discovered. World-building, the intersection of universes, the coexistence of diverse species, and the cosmic meaning of the Long Earth itself are among the mind-expanding themes explored in this exciting new installment of Terry Pratchett and Stephen Baxter's extraordinary Long Earth series.

*The Plague Forge* - Jason M. Hough 2013-09-24  
The Plague Forge delivers an unbeatable combination of knockout action and kick-ass characters as the secrets to the ultimate alien mystery from *The Darwin Elevator* and *The Exodus Towers* are about to be unraveled. The hunt is on for the mysterious keys left by the alien Builders. While Skyler's team of immune scavengers scatters around the disease-ravaged globe in search of the artifacts, Skyler himself finds much more than he expected in the African desert, where he stumbles upon surprising Builder relics—and thousands of bloodthirsty subhumans. From the slums and fortresses of Darwin to the jungles of Brazil and beyond, Skyler and company are in for a wild ride, jam-

packed with daunting challenges, run-and-gun adventure, and unexpected betrayals—all in a race against time to finally answer the great questions that have plagued humanity for decades: Who are the Builders, and what do they want with Earth? Praise for *The Darwin Elevator* "A hell of a fun book."—James S. A. Corey, New York Times bestselling author of *Abaddon's Gate* "[Jason M.] Hough's first novel combines the rapid-fire action and memorable characters associated with Joss Whedon's short-lived *Firefly* TV series with the accessibility and scientific acumen of [James S. A.] Corey's 'Expanse' series."—Library Journal (starred review) "The best part about alien stories is their mystery, and Jason Hough understands that like no other. Full of compelling characters and thick with tension, *The Darwin Elevator* delivers both despair and hope along with a gigantic dose of wonder. It's a brilliant debut, and Hough can take my money whenever he writes anything from now on."—Kevin Hearne, New York Times bestselling author of *The Iron Druid Chronicles* "Newcomer Hough displays a talent for imaginative plotting and realistic dialogue, and the brisk pacing and cliffhanger ending will keep readers enthralled and eagerly awaiting the next installment."—Publishers Weekly "Jason M. Hough does a great job with this huge story. The world of Darwin and the Elevator is deliciously complex and satisfying. Skyler, Tania, and all the other characters are delightfully drawn and fun to spend time with. . . . The story unfolds with just the right balance of high adventure, espionage, humor, and emotional truth. . . . As soon as you finish, you'll want more."—Analog "A debut novel unlike any other . . . This is something special. Something iconic. The Darwin Elevator is full of majesty and wonder, mystery and mayhem, colorful characters and insidious schemes."—SF Signal "Fun, action-packed and entertaining . . . a sure contender for science fiction debut of the year!"—Pat's Fantasy Hotlist "Claustrophobic, intense, and satisfying . . . I couldn't put this book down. The Darwin Elevator depicts a terrifying world, suspends it from a delicate thread, and forces you to read with held breath as you anticipate the inevitable fall."—Hugh Howey, New York Times bestselling author of *Wool*  
*The Company of the Dead* - David Kowalski

2012-03-13

Can one man save the Titanic? March 1912. A mysterious man appears aboard the Titanic on its doomed voyage. His mission? To save the ship. The result? A world where the United States never entered World War I, thus launching the secret history of the 20th Century. April 2012. Joseph Kennedy - grand-nephew of John F. Kennedy - lives in an America occupied in the East by Greater Germany and on the West Coast by Imperial Japan. He is one of six people who can restore history to its rightful order -- even though it would mean his own death. "A magnificent alternate history, set against the backdrop of one of the the greatest maritime disasters." Library Journal "Imaginative, monolithic, action-packed... The reader will not be disappointed." — Bookseller and Publisher "Time travel, airships, the Titanic, Roswell ... Kowalski builds a decidedly original creature that blends military science fiction, conspiracy theory, alternate history, and even a dash of romance." Publishers Weekly "Kowalski effortlessly smashes together high art and grand adventure in this alt-history juggernaut." John Birmingham, acclaimed author of Weapons of Choice "Exciting action, twisty and ingenious characterisation, and complicated time-travel plotting, deftly handled." S.M. Stirling, NYT bestselling author of The Tears of the Sun "A non-stop chase that takes place across two thousand miles ... and one hundred years of perdurant time." Walter Jon Williams, NYT bestselling author of Deep State  
Evolution - Stephen Baxter 2003-01-01  
"Magisterial and uplifting . . . A brilliant, grand-scale sampling of sixty-five million years of human evolution . . . It shows the sweep and grandeur of life in its unrelenting course." —The Denver Post Stretching from the distant past into the remote future, from primordial Earth to the stars, *Evolution* is a soaring symphony of struggle, extinction, and survival; a dazzling epic that combines a dozen scientific disciplines and a cast of unforgettable characters to convey the grand drama of evolution in all its awesome majesty and rigorous beauty. Sixty-five million years ago, when dinosaurs ruled the Earth, there lived a small mammal, a proto-primate of the species *Purgatorius*. From this humble beginning, Baxter traces the human lineage

forward through time. The adventure that unfolds is a gripping odyssey governed by chance and competition, a perilous journey to an uncertain destination along a route beset by sudden and catastrophic upheavals. It is a route that ends, for most species, in stagnation or extinction. Why should humanity escape this fate? Praise for *Evolution* "Spectacular."—The New York Times Book Review "Strong imagination, a capacity for awe, and the ability to think rigorously about vast and final things abound in the work of Stephen Baxter. . . . [Evolution] leaves the reader with a haunting portrayal of the distant future."—Times Literary Supplement "A breath of fresh air . . . The miracle of *Evolution* is that it makes the triumph of life, which is its story, sound like the real story."—The Washington Post Book World  
*The Science of Avatar* - Stephen Baxter  
2012-05-29

Audiences around the world have been enchanted by James Cameron's visionary *Avatar*, with its glimpse of the Na'vi on the marvelous world of Pandora. But the movie is not entirely a fantasy; there is a scientific rationale for much of what we saw on the screen, from the possibility of travel to other worlds, to the life forms seen on screen and the ecological and cybernetic concepts that underpin the 'neural networks' in which the Na'vi and their sacred trees are joined, as well as to the mind-linking to the avatars themselves. From popular science journalist and acclaimed science fiction author Stephen Baxter, *The Science of Avatar* is a guide to the rigorous fact behind the fiction. It will enhance the readers' enjoyment of the movie experience by drawing them further into its imagined world.

Firstborn - Arthur C. Clarke 2007-12-26

The *Firstborn*—the mysterious race of aliens who first became known to science fiction fans as the builders of the iconic black monolith in *2001: A Space Odyssey*—have inhabited legendary master of science fiction Sir Arthur C. Clarke's writing for decades. With *Time's Eye* and *Sunstorm*, the first two books in their acclaimed *Time Odyssey* series, Clarke and his brilliant co-author Stephen Baxter imagined a near-future in which the *Firstborn* seek to stop the advance of human civilization by employing a technology indistinguishable from magic. Their first act was

the Discontinuity, in which Earth was carved into sections from different eras of history, restitched into a patchwork world, and renamed Mir. Mir's inhabitants included such notables as Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, and United Nations peacekeeper Bisesa Dutt. For reasons unknown to her, Bisesa entered into communication with an alien artifact of inscrutable purpose and godlike power—a power that eventually returned her to Earth. There, she played an instrumental role in humanity's race against time to stop a doomsday event: a massive solar storm triggered by the alien Firstborn designed to eradicate all life from the planet. That fate was averted at an inconceivable price. Now, twenty-seven years later, the Firstborn are back. This time, they are pulling no punches: They have sent a "quantum bomb." Speeding toward Earth, it is a device that human scientists can barely comprehend, that cannot be stopped or destroyed—and one that will obliterate Earth. Bisesa's desperate quest for answers sends her first to Mars and then to Mir, which is itself threatened with extinction. The end seems inevitable. But as shocking new insights emerge into the nature of the Firstborn and their chilling plans for mankind, an unexpected ally appears from light-years away.

**Stone Spring** - Stephen Baxter 2011-11-01  
Praised as "one of the most inventive writers that science fiction has ever produced" (SF Site), national bestselling author Stephen Baxter presents a new saga of a world that could have become our own.... Ten thousand years ago, a vast and fertile plain existed that linked the British Isles to Europe. Home to a tribe of simple hunter-gatherers, Northland teems with nature's bounty, but is also subject to its whims. Fourteen-year-old Ana calls Northland home, but her world is changing. The air is warming, the ice is melting, and the seas are rising. One day Ana meets a traveler from a far-distant city called Jericho—a town that is protected by a wall. And she starts to imagine the impossible....  
*Infrared Astronomy - Seeing the Heat* - David L. Clements 2014-11-21

Uncover the Secrets of the Universe Hidden at Wavelengths beyond Our Optical Gaze  
William Herschel's discovery of infrared light in 1800 led to the development of astronomy at wavelengths other than the optical. *Infrared Astronomy* -

*Seeing the Heat: from William Herschel to the Herschel Space Observatory* explores the work in astronomy that relies on

*The Exodus Towers* - Jason M. Hough  
2013-08-27

The Exodus Towers features all the high-octane action and richly imagined characters of The Darwin Elevator—but the stakes have never been higher. The sudden appearance of a second space elevator in Brazil only deepens the mystery about the aliens who provided it: the Builders. Scavenger crew captain Skyler Luiken and brilliant scientist Dr. Tania Sharma have formed a colony around the new Elevator's base, utilizing mobile towers to protect humans from the Builders' plague. But they are soon under attack from a roving band of plague-immune soldiers. Cut off from the colony, Skyler must wage a one-man war against the new threat as well as murderous subhumans and thugs from Darwin—all while trying to solve the puzzle of the Builders' master plan . . . before it's too late for the last vestiges of humanity. Praise for The Darwin Elevator "A hell of a fun book."—James S. A. Corey, New York Times bestselling author of Abaddon's Gate "[Jason M.] Hough's first novel combines the rapid-fire action and memorable characters associated with Joss Whedon's short-lived Firefly TV series with the accessibility and scientific acumen of [James S. A.] Corey's 'Expanse' series."—Library Journal (starred review) "The best part about alien stories is their mystery, and Jason Hough understands that like no other. Full of compelling characters and thick with tension, The Darwin Elevator delivers both despair and hope along with a gigantic dose of wonder. It's a brilliant debut, and Hough can take my money whenever he writes anything from now on."—Kevin Hearne, New York Times bestselling author of The Iron Druid Chronicles "Newcomer Hough displays a talent for imaginative plotting and realistic dialogue, and the brisk pacing and cliffhanger ending will keep readers enthralled and eagerly awaiting the next installment."—Publishers Weekly "Jason M. Hough does a great job with this huge story. The world of Darwin and the Elevator is deliciously complex and satisfying. Skyler, Tania, and all the other characters are delightfully drawn and fun to spend time with. . . . The story unfolds with

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*Galaxias* - Stephen Baxter 2021-10-21

What would happen to the world if the sun went out? New epic sci-fi from Stephen Baxter, the award-winning author whose credits include co-authorship of the Long Earth series with Terry Pratchett. By the middle of the 21st century, humanity has managed to overcome a series of catastrophic events and maintain some sense of

stability. Space exploration has begun again. Science has led the way. But then one day, the sun goes out. Solar panels are useless, and the world begins to freeze Earth begins to fall out of its orbit. The end is nigh. Someone has sent us a sign.

**Ultima** - Stephen Baxter 2015-09-08

**Ultima** - Stephen Baxter 2015-08-04

Hailed as "one of the most inventive writers that science fiction has ever produced" (SF Site), Stephen Baxter builds on the massive success of *Proxima* with a career-defining novel of big ideas.... On the planet of Per Ardua, alien artifacts were discovered—hatches that allowed humans to step across light-years of space as if they were stepping into another room. But this newfound freedom has consequences.... As humanity discovers the real nature of the universe, a terrifying truth comes to light. We all have countless pasts converging in this present—and our future is terrifyingly finite. There are minds in the universe that are billions of years old and now we are vulnerable to their plans for us.... It's time to fight back and take control.

**Time's Eye** - Arthur C. Clarke 2005-03-01

"Wonderfully entertaining . . . a story that engrosses you with its dramatized ideas about the nature of existence . . . You won't set the book down either to eat or sleep or work if you can help it."—Chicago Tribune In an instant, Earth is carved up in time and reassembled like a huge jigsaw puzzle. Suddenly the world becomes a patchwork of eras, from prehistory to 2037, each with its own indigenous inhabitants. The explanation for this cataclysmic event may lie in the ancient city of Babylon, where two groups of refugees from 2037—three cosmonauts and three U.N. peacekeepers—have detected strange radio signals. The peacekeepers find allies in nineteenth-century British troops and in the armies of Alexander the Great. The cosmonauts join forces with the Mongol horde led by Genghis Khan. Both sides set out for Babylon, vowing to win the race for knowledge—as a powerful and mysterious entity watches, waiting. Praise for *Time's Eye* "A rousing adventure."—The New York Times Book Review "By the end, when two of history's most ambitious conquerors meet, we are so

thoroughly invested in the characters, we can't wait for the sequel."—Entertainment Weekly (Editor's Choice) "A fast and engaging read."—Rocky Mountain News

*Ark* - Stephen Baxter 2010-05-04

It's the year 2030. The oceans have risen rapidly, and soon the entire planet will be submerged. But the discovery of another life-sustaining planet light years away gives those who remain alive hope. Only a few will be able to make the journey—Holle Groundwater is one of the candidates. If she makes the cut, she will live. If not, she will be left to face a watery death...

*Disciple of the Wind* - Steve Bein 2016-03-01

Tokyo's only female detective fights to keep her city safe in the third novel in the fantasy series that "combines the best parts of police procedurals, buddy-cop films, historical fantasy, and intrigue-laden adventure."\* After a deadly terrorist attack in Tokyo, Detective Sergeant Mariko Oshiro urges her commanding officers to arrest an insane zealot who was just released from police custody. When her pleas fall on deaf ears, she loses her temper and then her badge. Armed with only her cunning and her famed Inazuma blade, Mariko must work outside the system to stop the terrorist. But going rogue draws the attention of the Wind—an underground syndicate that has controlled Japanese politics for centuries, using mystical relics to achieve their nefarious ends. Now, Mariko is left with a perilous choice: join an illicit insurgency to thwart a deadly villain, or remain true to the law. Either way, she cannot escape her sword's curse. As sure as the blade will bring her to victory, it also promises to destroy her...

*Bronze Summer* - Stephen Baxter 2012-11-06

Stephen Baxter's "imaginative [and] bold" (Daily Mail, UK) Stone Spring drew readers into an alternate prehistoric scenario. Now, thousands of years have passed, and a wall that was built to hold back the sea must now hold back the advancing armies of a reviving Troy.... Created by the building of the Wall, Northland has become a society of prosperous, literate, and self-sufficient people. Inhabited from end to end, the Wall is a linear city stretching for hundreds of miles, and a wonder of the world. For millennia, the Wall has also kept the growing

empires of the Bronze Age at bay. But a new and turbulent age is dawning. For any wall, no matter how strong, can be breached—particularly from within....

*The Massacre of Mankind* - Stephen Baxter 2017

"A sequel to the H.G. Wells classic THE WAR OF THE WORLDS, brilliantly realized by award-winning SF author and Wells expert Stephen Baxter It has been 14 years since the Martians invaded England. The world has moved on, always watching the skies but content that we know how to defeat the Martian menace. Machinery looted from the abandoned capsules and war-machines has led to technological leaps forward. The Martians are vulnerable to earth germs. The Army is prepared. So when the signs of launches on Mars are seen, there seems little reason to worry. Unless you listen to one man, Walter Jenkins, the narrator of Wells' book. He is sure that the Martians have learned, adapted, understood their defeat. He is right. Thrust into the chaos of a new invasion, a journalist - sister-in-law to Walter Jenkins - must survive, escape and report on the war. The Massacre of Mankind has begun"--

*Planetfall* - Emma Newman 2015-11-03

From the Hugo Award-winning author of *Between Two Thorns* comes the first novel in a captivating science fiction series where a secret withheld to protect humanity's future may lead to its undoing... "Cathartic and transcendent."—The New York Times "An exceptionally engaging novel that explores the complex relationship between mythology and science."—The Washington Post Renata Ghali believed in Lee Suh-Mi's vision of a world far beyond Earth, calling to humanity. A planet promising to reveal the truth about our place in the cosmos, untainted by overpopulation, pollution, and war. Ren believed in that vision enough to give up everything to follow Suh-Mi into the unknown. More than twenty-two years have passed since Ren and the rest of the faithful braved the starry abyss and established a colony at the base of an enigmatic alien structure where Suh-Mi has since resided, alone. All that time, Ren has worked hard as the colony's 3-D printer engineer, creating the tools necessary for human survival in an alien environment, and harboring a devastating secret. Ren continues to perpetuate the lie

forming the foundation of the colony for the good of her fellow colonists, despite the personal cost. Then a stranger appears, far too young to have been part of the first planetfall, a man who

bears a remarkable resemblance to Suh-Mi. The truth Ren has concealed since planetfall can no longer be hidden. And its revelation might tear the colony apart...