

## The Games Ted Kosmatka

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### Bronze Summer Del Rey

Writer, comedienne, and full-time Blonde, Selena Coppock offers up adventures, misadventures, and golden-hued nuggets of wisdom in a laugh-out-loud anthem for those of us who really do have more fun. . . . The modern blonde is savvy, wise, confident, capable, and not afraid to laugh at herself when the occasion calls for it. She knows who she is and is prepared to subvert all stereotypes (although she's not above wielding her golden tresses to her advantage), and knows how to be both classy and a little brassy. In the way only a Boston-bred New Yorker who once won "Best Hair" in her high school graduating class could, Coppock doles out tongue-in-cheek advice about avoiding hair disasters, the consequences of dating a man who cares a little too much about his own hair product, and so much more in an outrageous essay collection that will have even the staunchest of raven-haired beauties considering a trip to the nearest salon.

### The Year's Top Hard Science Fiction Stories 2 Independently Published

An unabridged collection spotlighting the "best of the best" hard science fiction stories published in 2017 by current and emerging masters of the genre, edited by Allan Kaster. In "Shadows of Eternity," by Gregory Benford, a student investigates enigmatic SETI recordings from probes sent to nearby stars despite her teachers' admonishments to stick to the curriculum. An alien robot offers to help save Earth as war and pollution ravage the last of the survivors on the planet in "The Chatter of Monkeys," by Bond Elam. In "Acadie," by Dave Hutchinson, the first humans still, even after five hundred years, hunt across the stars for their augmented children who have left Earth in search of paradise. The crew of an exploratory starship finds an icy moon that might harbor life in "Canoe," by Nancy Kress. In "The Use of Things," by Ramez Naam, an astronaut struggles to survive after being jolted free from an asteroid while on a solitary prospecting mission. A problem with the local birds threatens the rebuilding of Bikini Island as sea-levels rise due to global warming in "The Proving Ground," by Alec Nevala-Lee. In "Holdfast," by Alastair Reynolds, a genmod human soldier faces off with an alien warrior in the inhospitable terrain of a superjovian planet. A Russian astronaut, gathering debris in near-Earth space, must make tough moral choices when asked to carry out a special mission in "Vanguard 2.0," by Carter Scholz. And finally, after a terrorist attack, a technically dead fish farmer gets a new body and second chance at life as an experimental super soldier, in "ZeroS," by Peter Watts.

### City at the End of Time Henry Holt and Company

From the award-winning author, "a breathtaking journey of revenge and redemption that pits a stubborn, devoted girl against an unknown evil" (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). On Gullstruck Island, legend has it that the mountain ranges and volcanoes are in charge. Anger them, and you'll pay the price. Keep them happy, and you'll enjoy their protection. These stories of the land's command come in handy for quiet, near-invisible Hathin when she must run for her life. Hathin's sister, Arilou, is believed to be a Lost. The Lost are held nearly sacred by those on Gullstruck, for they can send their senses away from their bodies. If Lost, Arilou can read a message across the island. If Lost, Arilou can hear whispers in the corners of private rooms. If Lost, Arilou can smell bread baking in the governor's mansion. All from her beachside hut. But the question remains: Is Arilou really a Lost? When all the Lost drop dead, except Arilou, she and Hathin are swept into a grand conspiracy that leads them to the most sinister depths—and heights—of the island. "Filled with sentient volcanoes, gem-studded teeth, villains, heroes, revenge, love, and the world's most frightening dentist, this is a book to rival The Princess Bride in scope, adventure, and excitement. It's Hardinge's magnum opus. One that I dearly hope both kids and adults enjoy in equal measure." —A Fuse #8 Production, School Library Journal "Delightfully inventive . . . Ripe, rollicking, and endlessly creative." —The Guardian "A luminous example of gifted storytelling at its best." —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

### Mother of Eden Penguin

For readers of the best-selling novels *Sleeping Giants* and *Dark Matter*, an intense, high-stakes thriller with a science-fiction twist that asks: If technology enabled you to save the life of someone you love, would you do so even if it might doom millions?

### By Force of Arms Penguin

"A high-speed thriller. . . . The pages turn rapidly with well-orchestrated suspense." - The New York Times "If Stephen Hawking and Stephen King wrote a novel together, you'd get *The Flicker Men*. Brilliant, disturbing, and beautifully told." -Hugh Howey, New York Times bestselling author of the *Wool* series A quantum physicist shocks the world with a startling experiment, igniting a struggle between science and theology, free will and fate, and antagonizing forces not known to exist Eric Argus is a washout. His prodigious early work clouded his reputation and strained his sanity. But an old friend gives him another chance, an opportunity to step back into the light. With three months to produce new research, Eric replicates the paradoxical double-slit experiment to see for himself the mysterious dual nature of light and matter. A simple but unprecedented inference blooms into a staggering discovery about human consciousness and the structure of the universe. His findings are celebrated and condemned in equal measure. But no one can predict where the truth will lead. And as Eric seeks to understand the unfolding revelations, he must evade shadowy pursuers who believe he knows entirely too much already.

### The Hollow Man Ballantine Books

The first entry in the wildly popular *Skylark* series of science fiction novels, *The Skylark of Space* recounts the exploits of protagonist Dick Seaton as he competes against his nemesis, Marc "Blackie" DuQuesne, to be the first to build a technologically sophisticated spacecraft based on Seaton's recent scientific discovery.

### The Exodus Towers Bloomsbury Publishing USA

In a future where the most popular sporting event is a bloody gladiator competition that pits genetically engineered life forms in a fight to the death, Dr. Silas Williams is the brilliant geneticist tasked with creating the U.S. entrant. Desperate to win, his superiors engage an experimental supercomputer to design a highly specialized killing machine, its genome never before seen on earth. When the creature demonstrates inexplicable strength, speed, and—most disquietingly—intelligence, Silas calls in Dr. Vidonia Jo?o, an expert in extraterrestrial biology. As the contest approaches, the pair race to understand the horror wrought by the computer's cold logic, and their scientific curiosity soon gives way to sheer terror.

### The Skylark of Space Del Rey

Having stopped a mutiny against Earth's government, General Bill Booly and his troops face an even greater challenge: a battle for the future of every living being in the universe, against a fanatical human and his killer technology. "Dietz's expertise in matters of mayhem is second to none." --The Oregonian

### Prophet of Bones Simon and Schuster

2012 Nebula Award Winner 2012 Locus Award Winner 2013 Hugo Nominee 2013 Sturgeon Award Nominee In the year 2035, all that is left of humanity lives in the Shell. No one knows why the Tesslies attacked in 2014, devastated the environment, and nearly destroyed humanity. Or why the aliens imprisoned twenty-six survivors in a sterile enclosure built on the barren remains of the Earth. Fifteen-year-old Pete, one of only six children born in the Shell, is determined to lead humanity to a new beginning. But Pete struggles to control his anger as, one by one, the survivors sicken and die. Although the Earth appears to be slowly healing, the Shell 's inhabitants may not live long enough to see it. The only chance for humanity lies within brief time portals. Peter and the survivors hatch a desperate plan: to increase their numbers by abducting children from the past. In the year 2013, a brilliant CIA consultant sees a pattern in seemingly unrelated kidnappings. As Julie Kahn 's predictive algorithms reveal that the world is in imminent danger, she discovers that she may also play a role in its possible rebirth. Julie and Pete are rapidly converging in time—a chance encounter between them may be the Earth 's only hope.

### Triggers Harper Collins

In her now-classic tale *The Silver Metal Lover*, award-winning author Tanith Lee told the spellbinding story of Jane and her forbidden love for a robot named Silver. In this stunning follow-up, the legend of their tragic romance lives on. But nothing is as it was—or as it seems. . . . As an orphan growing up in the slums, Loren read her clandestine copy of Jane 's *Story* over and over, relishing every word. But Loren is no Jane. Savvy and street-smart, Loren could never be stirred by a man of metal, her passion never ignited by an almost-human—even one designed for pleasure. Still, when the META corporation does the unthinkable and brings back updated versions of robots past—Loren knows she must see Silver. And just like Jane, it is love at first sight. But Silver is now Verlis. If he was perfection before, he is now like a god. Yet he is more human than his creators think—or fear. While Loren doesn 't quite trust him, she will follow her twice-born lover into a battle to control his own destiny—one that will reveal to her the most astonishing illusion of all.

### Unnatural Creatures Titan Books

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 Flicker Men: A Sampler Henry Holt and Company

The best science fiction and fantasy stories of 2021, selected by series editor John Joseph Adams and guest editor Veronica Roth. This year's selection of science fiction and fantasy stories, chosen by series editor John Joseph Adams and bestselling author of the *Divergent* series Veronica Roth, showcases a crop of authors that are willing to experiment and tantalize readers with new takes on classic themes and by exchanging the ordinary for the avant-garde. Folktales and lore come alive, the dead rise, the depths of space are traversed, and magic threads itself through singular moments of love and loss, illuminating the circulatory nature of life, death, the in-between, and the hereafter. The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2021 captures the all-too-real cataclysm of human nature, claiming its place in the series with compelling prose, lyrical composition, and curiosity's never-ending pursuit of discovering the unknown.

### Seeds of Change Del Rey

*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-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 “ Hough writes with irresistible energy and gritty realism. His puts his characters through hell, blending a convincing plot with heart-stopping action and moments of raw terror as the world goes crazy in the shadow of unfathomable alien intentions. ” —Sara Creasy, author of the Philip K. Dick Award – nominated Song of Scarabaeus Gullstruck Island Macmillan

“ The sustained comedy in this hilarious novel is equaled only by its heart, and the myriad ways there are for it to break. I love this book. Michael Poore writes like an angel. ” —Daniel Wallace, author of Big Fish John Scratch, the Devil himself, is the protagonist in this stunningly imaginative, sharp, funny, and tender novel, as he tricks, teases, and prods America to greatness in the hope of luring his lost love back down to Earth from Heaven. Up Pops the Devil is fiction with humor and heart, the kind of hilarious, off-beat, and original reading experience that fans of Chris Moore, Joe Hill, Chuck Palahniuk, and Jim Shepard would sell their souls for—a brilliant blending of the occult and the outrageous starring the anti-hero of anti-heroes, the one and only Prince of Darkness.

[The Chaos Function](#) Macmillan

A collection of nine stories speculates on the future of pivotal issues ranging from race relations and global warming to technological advancement and political revolution.

[The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2021](#) Harper Collins

Multiple Hugo and Nebula award-winning author, Greg Bear is one of science fiction ’ s most accomplished writers. Bold scientific speculation, riveting plots, and a fierce humanism reflected in characters who dare to dream of better worlds distinguish his work. Now Bear has written a mind-bendingly epic novel that may well be his masterpiece. Do you dream of a city at the end of time? In a time like the present, in a world that may or may not be our own, three young people – Ginny, Jack, and Daniel – dream of a doomed, decadent city of the distant future: the Kalpa. Ginny ’ s and Jack ’ s dreams overtake them without warning, leaving their bodies behind while carrying their consciousnesses forward, into the minds of two inhabitants of the Kalpa – a would-be warrior, Jebrassy, and an inquisitive explorer, Tiadba – who have been genetically retro-engineered to possess qualities of ancient humanity. As for Daniel: He dreams of an empty darkness – all that his future holds. But more than dreams link Ginny, Jack, and Daniel. They are fate-shifters, born with the ability to skip like stones across the surface of the fifth dimension, inhabiting alternate versions of themselves. And each guards an object whose origin and purpose are unknown: gnarled, stony artifacts called sum-runners that persist unchanged through all versions of time. Hunted by others with similar powers who seek the sum-runners on behalf of a terrifying, goddess-like entity known as the Chalk Princess, Ginny, Jack, and Daniel are drawn, despite themselves, into an all but hopeless mission to rescue the future – and complete the greatest achievement in human history.

Bell Weather Abrams

Prophet of Bones is a thrilling novel by Ted Kosmatka. An ancient discovery. A hidden past. A deadly conspiracy to bury the truth. He was told his was the only name on their list. But for brilliant young anthropologist Paul Carlsson, asked to examine the cache of bones found on as remote Indonesian jungle island, fascination soon turns to fear. Because waiting for him east of Java is evidence of something that shouldn't exist; a revelation that if made public will turn scientific and religious orthodoxy on its head. If Carlsson discovers the truth too many powerful interests have far too much to lose. But not every prophet is without honour. And Carlsson, alone and on the run, is determined to reveal the discovery to a world in which the church and science have conspired to hide it. A world which, it's been proven, is only 5,800 years old... Prophet of Bones is Ted Kosmata's enthralling second novel. The Games showcased Kosmata's imaginative genius and Prophet of Bones is no different. Fans of Robert Harris, Michael Crichton and Sam Bourne will be hooked. Praise for Ted Kosmata: 'A masterwork of intrigue and menace. I was enthralled.' Clive Cussler 'A hell of a storyteller ... one of those increasingly rare novels that immediately takes you on a journey into the world of the author's wondrous imagination ... truly hard to put down.This is what a novel is about.' Nelson DeMille Ted Kosmatka studied biology at Indiana University. He has worked as a zookeeper, steel mill worker, lab technician, and videogame writer for the extremely successful studio, Valve, publisher of mega-hits such as the Half-Life series and Portal. His work has been nominated for both the Nebula and Hugo awards and won the 2010 Asimov's Reader's Choice Award. He lives in the American Pacific North-west. [www.tedkosmatka.com](http://www.tedkosmatka.com)

[The New Rules for Blondes](#) Mariner Books

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,

hell-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 Galaxy Game](#) Macmillan

A tale set in a solar system of weather-controlled planets and drug-induced refugees finds Network Intelligence Organization contract detectives Dave Crowell and Alan Brindos investigating links between a world-destroying terrorist group and an interstellar conspiracy.

Mister Creecher Penguin UK

Billy is a street urchin, pickpocket and petty thief. Mister Creecher is a giant of a man who terrifies everyone he meets. Their relationship begins as pure convenience. But a bond swiftly develops between these two misfits as their bloody journey takes them ever northwards on the trail of their target . . . Victor Frankenstein. Friendship, trust and betrayal form a dangerous liaison in this moving and frightening new book from Chris Priestley.