



Accretion:
the Month at Space Cowboy Books

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A small zine covering the monthly activity of the Space Cowboy Bookstore and other things that have occurred in the geek life of author / editor Jean-Paul L. Garnier

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This month we released episode 70 of *Simultaneous Times* podcast. This month's episode features stories by Tara Campbell & myself, with music by Phog Masheeen & Fall Precautions.



<https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/spacecowboybooks>

This month in events at Space Cowboy Books:

STARLITE PULP
REVIEW #3

SPACE COWBOY

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READING & SIGNING!

SATURDAY, 12/30 4P
SPACE COWBOY
BOOKS JOSHUA TREE, CA

FEATURING: CRAIG CLEVENGER/GABRIEL HART/SEAN JACQUES/AARON PAUL SCHAUT/JEAN-PAUL L. GARNIER/ALEX SLUSAR/BRIAN TOWNSLEY & JIM RULAND!

Craig Clevenger • Jean-Paul L. Garnier • Trevor Holliday
• Sean Jacques • Nolan Inlight • Terrance Laybow • Brodie Lowe • Patrick H. McDonough • Jim Ruland • Aaron Paul Schaut • Alex Slusar • C. K. Stevenson • Phillip Thompson
• Manny Torres • Brian Townsley

On December 30th I hosted an in-store event for the release of Starlite Pulp Review #3. It rained and hailed right before the event and I thought we would have to postpone, but fortunately it cleared up just in time. Around thirty people came, which was wonderful because many of the readers had come from out of town, a few of them from out of state. Eight readers shared their work, and it was a great mix of western, crime, and SF. It was damned cold once the sun went down, but everybody stayed and had a great time.
<https://www.starlitepulp.com/>



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In Personal News:

This year, for the fourth year in a row, I applied for the James Patterson bookseller bonus through the ABA, and I actually got the bonus! As a self-employed bookseller bonuses don't exist, and neither do days off,

so this was incredibly welcome news. I felt slightly guilty about winning because I had literally just finished writing a story where I am stuck in hell with nothing but books I don't want to read, Patterson among them. But seriously, it's a really cool thing that he does every year and I'm super grateful to have received the bonus. I also received the interesting news that on top of working for the new [Worlds of IF Magazine](#), I will be the Deputy EIC of a new iteration of Galaxy Magazine, holy cow! I always dreamed of doing this kind of work and now I am fully immersed in it. I can't say too much about the project yet, and Worlds of IF will remain the priority for now, but there are some interesting things in the works. I also received the proof copy of the new Space Cowboy anthology, which looks great, so with any luck the book will hit the shelves in February. I was hoping to have it out this month, but alas the process of making books is a lengthy one, especially with so much else going on. I finished writing my latest novella, an SF tribute to Genet, but more on that later. And I also sent out the check for next year's [Working Class Writers Scholarship](#) for Odyssey Workshop. It always brings me joy to help out students and fellow SF writers! And to top off the year I had a wonderful X-Mas with friends and family. My loved ones know me well and I received several marvelous signed 1st editions for my book collection. Thanks Everyone!!! And Happy New Year!!!

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My Recent Publications:

The Escape, [Simultaneous Times Ep.70](#)
3 Scifaiku, Pablo Lennis #433, Ed. John Thiel
Disaphonia, Starlite Pulp Review #3, Ed. Brian Townsley
3 Poems, [Dark Matter Magazine #18](#), Ed. Rob Carroll

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What I Read in December:

Extra(ordinary) People by Joanna Russ
[Die Closer to Me](#) by David Kuhnlein
[The Thief's Journal](#) by Jean Genet
[Dying Inside](#) by Robert Silverberg
[The Blazing World](#) by Margaret Cavendish

Physical Books and Magazines Received:

[To Spy a Star](#) by Jonathan Nevair

[Inner Workings](#), Ed. Zack Be
He May Wear My Silence by Zdravka Evtimova
[The Wings Upon Her Back](#) by Samantha Mills
Pablo Lennis #433, Ed. John Thiel
APA-L
Vector #298, Ed. Phoenix Alexander
Focus #77, Ed. Dev Agarwal
Locus #755/6, Ed. Liza Groen Trombi
FAPA Vol.87 #1 Mailing 345

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Space Cowboy Books is up for a few categories at this year's Critters Poll. We've won best bookstore the last few years in a row and would love to continue the trend. If you're so inclined to vote below you will find the links:

Best Bookstore

<https://critters.org/predpoll/bookstore.shtml>

Best Anthology

<https://critters.org/predpoll/antho.shtml>

and we're also nominated in a bunch of other categories, if you feel like perusing [the polls](#).

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Scifaiku Corner

Mars is calling us
inhospitable and cold
unfriendly siren

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Connect with us on the interweb at the following venues:

YouTube

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