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In the sweltering summer months, the best place to catch a break from the heat is in a bookstore. And on our list, the next best place is at the movies! This summer, we're excited to see *Elvis* and *Where the Crawdads Sing*, but we're buying advance tickets to *Jurassic World Dominion*, the final installment in the Jurassic series. Because who can resist a summer sci-fi blockbuster?

SCIENCE FICTION: AT THE MOVIES & THE BOOK GO ROUND

Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park*, released in 1993 and based on the 1990 novel by Michael Crichton, is not the first film to tie in the public's love of science fiction literature and movies. For over 100 years, filmmakers have found inspiration for out-of-this-world scripts on their bookshelves, beginning with *A Trip to the Moon* (1902), inspired in part by Jules Verne's 1865 novel *From the Earth to the Moon*. Among so many others to follow this lead are Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space*

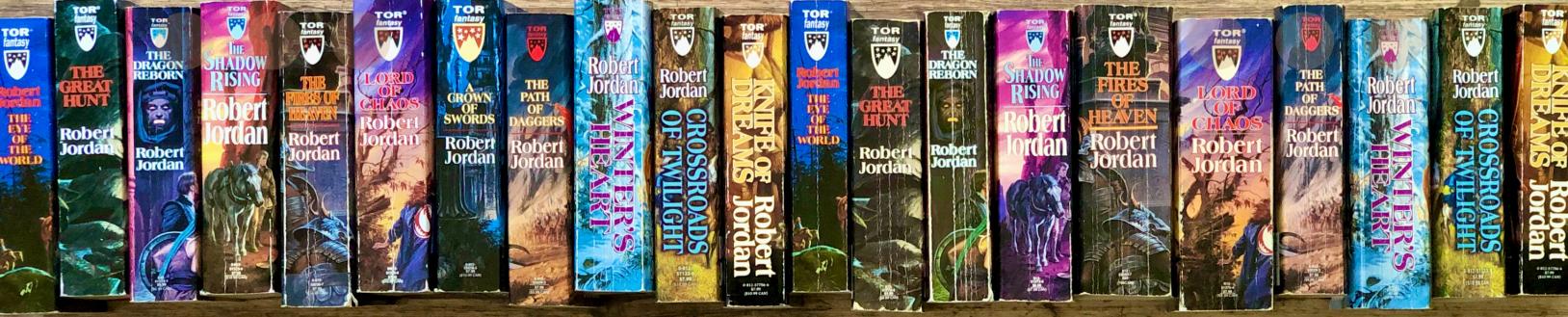
Odyssey (1968), inspired by Arthur C. Clarke's short story "The Sentinel", and Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner* (1982), adapted from Philip K. Dick's 1968 novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*

Science fiction looks at contemporary trends, and considers both the implications of current events on our future, as well as how humans might adapt. David Guidry, who has managed the Science Fiction and Fantasy

sections at the Book-Go-Round for eight years, appreciates this philosophical approach. Initially hooked on sci-fi by reading Ray Bradbury's short fiction such as *S Is for Space* and *The Martian Chronicles*, David found his way into Fantasy via J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece, *The Lord of the Rings*.

Four-paperback volume J.R.R. Tolkien boxed set. Available at ebay.com/str/oakstbooks.





David became a volunteer at the BGR to get more involved in the Saratoga community, and loves the work because it has reinvigorated his passion for sci-fi, and introduced him to new authors and titles. "Fantasy was a genre I knew little about, so this has given me the chance to learn a lot, and discover some exciting stories. It has also gotten me reading more, which is something I'm happy about."

David knows his customers at the shop are just as curious and enthusiastic about Science Fiction and Fantasy, and he

tries to gauge their interests by what sells, keeping in mind that readers are often committed to a series. "Since so many stories in these categories are written as trilogies, if not longer, I started collecting them into sets which customers can purchase at once."

Many of our book donors are collectors themselves, and David often receives vintage and classic editions, some by famous authors, which he also offers in groups. Some book donations, however, keep him guessing. "Lately, I am seeing

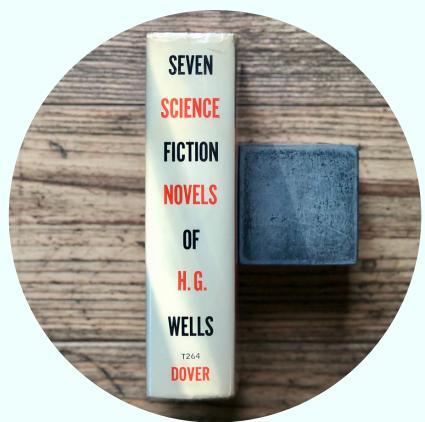
more self-published work and older vintage books that I don't recognize, so it's hard to always know what our customers could be interested in."

As one might expect, David also shops his shelves. "I don't collect hardback editions, but I've grabbed copies of a few favorites to save for future reading, such as early Neal Stephenson, *Altered Carbon*, and *The Windup Girl*. The best was finding the entire *Expanse Series* by James S.A. Corey, as I love that series and am re-reading it now."

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Left: Seven Science Fiction Novels of H.G. Wells.

Above: Wheel of Time PB sets. Available at ebay.com/str/oakst books.



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