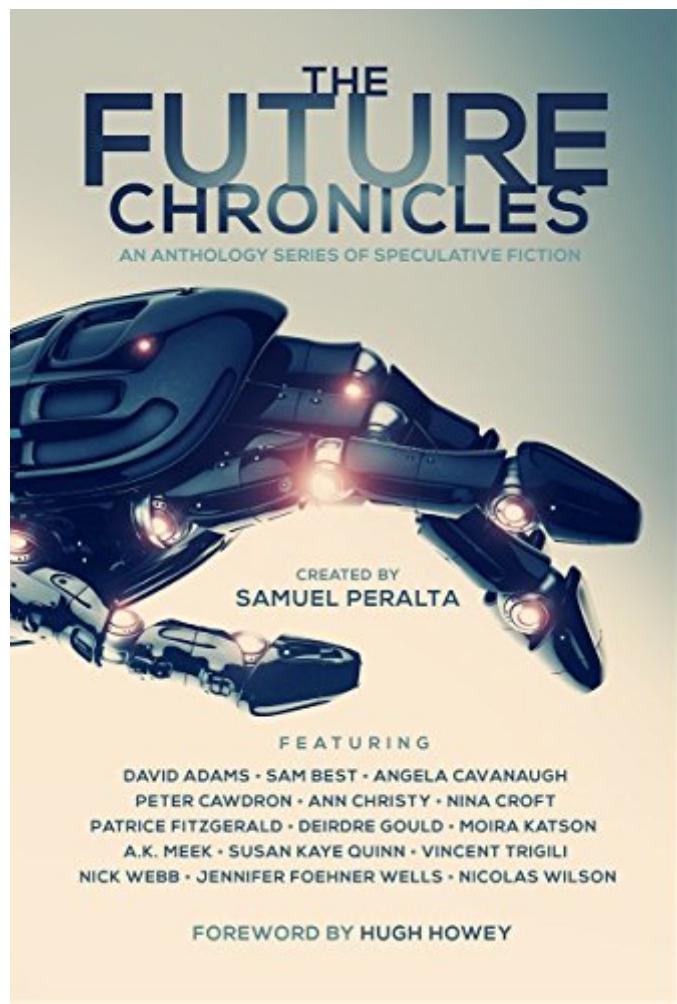


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The Future Chronicles - Special Edition includes fifteen stories, selected and new, from some of today's best writers in speculative fiction. It includes ten selected stories from some of the Chronicles' popular titles - Robot, Telepath, Alien, and A.I. - to give new readers a taste of the series; and includes five completely new stories, first published in this Special Edition. The Future Chronicles has grown, from a single collection of robot stories, into a series whose unique take on major science fiction and fantasy themes - A.I., aliens, time travel, dragons, telepaths, zombies, immortality, galactic battles, cyborgs, doomsday - has made it one of the most acclaimed short story anthology series of the digital era.

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Over the past year, Samuel Peralta has diligently and deliberately put together a powerhouse science fiction anthology series. He's been able to attract big name authors such as Hugh Howey, Ken Liu, Seanan McGuire, Robert J. Sawyer, Jennifer Foehner Wells, and Matthew Mather among many others. But, what makes the Future Chronicles volumes great is the platform for new and

emerging talent from the trenches of indie authors. While the established authors have been the cornerstone for these collections, the indie talent Sam chooses for each book is exciting and raw. Full Disclosure: I've been privileged to be in three FC anthologies so far (Alien, Z & Immortality) and have spots reserved in at least two more scheduled to run in the next six to eight months. Other than reading and loving The Future Chronicles Special Edition anthology, I have no involvement in the collection. So if the different anthologies released in the past year were all-star teams, then The Future Chronicles is a best of the best. Some of my favorite stories from collections like The Robot Chronicles, The Telepath Chronicles, The Alien Chronicles and The A.I. Chronicles appear, inviting you to rediscover them, to read them again for the first time in the context of this new collection, outside of the confines of their genre-specific collection. For some, it seems to imbue them with new meaning. When reading A.K. Meek's The Invariable Man (later expanded to a longer book) with a brand new story on one end and stories about telepaths just pages later, it almost can be read with a new and different point of view. In The Future Chronicles, we get eleven stories previously released in those first four of the Future Chronicles collections.

The Future Chronicles is a line of anthologies specializing in speculative fiction. Focusing on a central theme, each one tackling some fascinating topics. From zombies to dragons to alternate history, these are excellent stories by top-notch independent authors. How do I know this? Because I have read all of the anthologies in this series to date and found them to have page-turning stories of the highest caliber. From covers to editing to the stories themselves, this line of anthologies is a high-quality package from top to bottom. This anthology, in particular, is a sampler of the first four anthologies in the Chronicles series, presenting full-length stories about robots, telepaths, aliens and artificial intelligence, as well as a couple of other subjects for good measure. With eleven reprinted stories and five new stories written especially for this edition, there is something here for everyone. Featuring an introduction by Hugh Howey about the best qualities of short stories and how this anthology exemplifies these ideas, here are the sixteen stories from this volume: Sam Best's "A Dream of Waking" - Jacob has been asleep for a very long time, held in a coffin-like container, tubes hooked up to his head and body. No one talks to him, except for one nurse, giving him little clues as to what's happening. The next time he wakes up, he tries to pull off an escape, with some help from an unlikely source. Why he's hooked up and sleeping so much and what he's escaping from are the great mysteries that keep you turning pages. Deeply immersed in Jacob's absolute terror, this is a scary and disturbing story with a fantastic ending. A.K. Meek's "The Invariable Man" - In the far future, Micah works in a technology junkyard re-purposing what's there.

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