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# SPACE SHIPS! RAY GUNS! MARTIAN OCTOPODS!

## INTERVIEWS WITH SCIENCE FICTION LEGENDS EDITED BY RICHARD WOLINSKY



*In this collection of candid interviews, more than fifty legendary authors swap fascinating—and sometimes controversial—anecdotes about the Golden Age of science fiction (1920–1960). With such guests as Ray Bradbury, Robert Bloch, Harlan Ellison, Philip K. Dick, Isaac Asimov, Margaret Atwood, Fritz Leiber, Frank Herbert, and many more, here are the wild personalities, sparks of contention, and vivid imaginations that made science fiction thrive.*

Today, depictions of aliens, rocket ships, and awe-inspiring, futuristic space operas are everywhere. Why is there so much science fiction, and where did it come from? Radio producer and author Richard Wolinsky (*Probabilites*) has found answers in the Golden Age of science fiction.

Wolinsky has interviewed a veritable who's who of famous (and infamous) science fiction publishers, pulp magazines, editors, cover artists, and fans. The interviews themselves, which aired on the public radio show, *Probabilites*, span more than twenty years, from just before the release of *Star Wars* through the dawn of Y2K. The result, *Space Ships! Ray Guns! Martian Octopods!*, is ultimately a love letter to fandom.

**Richard Wolinsky** cohosted and produced *Probabilities*, a half-hour public radio program devoted to science fiction, mystery, and mainstream fiction, from 1977 to 1995. He took the program solo in 2002 and renamed it *Bookwaves*, which is still running. Wolinsky's interviews have been published in numerous venues, including the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, *Heavy Metal*, and *Mystery Scene*, and in such books as the *Louis L'Amour Companion* and *Macabre II: Stephen King & Clive Barker*. Wolinsky was born and raised in New York City and has lived in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1978.

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