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## ACCLAIMED GENRE PRESS TACHYON PUBLICATIONS TO CELEBRATE 30 YEARS IN 2025

In July 1995, Jacob Weisman, an avid young science fiction fan and intern at *Asimov's Science Fiction* and *Locus* magazines, published *Ganglion and Other Stories* by Wayne Wightman. The success of *Ganglion*, as well as that of the next book—*The Black Flame* by Stanley G. Weinbaum—inspired Weisman to continue expanding his publishing program. Initially, Weisman concentrated on bringing classic works that he loved back into print, including fiction by Robert Nathan and Mary Shelley. But Weisman quickly branched out by publishing work by contemporary authors he admired, such as Peter S. Beagle and Patricia A. McKillip.

By the early aughts, Tachyon had become widely known for its carefully curated, high-quality publications. In 2002, Weisman hired his first employee, managing editor Jill Roberts. He signed on for national distribution shortly thereafter. Over the years, Weisman's staff has grown to a six-member international team, which includes editor Jaymee Goh, lead designer Elizabeth Story, publicity manager Rick Klaw, and publicist Kasey Lansdale.

In 2025, Tachyon Publications will reach its 30th year in publishing. Tachyon has already put out more than 220 books, typically between 8 and 10 titles annually, and primarily in the genres of science fiction, fantasy, and horror. The company continues to champion smart genre fiction for everyone.

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNED EVENTS

- San Francisco Public Library exhibition of Tachyon books, historical photos, and documents
- Anniversary party, open to the public, at the SFPL on October 5, 2025
- Publication of a limited edition commemorative chapbook, which will also be given to anniversary party attendees
- Free monthly e-book giveaways to all Tachyon newsletter subscribers, including titles by Carrie Vaughn, Jane Yolen, Ellen Datlow, Bruce Sterling, and Naseem Jamnia

- Ongoing events, panels, signings, and readings, including at the World Fantasy and World Science Fiction Conventions
- Virtual salon with Tachyon authors, artists, and editors

## PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

Tachyon's many commercially and critically successful titles include Hugo Award winner *The Emperor's Soul* by Brandon Sanderson, the bestselling *Steampunk* anthology series edited by Ann and Jeff VanderMeer, the popular *Lovecraft's Monsters* edited by Ellen Datlow, the acclaimed *Falling in Love with Hominids* by Nalo Hopkinson, the comeback novel *Summerlong* by Peter S. Beagle, and the cutting-edge science fiction novella *The Freeze-Frame Revolution* by Peter Watts.

More recent breakout titles include the debut novels *Bitter Medicine* by Mia Tsai and *The Wings Upon Her Back* by Samantha Mills and the collection *The Tangleroot Palace* by Marjorie Liu.

Tachyon books have also received many of the genre's most prestigious honors, including the Nebula, Hugo, World Fantasy, Sturgeon, Mythopoeic, Locus, Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire, Endeavor, Neukom, Sidewise, and Philip K. Dick Awards.

## 2025 TITLES

During its 30th anniversary in 2025, Tachyon is publishing 10 titles that encapsulate the variety and quality of the company's publishing program:

- A 30th anniversary edition of Patricia A. McKillip's *The Book of Atrix Wolfe*
- *The Essential Patricia A. McKillip*, a career retrospective collection
- Two fantasy debuts, *If Wishes Were Retail* by Auston Habershaw and *Audition for the Fox* by Martin Cahill
- *One Level Down*, Mary G. Thompson's taut science fiction thriller
- Pat Murphy's original take on Peter Pan and Sherlock Holmes, *The Adventures of Mary Darling*
- *The Unkillable Frank Lightning*, Josh Rountree's reconstruction of the *Frankenstein* mythos in the Wild West
- A new middle grade adventure from the legendary Daniel Pinkwater, *Jules, Penny & the Rooster*
- *Space Ships! Ray Guns! Martian Octopods!*, a collection of radio interviews with science fiction luminaries including Ray Bradbury, Harlan Ellison, Joyce Carol Oates, Philip K. Dick, Isaac Asimov, and Margaret Atwood
- Two new fiction collections from bestselling authors, *Refreshments from Hell* by Joe R. Lansdale and *Letters from an Imaginary Country* by Theodora Goss

## WHY "TACHYON"?

A tachyon (tack-ee-on; from the Greek tachus, meaning "speedy") is a hypothetical elementary subatomic particle that is capable of exceeding the speed of light. Tachyons would violate causality if they were proven to exist, because they could be sent to the past, creating a time paradox (like on every other episode of *Star Trek*).