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RABBIT TEST

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SAMANTHA MILLS

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This subversive debut short-fiction collection comes from one of the hottest talents in speculative fiction: 2025 Compton Crook Award and Pushcart Prize nominee Samantha Mills (The Wings Upon Her Back). The central story of the collection is Mills's pivotal Nebula, Locus, and Sturgeon Award-winning story "Rabbit Test," which interrogates the past, present, and future of abortion rights in America.

A time-traveling fisherwoman keeps landing on the right shore, but at the wrong time. A pair of witches fight over the gate between life and death. A new consciousness, intent upon seeing all the wonders of the universe, visits a floating library. A rock-and-roll legend squares off against a town full of devils. Humanity makes first contact but falters when put in charge of selecting the world's representatives.

These riveting stories run the gamut of the genre, transitioning from fantasy to contemporary, and then into the farthest reaches of space. They take place in strange and emotional worlds, with stakes ranging from the epic to the personal, with ample room for humor and hope amid tragedy.

Praise for Samantha Mills' debut novel, *The Wings Upon Her Back*

2025 World Fantasy Award Finalist
Compton Crook Award Winner
British Science Fiction Award Longlist
Goodreads SciFi and Fantasy Book Club Selection

- ★ "A triumphant debut novel." —*Booklist*, starred review
- ★ "An absolute must-read." —*Kirkus*, starred review
- ★ "Intricate and intriguing." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review
- ★ "Complex and haunting." —*Library Journal*, starred review



Samantha Mills's critically acclaimed first novel, *The Wings Upon Her Back*, won the Compton Crook Award for the year's best debut and is a nominee for the World Fantasy Award. In 2023, she received the Nebula, Locus, and Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Awards for her short story "Rabbit Test." Her short fiction has appeared in *Uncanny Magazine*, *Strange Horizons*, *Escape Pod*, and others and was included in *The New Voices of Science Fiction* from Tachyon Publications and *The Best American Science Fiction and Fantasy 2023*. She is a librarian and trained archivist specializing in primary documents. Mills grew up in Southern California, where she still lives with her family and cats.

Marketing and publicity

- National marketing plan to include endorsements, reviews, and interviews
- Author tour to include California and EU appearances with book launch event
- Online coverage to include *Nerd Daily*; *Fantasy Book Cafe*; *Utopia SF*; *World Shapers*; *Uncharted Magazine*; *The Big Idea*; and *My Favorite Bit*
- Print and digital ARC distribution via NetGalley, Storygraph, and Edelweiss+
- Advertising and promotion in national print, online outlets, and social media

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