



A Work in Progress

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A Brief History

Joanna Salapska-Gelleri

Emigrant/Immigrant

Folklore

Pickled Herring

PhD

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Essex, UK

Books and Science

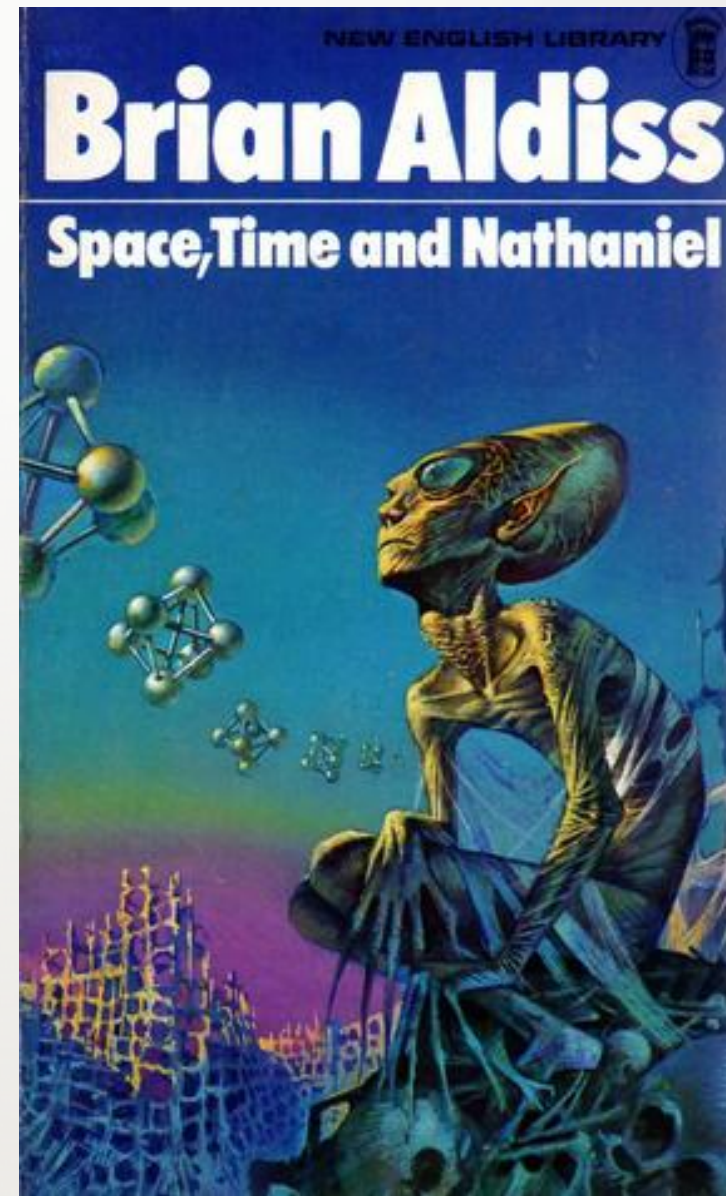
Games and Family

Engineering

Tim Jordan

EARLY INFLUENCES

SPACE, CHESS AND DINOSAURS



Cranes, Brains and Artificial Intelligence





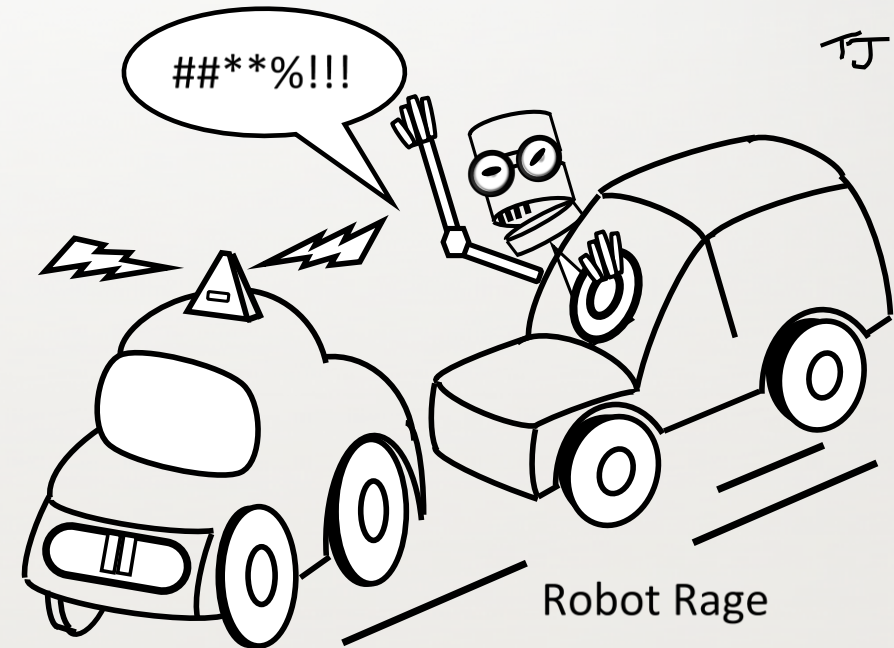
Writers of the Future Award

The Pushbike Legion



Mind, Brain, and Artificial Intelligence

- Short can be powerful
- Crafting the proposal
- Navigating the publisher
- Critique is king
- 30 Months Later.....
- Try it out on a willing audience



Imposter Syndrome

Why should I write it?

Who will read it?

Now What?



Avanti Press

Reading is Fundamental

FAVORITE AUTHORS

- Ian/Iain Banks
- Brian Aldiss
- Philip K. Dick (Do Androids...?; Man in the High Castle)
- Frank Herbert
- John le Carré
- Jane Austen
- Roger Penrose
- Books on stuff you like

AUTHORS ON WRITING

- Stephen King
- Bill Bryson
- Ernest Hemmingway
- Sol Stein (On Writing)
- Dave Wolverton / David Farland



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Writing is Also Fundamental

PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT!

- Setting daily goals: word count or concept-driven.
- Leave something for tomorrow.
- Take breaks, even short ones help clear the brain.
- Brain food: balance of good carbs and protein. Not too much.
- Please do not disturb!



Inspiration

- Childhood
- Friends
- Surroundings
- Interesting Characters
- Scientific literature, popular press, local websites, college courses, free online education