

# The Science Fiction & Fantasy Research Collection at Texas A&M University: Preserving the Future Deep in the Heart of Texas

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## Abstract

Texas and Texans are renowned (notoriously so, sometimes) for an obsession with **bigness**, usually but not exclusively our own. In genres so often set within the vast distances between stars and the epic sweep of fantasy wonderlands, with stories involving massive starships or enormous monsters, it fits our state mentality well to tie ourselves to the history and ongoing evolution of the science fiction and fantasy genres. Certainly, Texas has more than its fair share of speculative fiction luminaries (both those born here and those who have at one time or another made the state their home), including people like Michael Moorcock, Elizabeth Moon, Howard Waldrop, Bruce Sterling, Martha Wells, Rebecca Roanhorse, Joe R. Lansdale, Gene Wolfe, Ardath Mayhar, and so many others.....