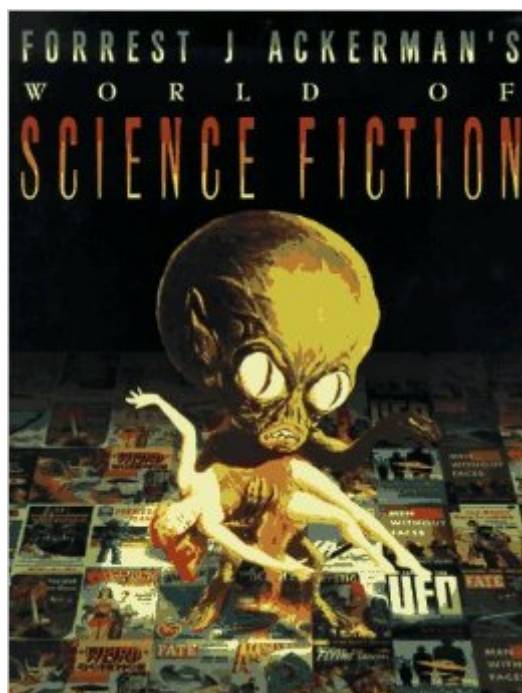


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agent to many fine science fiction writers and publisher of many anthologies and popular magazines such as SPACEMEN, is a little piece of heaven indeed. Forry's famous "Ackermansion" is perhaps the largest collection of sci-fi materials in the world. He knows his stuff, and he writes about it entertainingly and with intimate familiarity. A noted raconteur, Mr. Ackerman deserves all the attention and notoriety his books get, and I can heartily recommend time spent in these pages as a reader's treat and a visual delight.

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Very few photos from Forrest J. Ackerman's immense collection. Too many photos of current (at the time of publication) TV shows and movies. I bought this hoping it would be photos of the items from Forry's collection (masks, paintings, etc.) Can't believe the original price was \$30. Big disappointment.

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