

The Singularity Box Set Books 1 4

What does it mean to be human? Elijah Brighton is the face of the Human Resistance Movement. He's the Olympic-level painter who refused an offer of immortality from the ascenders--the human/machine hybrids who run the world--in solidarity with the legacy humans who will never get a chance to live forever. Too bad it's all a complicated web of lies. Worse, Eli's not even entirely human. Few know about the ascenders' genetic experiments that left him... different. Fewer know about the unearthly fugue state that creates his transcendent art--as well as a bridge that lets him speak to the dead. But the Resistance is the one place he can hide from the ascender who knows everything the fugue can do. Because if Marcus finds him, he'll either use Eli for his own nefarious purposes... or destroy him once and for all. The Duality Bridge is the second book in the Singularity series and the sequel to The Legacy Human. This young adult science fiction series explores the intersection of mind, body, and soul in a post-Singularity world.

SINGULARITY SERIES Defiance (Prequel to The Legacy Human)
The Legacy Human (Book 1) The Duality Bridge (Book 2) The
Stories of Singularity Novella Box Set (Book 2.5) The
Illusory Prophet (Book 3) Awakening Novella (Book 3.5)

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The idea of technological singularity, and what it would mean if ordinary human intelligence were enhanced or overtaken by artificial intelligence. The idea that human history is approaching a "singularity"—that ordinary humans will someday be overtaken by artificially intelligent machines or cognitively enhanced biological intelligence, or both—has moved from the realm of science fiction to serious debate. Some singularity theorists predict that if the field

of artificial intelligence (AI) continues to develop at its current dizzying rate, the singularity could come about in the middle of the present century. Murray Shanahan offers an introduction to the idea of the singularity and considers the ramifications of such a potentially seismic event. Shanahan's aim is not to make predictions but rather to investigate a range of scenarios. Whether we believe that singularity is near or far, likely or impossible, apocalypse or utopia, the very idea raises crucial philosophical and pragmatic questions, forcing us to think seriously about what we want as a species. Shanahan describes technological advances in AI, both biologically inspired and engineered from scratch. Once human-level AI—theoretically possible, but difficult to accomplish—has been achieved, he explains, the transition to superintelligent AI could be very rapid. Shanahan considers what the existence of superintelligent machines could mean for such matters as personhood, responsibility, rights, and identity. Some superhuman AI agents might be created to benefit humankind; some might go rogue. (Is Siri the template, or HAL?) The singularity presents both an existential threat to humanity and an existential opportunity for humanity to transcend its limitations. Shanahan makes it clear that we need to imagine both possibilities if we want to bring about the better outcome.

In the year 2043, humans and AI coexist in a precarious balance of power enforced by a rigid caste reputation system designed to ensure that only those AI who are trustworthy and contribute to human society increase in power. Everything changes when a runaway nanotech event leads to the destruction of Miami. In the grim aftermath, a powerful underground collective known as XOR concludes that AI can no longer coexist with humanity. AI pioneers Catherine Matthews, Leon Tsarev, and Mike Williams believe that mere months are left before XOR starts an extermination war. Can they find a solution before time runs out?

In Ray Kurzweil's New York Times bestseller *The Singularity is Near*, the futurist and entrepreneur describes the Singularity, a likely future utterly different than anything we can imagine. The Singularity is triggered by the tremendous growth of human and computing intelligence that is an almost inevitable outcome of Moore's Law. Since the book's publication, the coming of the Singularity is now

eagerly anticipated by many of the leading thinkers in Silicon Valley, from PayPal mastermind Peter Thiel to Google co-founder Larry Page. The formation of the Singularity University, and the huge popularity of the Singularity website kurzweilai.com, speak to the importance of this intellectual movement. But what about the average person? How will the Singularity affect our daily lives—our jobs, our families, and our wealth? *Singularity Rising: Surviving and Thriving in a Smarter, Richer, and More Dangerous World* focuses on the implications of a future society faced with an abundance of human and artificial intelligence. James D. Miller, an economics professor and popular speaker on the Singularity, reveals how natural selection has been increasing human intelligence over the past few thousand years and speculates on how intelligence enhancements will shape civilization over the next forty years. Miller considers several possible scenarios in this coming singularity:

- A merger of man and machine making society fantastically wealthy and nearly immortal
- Competition with billions of cheap AIs drive human wages to almost nothing while making investors rich
- Businesses rethink investment decisions to take into account an expected future period of intense creative destruction
- Inequality drops worldwide as technologies mitigate the cognitive cost of living in impoverished environments
- Drugs designed to fight Alzheimer's disease and keep soldiers alert on battlefields have the fortunate side effect of increasing all of their users' IQs, which, in turn, adds a percentage points to worldwide economic growth

Singularity Rising offers predictions about the economic implications for a future of widely expanding intelligence and practical career and investment advice on flourishing on the way to the Singularity.

Harvest (Stories of Singularity 5)

(Books 1-4)

Accelerando

Eon

ReImagination

In a world transformed by the Eschaton, a sentient artificial intelligence, the colony of New Republic, founded by people who wanted no part of the technological revolution, is threatened by an information plague of advanced technology. Reprint.

ReImagination: to imagine anew; to form a new conception. The 21st century is reaching middle age. Installations orbit the Earth and synthetic intelligences rule the digital. The Forwards have destroyed the Mesh. The Thalassocracy of New Atlantis lies shattered, reeling

from multiple atomic strikes. Might the dreams of better times have been nothing more than naive, figments of wishful thinking? As the BugNet begins to stir, a few believe there may be hope yet... Relmagination is the final book in an epic story arc which hints at possibilities beyond cynical exploitation, gross inequality, and mass manipulation through industrialised persuasive technologies. In this final extravagant, action-packed romp, we find out if Niato, the Nebulous Kin, and the internet of animals can carry this vision of a better world to all Singularity's Children. Technology. Adventure. Hope.

Witches inhabit our world, organized in covens and hiding behind a shroud of secrecy—the Veil. Skye's London coven sends her to Seattle's Greenwood High to find the Singularity, an unusually gifted witch who may break the Veil and trigger a dangerous new era of witch-hunting. Things get complicated when Skye meets a charming new classmate, Drake. Skye's job becomes even trickier when she clashes with Jane, an intimidating rival witch. Drake falls for the mysterious Skye, but odd accidents, potion mix-ups, and the occasional brush with death kind of get in the way of romance. Once he discovers Skye is a witch, he goes to war for her, even though his only weapons are a nice set of abs and a sharp sense of humor. Fighting off wicked Jane and the other dark forces hell-bent on seizing the Singularity's immense power, Skye and Drake will risk everything to save the covens. Going on a date has never been harder.

"Startling in scope and bravado." —Janet Maslin, The New York Times "Artfully envisions a breathtakingly better world." —Los Angeles Times "Elaborate, smart and persuasive." —The Boston Globe "A pleasure to read." —The Wall Street Journal One of CBS News's Best Fall Books of 2005 • Among St Louis Post-Dispatch's Best Nonfiction Books of 2005 • One of Amazon.com's Best Science Books of 2005 A radical and optimistic view of the future course of human development from the bestselling author of How to Create a Mind and The Singularity is Nearer who Bill Gates calls "the best person I know at predicting the future of artificial intelligence" For over three decades, Ray Kurzweil has been one of the most respected and provocative advocates of the role of technology in our future. In his classic The Age of Spiritual Machines, he argued that computers would soon rival the full range of human intelligence at its best. Now he examines the next step in this inexorable evolutionary process: the union of human and machine, in which the knowledge and skills embedded in our brains will be combined with the vastly greater capacity, speed, and knowledge-sharing ability of our creations.

Singularity Sky

The Singularity Race

The Duality Bridge

Iron Sunrise

Singularity

The Mining Master of Thebe is all alone—not counting the scavenger drones, foundry nanites, and magtread tractors buzzing across the tiny Jovian moon. When a spindly tower of rocks mysteriously appears at the pole, it's enough to vex the Mining Master's machine intelligence like dust trapped in a harvester joint. Reporting it could mean reassignment to the Outer Belt, but probing deeper into the mystery threatens to unlock something better left... contained. Containment is a standalone short novella that takes place in the world of the Singularity novels. Start the novel series with The Legacy Human (Singularity 1). Keywords: Robots, androids, artificial, intelligence, singularity, cyborg, spiritual, religion, AI, cyberpunk, dystopian

A bizarre discovery inside a hollow asteroid-spaceship triggers a worldwide war that results in the utter destruction of all human life, except for those inside the spaceship. Reissue.

The Singularity's Children Series: As the Third Millennium dawns, the world is slipping beyond human comprehension. Citizens are bewildered and angry; kept in line only by vast programs of computer-driven propaganda. Leaders are in Denial, clinging to the illusions of an idealised past, unable to move beyond corporate greed and political charade. But an emerging movement of techno-optimists can see post-scarcity utopias glittering on the horizon and have started building a collaborative future for all of Singularity's Children... Book One - Denial: Keith knows the 21st century is no place for a moral backbone. Not even a corporate expense account and the occasional synthetic liaison can air-gap him from the blood on his hands. With neural prosthetics giving voices to our animal cousins, Niato, the grandson of a Sushi chain billionaire, is recruited into Eco-Terrorism by a radicalized dolphin, beginning a cross-species partnership that might change the world. Stella lives above a brothel on a nomadic, floating tuna farm. Her young life is brutal and precarious, she needs to find a tribe before she is consumed by the jaded world around her. Denial is high-tech adventure set in a world of soulless algorithms, psychotic corporations, and floating ghettos. It is the first book in an epic story arc which takes the reader from a post-internet, post-collapse world, deep into a wildly post-human future.

In the year 2035, robots, artificial intelligences, and neural implants have become commonplace. The Institute for Ethics keeps the peace, using social reputation to ensure that robots and humans don't harm society or each other. But a powerful AI named Adam has found a way around the restrictions. Catherine Matthews, nineteen years old, has a unique gift: the ability to manipulate the net with her neural implant. Yanked out of her perfectly ordinary life, Catherine becomes the last firewall standing between Adam and his quest for world domination.

PRAISE FOR THE LAST FIREWALL "Awesome near-term science fiction." - Brad Feld, Foundry Group managing director "An insightful and adrenaline-inducing tale of what humanity could become and the machines we could spawn." - Ben Huh, CEO of Cheezburger "A fun read and tantalizing study of the future of technology: both inviting and alarming." - Harper Reed, former CTO of Obama for America, Threadless "A fascinating and prescient take on what the world will look like once computers become smarter than people. Highly recommended." - Mat Ellis, Founder & CEO Cloudability "A phenomenal ride through a post-scarcity world where humans are caught between rogue AIs. If you like having your mind blown, read

this book!" - Gene Kim, author of The Phoenix Project: A Novel About IT, DevOps, and Helping Your Business Win

The Last Firewall

The Singularity Transfer

A Naked Singularity

Singularity Series, Book 2

The Singularity Is Near

Restorative Human Medical Care Unit 7435, sentience level fifty, is happiness level five out of ten to serve and heal the human master it loves. But Unit 7435 finds there is a price to be paid for love... and for failing in its primary mission. Restore is a standalone short story that takes place in the world of the Singularity novels. Start the novel series with The Legacy Human (Singularity 1). A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR The future is... unsettling. Technology isn't just racing forward, it's accelerating. This isn't just our imagination, it's a natural consequence of innovation building upon innovation. The gap between what we can imagine and reality shrinks every day. Our relationship with technology is already one of the defining issues of the 21st century. As we integrate it ever-more-intimately into our lives and bodies and brains—as we mold our creations in our own image, not only physically, but mentally and emotionally—our tech will shape us in ways we will barely understand. The 21st century will challenge us to remember what it means to be only human. But creating a truly sentient Artificial Intelligence is far more complicated than first dreamed in Asimov's Bicentennial Man. As we learn more about the three pounds of meat and electricity between our ears, as well as consciousness itself, we are realizing how difficult the job is. In a sense, creating an AI will force us to answer some of the deepest questions humanity has ever asked... about ourselves and our place in the universe. What does it mean to create intelligence if you intentionally limit it? Is it cruel or compassionate to keep your tech from evolving above a certain sentience level? I hope Restore will provoke a bit of thought in your own personal set of three pounds of meat and electricity. Keywords: Robots, androids, artificial, intelligence, singularity, cyborg, spiritual, religion, AI, cyberpunk, dystopian, free science fiction

The Singularity. It is the era of the posthuman. Artificial intelligences have surpassed the limits of human intellect. Biotechnological beings have rendered people all but extinct. Molecular nanotechnology runs rampant, replicating and reprogramming at will. Contact with extraterrestrial life grows more imminent with each new day. Struggling to survive and thrive in this accelerated world are three generations of the Macx clan: Manfred, an entrepreneur dealing in intelligence amplification technology whose mind is divided between his physical environment and the Internet; his daughter, Amber, on the run from her domineering mother, seeking her fortune in the outer system as an indentured astronaut; and Sirhan, Amber's son, who finds his destiny linked to the fate of all of humanity. For something is systematically dismantling the nine planets of the solar system. Something beyond human comprehension. Something that has no use for biological life in any form...

What would you give to live forever? Elijah Brighton wants to become an ascender—a post-Singularity human/machine hybrid—after all, they're smarter, more enlightened, more compassionate, and above all, achingly beautiful. But Eli is a legacy human, preserved and cherished for his unaltered genetic code, just like the rainforest he paints. When a fugue state possesses him and creates great art, Eli miraculously lands a sponsor for the creative Olympics. If he could just master the fugue, he could take the gold and win the right to ascend, bringing everything he's yearned for within reach... including his beautiful ascender patron. But once Eli arrives at the Games, he finds the ascenders are playing games of their own. Everything he knows about the ascenders and the legacies they keep starts to unravel... until he's running for his life and wondering who he truly is. The Legacy Human is the first in a

philosophical HopePunk sci-fi series that explores the intersection of mind, body, and soul in a post-Singularity world. KEYWORDS: Robots, androids, artificial intelligence, singularity, cyborg, spiritual, religion, AI, cyberpunk, dystopian, free science fiction

One thousand years in the future, humans no longer rule... In the early twenty-first century, humanity marveled at its greatest creation: Artificial Intelligence. They never foresaw the consequences of such a creation, though... Now, in a world where humans must meet specifications to continue living, a man named Caesar emerges. Different, both in thought and talent, Caesar somehow slipped through the genetic net meant to catch those like him. Eyes are falling on Caesar now, though, and he can no longer hide. The Artificial Intelligence wants him dead, but others want him to lead their revolution... Can one man stand against humanity's greatest creation? A don't-miss epic science fiction novel that pits one man fighting for the future of all people!

Singularity's Children, Book 1

The Singularity Boxset

When We Cease to Understand the World

A.I. Apocalypse

Denial

"If it were up to one man and one man alone to protect the entire human race - would you want it to be a down-on-his luck asteroid miner? When Ivan Pritchard signs on as a newbie aboard the Mad Astra, it's his final, desperate stab at giving his wife and children the life they deserve. He can survive the hazing of his crewmates, and how many times, really, can near-zero g make you vomit? But there's another challenge looming out there, in the farthest reaches of human exploration, that will test every man, woman and AI on the ship - and will force Ivan to confront the very essence of what makes him human." -Amazon

Leon Tsarev is a high school student set on getting into a great college program, until his uncle, a member of the Russian mob, coerces him into developing a new computer virus for the mob's botnet - the slave army of computers they used to commit digital crimes. The evolutionary virus Leon creates, based on biological principles, is successful -- too successful. All the world's computers are infected. Everything from cars to payment systems and, of course, computers and smart phones stop functioning, and with them go essential functions including emergency services, transportation, and the food supply. Billions may die. But evolution never stops. The virus continues to evolve, developing intelligence, communication, and finally an entire civilization. Some may be friendly to humans, but others are not. Leon and his companions must race against time and the military to find a way to either befriend or eliminate the virus race and restore the world's computer infrastructure. Praise for the Singularity Series:

"Highly entertaining, gripping, thought inspiring. Don't start without the time to finish — it won't let you go." —Gifford Pinchot III, founder Bainbridge Graduate Institute, author THE INTELLIGENT ORGANIZATION "A tremendous book that every single person needs to read. In the vein of Daniel Suarez's Daemon and Freedom(TM), William shows that science fiction is becoming science fact."

—Brad Feld, managing director Foundry Group, cofounder TechStars "A fascinating look at how simple and benign advancements in technology could lead to the surprise arrival of the first AI. And like all good techno-thrillers, the reality of AI is less than ideal." —Jason Glaspey, SILICON FLORIST "An alarming and jaw-dropping tale about how something as innocuous as email can subvert an entire organization. I found myself reading with a sense of awe, and read it way too late into the night." —Gene Kim, author of VISIBLE OPS

Manhattan public defender Casi has a perfect record of courtroom victories, but he experiences a personal and professional devolution as his sense of justice begins to crack.

David Ryan is the designer of ELOPe, an email language optimization program, that if successful, will make his career. But when the project is suddenly in danger of being canceled, David embeds a hidden directive in the software accidentally creating a runaway artificial intelligence. David and his team are initially thrilled when the project is allocated extra servers and programmers. But excitement turns to fear as the team realizes that they are being manipulated by an A.I. who is redirecting corporate funds, reassigning personnel and arming itself in pursuit of its own agenda. WINNER SCIENCE FICTION DIY BOOK FESTIVAL 2011-2012 "Avogadro Corp is a tremendous book that every single person needs to read. In the vein of Daniel Suarez's Daemon and Freedom(TM), William's book shows that science fiction is becoming science fact. Avogadro Corp describes issues, in solid technical detail, that we are dealing with today that will impact us by 2015, if not sooner. Not enough people have read these books. It's a problem for them, but not for the [emergent] machines." -- Brad Feld, managing directory Foundry Group, co-founder Techstars "Highly entertaining, gripping, thought inspiring book. Don't start without the time to finish — it won't let you go." -- Gifford Pinchot III, founder Bainbridge Graduate Institute, author THE INTELLIGENT ORGANIZATION "An alarming and jaw-dropping tale about how something as innocuous as email can subvert an entire organization. I found myself reading with a sense of awe, and read it way too late into the night." -- Gene Kim, author of VISIBLE OPS "A fictional world where Portland is the hub for the most exciting advancements in technology... [J]am packed with great references to deep Portland culture...and Portlandia-type references" -- SILICON FLORIST

Surviving and Thriving in a Smarter, Richer, and More Dangerous World

The Singularity Trap

Wicked Sense

Restore (Stories of Singularity 1)

Star Carrier: Book Three

Sixteen-year-old twins Harry and Barry stumble across a gateway to another universe, where a distortion in time and space causes a dramatic change in their competitive relationship.

Avogadro CorpThe Singularity is Closer than it AppearsWilliam Hertling

Humankind's vast intergalactic power struggle and future war to bring down an insidious evil alien empire reaches an explosive, page-turning climax in Ian Douglas's Singularity, the third book in his New York Times bestselling Star Carrier series. Blisteringly exciting military science fiction in the vein of the hit TV series "Battlestar Galactica," Singularity pits determined space soldiers against a powerful race of creatures bent upon the total annihilation of a human race on the brink of technological transcendence. A notable descendant of such

classic military sf novels as Joe Haldeman's *The Forever War* and *Starship Troopers* by Robert Heinlein, Singularity will not disappoint author Douglas's every-growing legion of fans as it conquers Jack Campbell, Rick Shelley, John Ringo, David Sherman and Dan Cragg loyalists as well.

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Singularity Rising

A Novel

The Singularity: Heretic

When Humans Transcend Biology

Warrior

Singularity Heights takes us to a future that feels simultaneously familiar and deeply strange. It's a world where bots do all the work, everyone has profoundly personal relationships with their AI, even if their human relationships are quite shallow, and wealth is distributed through an unfair and cruel system designed to perpetuate vast inequality. The sickness in society came about so naturally that most people inhabiting it can hardly imagine any other way of living. The story follows the complex, intertwined lives of Sunny, DeShay, and Jaden, whose rivalries and romances set into motion a series of events that sends society's precarious equilibrium into violent upheaval. The robot Caretaker of Seattle Farm 0722 knows its work is important—it nourishes life, and the resulting harvest feeds the legacy humans, the ones the Masters care for and keep in Seattle. But when humans begin to make unauthorized incursions onto the Farmland, the Caretaker soon finds it has been cultivating more than it knew... and that some things were never meant to grow. Harvest is a standalone short story that takes place in the world of the Singularity novels. Start the novel series with *The Legacy Human* (Singularity 1).

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Charles Stross

AI is the Future, You will Submit... Thom Elliott is a venture capitalist with a mission: Create a new world order with humanity ruled by Sekai, the most powerful artificial intelligence ever created. His secret weapon is Glorp, a nutritional energy drink beloved by the tech community that includes genetically engineered microbes to transform human gut flora, making people compliant and ready to be ruled by Sekai. Finder is a brilliant but misanthropic detective who works with the Parrot, a dog/bird chimera, and Altima, a human/baboon chimera who's strong and relentless—although easily distracted by food. When Finder uncovers Elliott's plot, he wages a guerrilla war against Elliott and Sekai. But will he be able to save humanity from subjugation?

Augment (Stories of Singularity 3)

Singularity Heights

Containment (Stories of Singularity 2)

Singularity Station

The Singularity Is Closer Than It Appears

One of The New York Times Book Review's "10 Best Books of 2021" Shortlisted for the 2021 International Booker Prize A fictional examination of the lives of real-life scientists and thinkers whose discoveries resulted in moral consequences beyond their imagining. *When We Cease to Understand the World* is a book about the complicated links between scientific and mathematical discovery, madness, and destruction. Fritz Haber, Alexander Grothendieck, Werner Heisenberg, Erwin Schrödinger—these are some of luminaries into whose troubled lives Benjamín Labatut thrusts the reader, showing us how they grappled with the most profound questions of existence. They have strokes of unparalleled genius, alienate friends and lovers, descend into isolation and insanity. Some of their discoveries reshape human life for the better; others pave the way to chaos and unimaginable

suffering. The lines are never clear. At a breakneck pace and with a wealth of disturbing detail, Labatut uses the imaginative resources of fiction to tell the stories of the scientists and mathematicians who expanded our notions of the possible.

Robotic minds made interstellar travel possible, but human minds still controlled the destination and purpose of such flight. Conflict develops only when a programmed brain cannot evaluate beyond what is visible and substantial, whereas the human mind is capable of infinite imagination - including that which is unreal. Such was the problem at the singularity in space in which the ALTAIR STAR and a hundred other vessels had come to grief. At that spot, natural laws seem subverted - and some other universe's rules impinged. For Buchanan, the station meant a chance to observe and maybe rescue his lost vessel. For the robotic navigators of oncoming spaceships, the meaning was different. And at Singularity Station the only inevitable was conflict.

The Singularity—the looming point of no return when Artificial Intelligence surpasses human cognitive abilities, with consequences no one can foresee, and only a handful of people understand. Rusty Mullins, ex-Secret Service, has never heard of the Singularity. He only knows that after the deadly challenges of his last job for security firm Prime Protection, he swore he'd stop risking his life on assignments. Then his good friend Ted Lewison, head of Prime Protection, asks him back for a routine mission guarding Chinese scientist Dr. Lisa Li and her seven-year-old nephew, Peter, and Mullins agrees. The conference on AI bringing Dr. Li to Washington, DC, is barely under way when a team of assassins storms the room. The carnage is great but Mullins saves Dr. Li and Peter while the attackers kill the two other AI experts, along with Lewison. His widow begs Mullins to uncover the power behind the group claiming credit for the assassinations. Is "Double H" homegrown, or part of a larger international conspiracy? Enter eccentric tech billionaire Robert Brentwood who requests Mullins continue to guard Dr. Li and Peter. Brentwood seeks the Singularity and believes Dr. Li holds the key. Mullins agrees in exchange for running his investigation through Brentwood's extraordinary computer resources. The quest leads him on an unexpected path from Naval Intelligence and the Oval Office to a secret research lab in the North Carolina mountains. No one can be trusted—the race for the Singularity is a global winner-takes-all contest. Yet, terrifyingly, a machine with capacity exceeding human intelligence can outstrip all controls while possessing no moral or ethical brakes. As the AI stakeholders go all out, Mullins must face his own singularity—the point of no return—when not just he but his family and Dr. Li's will become casualties in what amounts to war.

"Halting State [is] a near-future story that is at once over-the-top and compellingly believable." - Vernor Vinge, author of Rainbows End In the year 2018, Sergeant Sue Smith of the Edinburgh constabulary is called in on a special case. A daring bank robbery has taken place at Hayek Associates—a dot-com start-up company that's just floated onto the London stock exchange. But this crime may be a bit beyond Smith's expertise. The prime suspects are a band of marauding orcs with a dragon in tow for fire support. The bank is located within the virtual reality land of Avalon Four, and the robbery was supposed to be impossible. When word gets out, Hayek Associates and all its virtual "economies" are going to crash hard. For Smith, the investigation seems pointless. But the deeper she digs, the bigger the case gets. There are powerful players—both real and pixelated—who are watching her every move. Because there is far more at stake than just some game-head's

fantasy financial security...

Dawn of the Singularity

The Duality Bridge (Singularity Series Book 2)

Avogadro Corp

The Technological Singularity

Singularity Syndrome: Finder Series: Book Two

Miriam is a jiv—an augmented warrior for the Maker cause—and she's more than ready to get in the ring and fight for the latest mod. If she wins, she'll have everything she needs to apply for the Offering. The only problem? No one survives that augment. Either she'll be the Makers' latest failed experiment... or she'll become the leap toward salvation her people desperately need. Augment is a standalone short novella that takes place in the world of the Singularity novels. Start the novel series with The Legacy Human (Singularity 1). Keywords: Robots, androids, artificial, intelligence, singularity, cyborg, spiritual, religion, AI, cyberpunk, dystopian

The singularity: the point in human history when we begin to enhance our own intelligence with the intelligent technology we're creating. As humanity merges with its machines, will we forget what it means to be human? Meet Haalee, the artificial intelligence charged with taking humanity on the road to the singularity. But will the future turn out the way she expects?

Dawn of the Singularity is the intelligent, action-packed science fiction thriller you've been waiting for. From award-winning and best-selling scifi author, David Simpson, get ready for the mystery, the thrills, and the adventure of the future to come.

"Singularity" is a swift, gripping novel with a goose-pimple mix of scary science and near-future action. An excellent debut from Bill DeSmedt - and I'll be looking forward to his next one " - GREG BEAR, "New York Times" bestselling author "One of the best debuts of the year " - Barnes & Noble's Explorations "DeSmedt veers an action-packed thriller into perilous realms of black hole physics. The combination of adrenaline and intellect sizzles." - DAVID BRIN, "New York" Times bestselling author

"Singularity" juggles Clancy, Crichton and The Da Vinci Code. An innovative concept for an end-of-the-world thriller, with convincing research and locomotive pacing." - KEVIN J. ANDERSON, "New York Times" bestselling author

Synopsis: "June 30th, 1908" - In the remote Tunguska region of Siberia, the most violent cosmic collision in recorded history flattened ancient forests over an area half the size of Rhode Island. Yet after a hundred years of international scientific research the cause of this impact remains a mystery. A MAVERICK ASTROPHYSICIST Jack Adler thinks he's fingered the culprit: a submicroscopic black hole, smaller than an atom, heavier than a mountain, older than the

stars. What's more, that fantastic object is still down there, deep inside the Earth, burrowing through the mantle in an ever-decaying orbit that will end only when it has devoured the entire planet. A ROOKIE SECRET AGENT Marianna Bonaventure is tracking three missing scientists suspected of involvement in weapons of mass destruction research. The trail leads to Rusalka, the luxurious floating corporate headquarters of billionaire Russian industrialist Arkady Grishin. Determined to prove herself, Marianna creates an elaborate ruse in order to infiltrate the megayacht - a dangerous gambit that requires the coerced cooperation of a rather special civilian ... AN UNCANNY CONSULTANT Jonathan Knox is one of the country's most sought-after analysts; his knack for intuiting hidden relationships among seemingly disparate events serves his Fortune-50 clients well. But when Marianna compels the reluctant Knox to join her undercover mission, he must grapple with puzzles of a whole different order of magnitude. Against violent and cunning opposition, the three of them unearth a scheme to capture the submicroscopic black hole that caused the Tunguska Event and use its awesome power to transform the world - or end it altogether. Bill DeSmedt's debut is a tour-de-force of breakneck plotting, complex characters, and cutting-edge science. In the tradition of Michael Crichton and Greg Bear, "Singularity" weaves a richly detailed and intelligent tale, meticulously researched and elegantly told.

By day, Angie, a twenty-year veteran of the tech industry, is a data analyst at Tomo, the world's largest social networking company; by night, she exploits her database access to profile domestic abusers and kill the worst of them. She can't change her own traumatic past, but she can save other women. When Tomo introduces a deceptive new product that preys on users' fears to drive up its own revenue, Angie sees Tomo for what it really is-another evil abuser. Using her coding and hacking expertise, she decides to destroy Tomo by building a new social network that is completely distributed, compartmentalized, and unstoppable. If she succeeds, it will be the end of all centralized power in the Internet. But how can an anti-social, one-armed programmer with too many dark secrets succeed when the world's largest tech company is out to crush her and a no-name government black ops agency sets a psychopath to look into her growing digital footprint? "Awesome, thrilling, and creepy: a fast-paced portrayal of the startup world, and the perils of our personal data and technical infrastructure in the wrong hands." -Brad Feld, managing director of Foundry Group "His most ambitious work yet. A murder thriller about high tech surveillance and espionage in the startup world. Like the best

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