

JOM MATERIALS

FICTION COUNTDOWN

Full List of Candidates Submitted by JOM Readers

The JOM editorial team made a general request to readers to submit nominations for the JOM Materials Fiction Countdown in September 2014. After removing duplicate nominees, as well as those suggestions that did not fit the criteria of original published fiction, we ended up with 62 different works. From there, an ad hoc committee appointed by the TMS Board of Directors distilled the list down to the 25 strongest candidates—in terms of their connection to mineral, metals, and materials science and engineering—for final voting of the Top Ten Greatest Works of Materials Fiction of all time.

Below is the list of the original 62 candidates. Many thanks to the JOM readers who submitted nominees:

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea: Jules Verne

Airframe: Michael Crichton

Arsenic and Old Lace: Joseph Kesselring

Atlas Shrugged: Ayn Rand

Building Harlequin's Moon: Larry Niven and Brenda Cooper

Cat's Cradle: Kurt Vonnegut

Caves of Steel: Isaac Asimov

Contact: Carl Sagan

Copernick's Rebellion: Leo Frankowski

The Cross-Time Engineer: Leo Frankowski

Crystal Singer (trilogy): Anne McCaffrey

The Dark Is Rising: Susan Cooper

The Dark Knight Returns: Frank Miller

Daughter of Fortune: Isabella Allende

Days of Future Past: Chris Claremont and John Byrne

The Diamond Age: Neal Stephenson

Dragonriders of Pern (series): Anne McCaffrey

Dragon's Egg/Starquake: Robert L. Forward

Dune: Frank Herbert

Fail-safe: Eugene Burdick and Harvey Wheeler

"Farewell to the Master": Harry Bates

The First Patient: Michael Palmer

Flatland: Edwin A. Abbott

The Forever War: Joe Haldeman

Foundation (trilogy): Isaac Asimov

Fountains of Paradise: Arthur C. Clarke

Game of Thrones (*Song of Ice and Fire* series): George R.R. Martin

Garret P.I. (series): Glen Cook

"The Gold Bug": Edgar Allen Poe

His Dark Materials (trilogy): Philip Pullman

The Hobbit: J.R.R. Tolkien

The Hunt for Red October: Tom Clancy

The Iliad: Homer

Iron Giant: Ted Hughes

The Kalevala: Elias Lönnrot

Killer Instinct: Joseph Finder

King Solomon's Mines: Sir H. Rider Haggard

Lord of the Rings (trilogy): J.R.R. Tolkien

The Magic Engineer: L.E. Modesitt Jr.

Mars (trilogy): Kim Stanley Robinson

McTeague: Frank Norris

Merchant of Venice: William Shakespeare

Mercury: Ben Bova

Mistborn (trilogy): Brandon Sanderson

The Mote in God's Eye: Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle

Mysterious Island: Jules Verne

No Highway: Nevil Shute

Old Man's War: John Scalzi

Poseidon's Arrow: Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler

Prey: Michael Crichton

"Profession": Isaac Asimov

Ramayana: Valmiki

Ringworld (series): Larry Niven

River God: Wilbur Smith

The Rock Rats: Ben Bova

"Semplica Girl Diaries": George Saunders

Sinclair, Wonder Bear: Malorie Blackman

Spinward Fringe: Randolph Lalonde

Sublimation: W.M. Goldberger

Survivors (Dinosaur Planet series): Anne McCaffrey

The Vanished Diamond: Star of the South: Jules Verne

The Watchmen: Alan Moore