

Peter Watts

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Peter Watts is a Canadian science fiction author and marine-mammal biologist.

His first novel *Starfish* (2000) introduced Lenie Clarke, a deep-ocean power-station worker physically altered for underwater living and the main character in the sequels: *Maelstrom* (2001), *Behemoth: β -Max* (2004) and *Behemoth: Seppuku* (2005). The last two volumes comprise one novel, published split in two for commercial considerations. *Starfish*, *Maelstrom* and *Behemoth* comprise a trilogy usually referred to as "Rifters" after the modified humans designed to work in deep-ocean environments.

His latest book *Blindsight*, released October 2006, has been described by Charles Stross as "Imagine a neurobiology-obsessed version of Greg Egan writing a first contact with aliens story from the point of view of a zombie posthuman crewman aboard a starship captained by a vampire, with not dying as the boobie prize." [1]

Watts has also been the Supervising Writer on the animated science fiction film and television project strange frame.

Watts has made his novels and some short fiction available on his website under Creative Commons licence.

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Bibliography

Novels

- Rifiers Trilogy
 1. *Starfish* (1999) (available online)
 2. *Maelstrom* (2001) (available online)
 3. *Behemoth: β -Max and Seppuku* (2004/2005) (available online)

- *Blindsight* (2006) (available online)

Collections

- *Ten Monkeys, Ten Minutes* (2000)

Short stories

- *A Niche* (1990)
- *Nimbus* (1994)
- *Flesh Made Word* (1994)
- *Fractals* (1995)
- *Bethlehem* (1996)
- *The Second Coming of Jasmine Fitzgerald* (1998)
- *Home* (1999)
- *Bulk Food* (2000) with Laurie Channer
- *Ambassador* (2001)
- *A Word for Heathens* (2004)
- *Mayfly* (2005) with Derryl Murphy

Awards

The novel *Blindsight* was nominated for the Hugo Award for Best Novel on March 29, 2007.
(Official announcement)

External links

- <http://www.rifters.com> – personal website
 - <http://www.rifters.com/real/newscrawl>
– old weblog
 - <http://www.rifters.com/real/crawl.htm>
– new weblog
- strange frame
- 2004 Interview at The Agony Column
- 2007 interview at SF Diplomat
- Celebrity Atheists Page
- Peter Watts at the Internet Speculative Fiction Database

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