

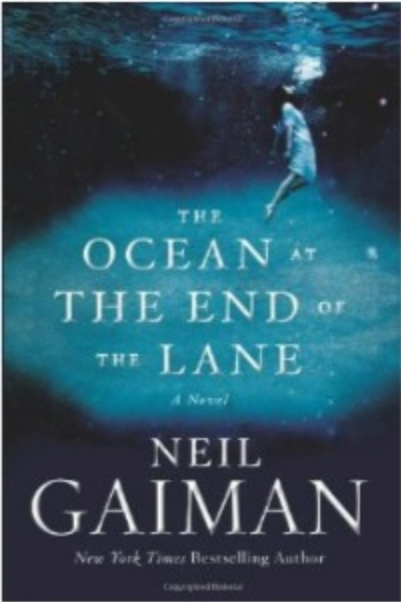


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Best of the Year in Science Fiction & Fantasy ... plus Horror

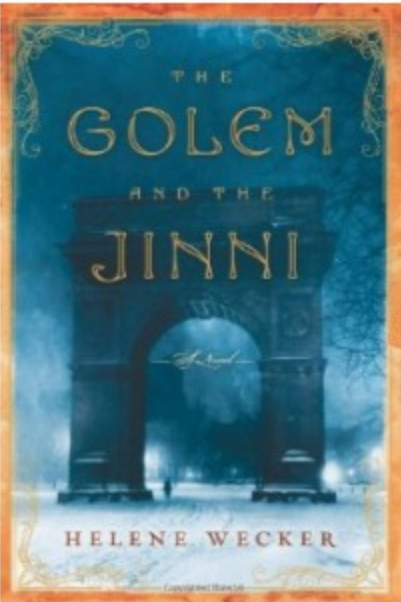
by Robin A. Rothman on December 17, 2013

It's been an amazing year for Science Fiction & Fantasy. We saw the conclusion of a truly epic epic fantasy series, father and son horror writers cleverly nodding to one another, a self-published ebook phenomenon turned hardcover release, and much, much more. What follows are three of my favorite genre reads of 2013.



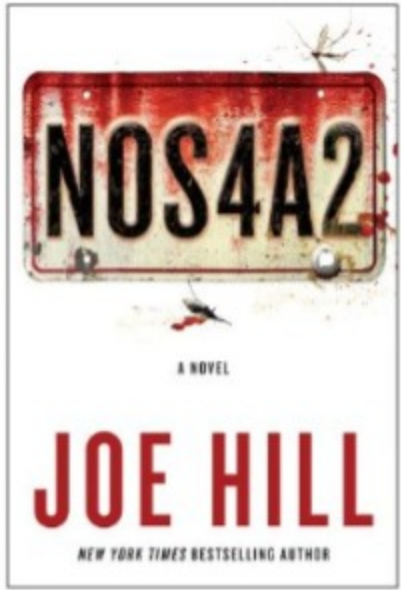
[The Ocean at the End of the Lane](#) by Neil Gaiman

It's the short story that refused to stay small. Neil Gaiman weaves a gorgeous coming of age tale, filled with all the wonder and magic we've come to expect from him. But it's the autobiographical elements, the moments that came from his memory rather than his pure imagination, that give this tale its true heart. [Learn more](#)



[The Golem and the Jinni](#) by Helene Wecker

There's something to be said for subtlety. Wecker's debut isn't what we typically think of when we think of the fantasy genre. It's more of alternate history that happens to revolve around two incredibly real-feeling and memorable fantasy beings. Months later, the story continues to move me. [Learn More](#)



[NOS4A2](#) by Joe Hill

Imaginative, original, creepy as hell, and referentially genius, *NOS4A2* is a new horror gem. Hill delivers true suspense, keeping us locked within the confines of his characters -- showing the story, never telling it. And what characters they are! Vic, a young girl we grow with throughout. Manx, a man so twisted he cameos as an abstract threat in Stephen King's *Doctor Sleep*. Personalities and special powers are all precise and powerful, even for those we barely get to know. Hill nailed this! [Learn More](#)

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