

Lincroft-Holmdel Science Fiction Club
Club Notice - 11/20/85 -- Vol. 4, No. 21

MEETINGS UPCOMING:

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are on Wednesdays at noon.
LZ meetings are in LZ 3A-206; HO meetings are in HO 2N-523.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
11/20	LZ: JIREL OF JOIRY by C. L. Moore (Female Protagonists)
11/27	HO: THRICE UPON A TIME by James P. Hogan (also to plan future mtgs)
12/03(Tu)	MT: Film: THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (part 1) (MT 3K-402)
12/04	MT: Film: THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (conc.) and book selection for future meetings (MT 3K-402)
12/11	LZ: BRING THE JUBILEE by Ward Moore (Alternate Histories)
01/08	LZ: PHOENIX WITHOUT ASHES by Edward Bryant (Generation Ships)
01/29	LZ: STAR SMASHERS OF THE GALAXY RANGERS by Harry Harrison (Humor)
02/19	LZ: WORLDS by Joe Haldeman (Politics)

HO Chair is John Jetzt, HO 4F-528A (834-1563). LZ Chair is Rob Mitchell, LZ 1B-306 (576-6106). MT Chair is Mark Leeper, MT 3G-434 (957-5619). HO Librarian is Tim Schroeder, HO 2G-427A (949-5866). LZ Librarian is Lance Larsen, LZ 3C-219 (576-2668). Jill-of-all-trades is Evelyn Leeper, MT 1A-121 (957-2288).

1. Our next Middletown meeting will have two purposes and will extend over two lunch hours (Tuesday and Wednesday). The primary purpose will be to show one of the great science fiction films of all time, THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL, starring Michael Rennie as the irrepressible Klaatu and featuring the incredible Gort, the super-robot, and, of course, Thelma, the wonder pony.

At the same meeting we will choose titles for future book discussions and film showings for the Middletown chapter of the club.

2. We need a name. So far we have always named the Club for the locations at which it was most active. This, however, changes so often that we need a less volatile name. AT&T requires we do not put their name in ours so we cannot be the AT&T Science Fiction Club. Anybody have a good idea as to what we should call ourselves?

3. In response to an article in net.sf-lovers, and apropos of today's Lincroft discussion, Rob Mitchell had this to say:
You listed a few men who treated women intelligently. I'd add one name to the list; a man

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who has had a believable, intelligent woman as a main character in every one of his novels. The man is Carl Sagan, and the best example of this is his latest, CONTACT.

You listed C. L. Moore as having women in traditional roles. I won't argue, not having read much of her work, but at least one book is (was) quite innovative. JIREL OF JOIRY is a book recently re-issued by Ace Fantasy. It's a collection of 5 novellas from the '30s, all of which center on Jirel, the warrior-leader of Joiry.

It's not a hack-and-slash-Red-Sonja-type fantasy. Moore is very skillful in crafting a grim environment, and in developing the character of Jirel, a tragically-flawed heroine in the spirit of Moorcock's Elric, although pre-dating Elric by decades.

Jirel is a strong, vibrant woman, who survives as a warrior without losing sight of her femininity. By that, I mean she's not just a male-character-with-a-lumpy-chestplate. She's aware that she's a woman in a man's world. She's doesn't let that fact intimidate her; she just sets her goals and works toward them, knowing that many people will misjudge her because of her sex. Considering the era these stories first came out ('34-'39), Moore does a credible job in letting us see how Jirel responds to being "violated" (a barbarian chieftain kissing her against her will) in a way that draws clear analogies to the modern-day concern about rape.

Anyway, these stories are quite different from the run-of-the-mill macho warrior fantasy epic. I'd suggest they are worth reading. [-jrtrt]

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