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Mohanraj and Rosenbaum Are Humans our new Podcast is Live!

March, 2021—The Speculative Literature Foundation is excited to announce that we have started a new podcast.

The podcast is hosted by Mary Anne Mohanraj and Benjamin Rosenbaum. Join them as they discuss science fiction and fantasy, writing and publishing, community and culture, and what it means to be human. Mary Anne and Ben often tell stories about their own families and experiences, with a couple of episodes thrown in about the craft of writing and editing with a focus on science fiction. Sometimes they will discuss political themes, (like an episode about the Capital riots) and also a few tangents on religion. Bonus episodes will touch on their experiences living through the pandemic and how that has shaped their lives, families, and writing.

The seeds for the podcast were planted after Mohanraj and Rosenbaum's planned epic Summer 2020 Road Trip to publicize their new books was canceled. Instead of waiting to have long conversations on their annual road trip together, the two old friends decided to bring their discussions to a podcast so others can enjoy.

Anyone who loves science fiction and fantasy is encouraged to listen! Seasoned and up-and-coming authors might especially find some of the episodes interesting and useful.

Find us on major podcast platforms including Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube, etc. Or tune in to our [website](#) to listen to the first episode!

About our hosts:

Mohanraj is the author of *A Feast of Serendib*, *Bodies in Motion*, *The Stars Change*, and twelve other titles. Other recent publications include stories for George R.R. Martin's *Wild Cards* series, *Perennial: A Garden Romance (Tincture)*, stories at *Clarkesworld*, *Asimov's*, and *Lightspeed*, and an essay in Roxane Gay's *Unruly Bodies*.

Mohanraj founded Hugo-nominated and World Fantasy Award-winning speculative literature magazine *Strange Horizons*, and serves as Executive Director of both *DesiLit* (desilit.org) and

the Speculative Literature Foundation (speclit.org). She's a Clinical Associate Professor of fiction and literature at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Rosenbaum's short stories have been nominated for the Hugo, Nebula, Sturgeon, Locus, BSFA, and World Fantasy Awards, translated into over 20 languages, and adapted into SXSW 2010's Best Animated Short. He designed the Ennie-nominated Jewish historical fantasy tabletop roleplaying game Dream Apart, and serves on the board of Basel's liberal Jewish congregation, Migwan. He lives in Switzerland with his wife Esther and a gradually emptying nest of children. His first SF novel, *The Unravelling*, is forthcoming from Erewhon Books.

Founded in January 2004 to promote literary quality in speculative fiction, the all-volunteer Speculative Literature Foundation is led by Mary Anne Mohanraj and 30 other committed volunteers. The Foundation maintains a comprehensive website offering information for readers, writers, editors and publishers of speculative fiction, develops book lists and outreach materials for schools and libraries, and raises funds for redistribution to other organizations in the field, as well as five awards made annually to writers. For more information, visit speculativeliterature.org.

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