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[Ancient Babylon](#) - Karen Gibson 2012-09-30

Babylon was the prize that rulers of the ancient world all wanted to capture. It was where the Tower of Babel and the Hanging Gardens could be found. Babylon also gave the world mathematics, writing, and astrology. Legends of Babylon's many wonders have been passed down through generations. Although first written about in the Bible and the ancient Greek historian Herodotus, people are still trying to learn about this ancient civilization. Who were the people who lived inside the giant walled city? Learn about the mysteries of ancient Babylon.

Babylon 5: In the Beginning - Peter David 1995-03

The Battle of the Line is infamous in Earth history as the climactic campaign in a long and bloody war between Humankind and the alien Minbari race. But how did this apocalyptic conflict erupt? And how did this fateful clash of two civilizations ultimately lead to the creation of the Babylon 5 space station? Here, at last, the great space epic unfolds--in a new novel based on the first full-length Babylon 5 television movie. Eager to expand their trade with other worlds, the people of planet Earth attempt to make contact with the mysterious Minbari, a race of proud and powerful warriors. But when communication turns to violence, Earth becomes the target of a latter-day holy war, waged by a civilization possessing vastly superior numbers and firepower. And the Minbari will stop at nothing short of the total extermination of its enemy: the Human race . . . From the Paperback edition.

Babylon 5 - Echoes of All Our Conversations

(Vol 5 of 7) - The Behind the Scenes History as Told by the Actors & Crew - Joe Michael Stracynski 2012-07-11

BONUS AUTOGRAPH: Each copy personally, hand-signed by Jerry Doyle who played Michael Garibaldi. (A \$25 value)Pristine, shrink-wrapped copies include an audio CD, a postcard and a bookmark. Full details at B5books.com. (A \$17 value)THE VOLUME 5 COLLECTION INCLUDES* 332-page book of the complete, uncensored transcripts of 39 interviews with the Babylon 5 cast and key crew conducted while season five and the TV Movies were in production.* 28 never-before-seen, behind-the-scenes photographs accompanying the interviews, plus 3 storyboards, 6 concept sketches, 2 production documents and a page of Neil Gaiman's "Day of the Dead" script annotated by JMS.* Hand-autographed by Jerry Doyle.* A personal message from Jerry Doyle.* Collectible postcard with a Garibaldi quote selected by Jerry Doyle.* Collectible bookmark with a Garibaldi quote selected by Jerry Doyle.* Never-before-heard interview interview with J. Michael Straczynski, Douglas Netter and John Copeland just after season five premiered on TNT in January 1998. This interview is NOT in the book.VOLUME 5 - INTERVIEW TIMEFRAMENovember 1997 - May 1998From the middle of production on season five through the making of The River of Souls and A Call to Arms.COMMON THEMES IN VOLUME 5Emotions run high with Babylon 5's looming expiration date. Who will be in the next two TV movies and Crusade? Uncertainty and resentment permeate many of the interviews.ABOUT THE SERIESEchoes of All

Our Conversations is a seven-volume series that includes 2,100+ pages of interview transcripts with more than 90 members of B5's cast and crew conducted while Babylon 5 was in production...from the pilot through The Lost Tales. Completely uncensored. Volumes 1-6 include a 330-370 page book signed by a primary cast member with 20-40 complete interview transcripts in addition to a mix of 20-30 never-before-seen photos, sketches and insider documents, along with a collectible bookmark, postcard and exclusive interview on an audio CD. Volume 7 is a companion volume signed by Stephen Furst. Retired Date: May 31, 2013 For complete details including photos and excerpts of Volume 5, visit

B5books.com. Discover why Babylon 5 will never be available on Blu-ray at B5news.com.

Babylon 5 - The Scripts of J. Michael Straczynski (Vol 9 of 16) - Joe Michael Straczynski 2006-09-29

Table of Contents and Index available FREE at B5books.com. One war ends, another begins! In this volume, we bring you the end of the Shadow War, and the commencement, up-close and personal, of the Earth Civil War, with these pivotal fourth season episodes. SCRIPTS* Into the Fire* Epiphanies* The Illusion of Truth* Atonement* Racing Mars* Lines of Communication* Conflicts of Interest FEATURING* J. Michael Straczynski's original 51-page introduction with episode commentaries* A collection of behind-the-scenes photos* J. Michael Straczynski's own original outline for one of the Babylon 5 novels, never previously released* J. Michael Straczynski's outline for an arc of the Babylon 5 comic that shows the story of Valen* A partial Babylon 5 comic script written by JMS* One of concept artist Peter Ledger's original Babylon 5 color illustrations - Delenn - featured in color on the back cover Retired Date: June 30, 2008 Discover why Babylon 5 will never be available on Blu-ray at B5news.com.

Amazing Spider-Man by JMS - Ultimate Collection Book 1 - 2009-07-22

Spider-Man faces a stranger who will change how he views himself, the events of September 11, Aunt May discovering his identity and Dr. Octopus in California.

[Dining on Babylon 5](#) - Emerson Briggs-Wallace

1998

Voices - John Vornholt 1995

Based on the popular syndicated TV series, set in the year 2258, which tells the story of a space station, the aliens who call it home, and the travelers and criminals who make it a port of call. In Book #1, telepath Talia Winters must run for her life through a perilous universe, when she's accused of sabotaging a convention on Babylon 5.

Babylon 5 - The Scripts of J. Michael Straczynski (Vol 13 of 16) - Joe Michael Straczynski 2008-01-23

Table of Contents and Index available FREE at B5books.com. SCRIPTS* The Ragged Edge* The Corps is Mother, the Corps is Father* Meditations on the Abyss* Darkness Ascending* And All My Dreams, Torn Asunder* Movements of Fire and Shadow* The Fall of Centauri Prime With Volume 13 we hit the penultimate days of Babylon 5 and of the history-making Babylon 5 Scripts Collection. This volume contains more commentaries describing what went right, and what went wrong, going into those final months...the inside scoop on actors, production, writing, hidden meanings and untold stories, in addition to behind-the-scenes photographs and never-before-published memos from season five. This volume's back cover features another of concept artist Peter Ledger's original Babylon 5 color illustrations - the Central Corridor. Retired Date: June 30, 2008 Discover why Babylon 5 will never be available on Blu-ray at B5news.com.

A Dream Given Form - Ensley F. Guffey 2017-09-19

The only comprehensive critical guide to the beloved sci-fi phenomenon A Dream Given Form provides an accessible, comprehensive, and critical look at Babylon 5, one of the most groundbreaking series of all time. Nearly 20 years after the show ended, this indispensable companion not only covers all five seasons of Babylon 5, but also the feature-length TV movies, the spinoff series Crusade (including three non-produced episodes), The Legend of the Rangers, The Lost Tales, the canonical novels, the DC comic book series, and the short stories set in the Babylon 5 universe. Each season and text is explored thoroughly with an in-depth look

at how the individual episodes, books, stories, and comics fit into larger ongoing storylines. Carefully constructed to be enjoyed by both those who have watched the series multiple times and viewers watching for the first time, *A Dream Given Form* elucidates without spoiling and illuminates without nitpicking.

But in Purple, I'm Stunning... - J. Michael Straczynski 2005-12-01

In one complete volume, *Babylon 5* creator and writer J. Michael Straczynski presents some of the most popular character quotes from the series' epic five-year run, along with the reasons why fans have enjoyed them--and the show--so much. Also included, for the first time anywhere, is Straczynski's complete script for the series finale, "Sleeping in Light," featuring material and scenes omitted from the final broadcast version. Topping off this unique collection is a complete, detailed chronology of the *Babylon 5/Crusade* universe, compiled by Marc Carlson, that factors into continuity every episode, every novel, every short story (by JMS), and every comic book ever published!

The Lurker's Guide to Pak'ma'ra - Bryan Steele 2007-05

One of the most infamous races of the *Babylon 5* universe, the Pak'ma'ra are known as widespread lurkers, carrion eaters, foul-smelling yet consistently present everywhere in the galaxy. They are despised by many races due to others' views on their eating habits and hygiene, with millions of people from dozens of races refusing to know anything but their own stereotypes about the Pak'ma'ra. With this book, we hope to change that image. The Pak'ma'ra may be carrion eaters and religiously-driven invaders of privacy on a galactic scale, but they have a very in depth society and government that this book delves into. Showing the many unique processes found in the hierarchy of the Pak'ma'ra Civility, readers learn the true tenets of the Great Library of Melat and exactly why there is a massive defence fleet waiting in orbit around the Pak'ma'ra homeworld. New feats, prestige classes, and equipment that is focussed on the Pak'ma'ra's mastery of plasma technology can be found within these pages, not to mention a small collection of new starships that gives these otherwise ignored drifters an interesting new role in the *Babylon 5* universe. You might

just be surprised what you find. That is, if you can get past the smell.

Babylon 5 - J. Michael Straczynski 1998

Accusations - Lois Tilton 1995

In the year 2258, space station *Babylon 5* goes on line. Because it follows a mysterious history of failed space stations, its days may be numbered. This unpredictability and danger makes life even more dramatic for all the travelers and criminals who make *Babylon 5* a port of call.

The Long Night of Centauri Prime - Peter David 1999

The beginning of an exciting new adventure that continues the *Babylon 5* legacy . . . Bombed to the brink of oblivion, the planet Centauri Prime is starting the slow and painful process of rebuilding, under the watchful eye of Emperor Londo Mollari. But Londo is in turn being watched--and manipulated--by the conquest-hungry Drakh. The malevolent beings are reshaping the Centauri Republic into a secret seat of power from which to strike out at their enemies--especially the Interstellar Alliance. All but helpless to resist, Londo watches as his beloved Homeworld is transformed into a ruthless police state. And the Drakh have willing allies, including one of Londo's own countrymen--Durla, a powerful official with his own sinister agenda. As the abuses of the repressive new Republic escalate, the double-edged Drakh master plan begins to unfold. Their goal is to smash the Interstellar Alliance by assassinating its president, John Sheridan, and to obliterate Earth, using a fabled, monstrous Shadow weapon known as a Planet Killer . . .

Babylon 5 Compendium - ANONIMO 2008-04-01

In the fifty issue of *Signs & Portents* there have been a large number of superb articles and scenarios for the *Babylon 5* game. The *Babylon 5 Compendium* is a collection of the best of these, updated to second edition rules. Besides several scenarios, there are articles on characters from the series, new locations, villains and organisations all of which will breathe life into your *Babylon 5* games.

Babylon 5: The Zocalo - August Hahn 2004-11-16
The Zocalo is the long-awaited *Babylon 5* equipment guide, packed full of weapons,

armour, vehicles and numerous other items designed to fascinate and enthrall any Babylon 5 player. This essential book provides players with everything they need to equip their characters to face the trials and tribulations to come. Written by internationally acclaimed writer Shannon Kalvar (Gamers Symposium series, No Surrender, No Retreat), *The Zocalo* is destined to grace any Babylon 5 player's collection, containing as it does equipment for every race in the game, as well as new rules for black marketeering and illicit bartering. *The Zocalo* is certain to be one of the most popular supplements in the Babylon 5 portfolio.

To Dream in the City of Sorrows - Kathryn M. Drennan 1997

The stand-alone plot of this novel brings a critical new piece to the "Babylon 5" story line. Haunted by the explosive fate of Babylons 1 through 4, the inhabitants of Babylon 5 work together to make the station "our last, best hope for peace".

The Year's Best Science Fiction: Fifteenth Annual Collection - Gardner Dozois 1998-05-15
Collects short stories exploring themes of time and space travel, self-discovery, and science and technology.

Lion of Babylon (A Marc Royce Thriller Book #1) - Davis Bunn 2011-07-01

Marc Royce works for the State Department on special assignments, most of them rather routine, until two CIA operatives go missing in Iraq--kidnapped by Taliban forces bent on generating chaos in the region. Two others also drop out of sight--a high-placed Iraqi civilian and an American woman providing humanitarian aid. Are the disappearances linked? Rumors circulate in a whirl of misinformation. Marc must unravel the truth in a covert operation requiring utmost secrecy--from both the Americans and the insurgents. But even more secret than the undercover operation is the underground dialogue taking place between sworn enemies. Will the ultimate Reconciler between ancient enemies, current foes, and fanatical religious factions be heard?

Becoming Superman - J. Michael Straczynski 2019-07-23

A Hugo Award Nominee! Featuring an introduction by Neil Gaiman! "J. Michael Straczynski is, without question, one of the

greatest science fiction minds of our time." -- Max Brooks (World War Z) For four decades, J. Michael Straczynski has been one of the most successful writers in Hollywood, one of the few to forge multiple careers in movies, television and comics. Yet there's one story he's never told before: his own. In this dazzling memoir, the acclaimed writer behind *Babylon 5*, *Sense8*, Clint Eastwood's *Changeling* and Marvel's *Thor* reveals how the power of creativity and imagination enabled him to overcome the horrors of his youth and a dysfunctional family haunted by madness, murder and a terrible secret. Joe's early life nearly defies belief. Raised by damaged adults—a con-man grandfather and a manipulative grandmother, a violent, drunken father and a mother who was repeatedly institutionalized—Joe grew up in abject poverty, living in slums and projects when not on the road, crisscrossing the country in his father's desperate attempts to escape the consequences of his past. To survive his abusive environment Joe found refuge in his beloved comics and his dreams, immersing himself in imaginary worlds populated by superheroes whose amazing powers allowed them to overcome any adversity. The deeper he read, the more he came to realize that he, too, had a superpower: the ability to tell stories and make everything come out the way he wanted it. But even as he found success, he could not escape a dark and shocking secret that hung over his family's past, a violent truth that he uncovered over the course of decades involving mass murder. Straczynski's personal history has always been shrouded in mystery. *Becoming Superman* lays bare the facts of his life: a story of creation and darkness, hope and success, a larger-than-life villain and a little boy who became the hero of his own life. It is also a compelling behind-the-scenes look at some of the most successful TV series and movies recognized around the world.

Babylon 5 Scripts - Other Voices (Vol 1 of 3) - Babylon 5 Scripts Not by J. Michael Straczynski - Joe Michael Straczynski 2008-05-15

Table of Contents and Index available FREE at B5books.com.SCRIPTS* "Born to the Purple" by Larry DiTillio* "The War Prayer" by D.C. Fontana* "DeathWalker" by Larry DiTillio* "Believers" by David Gerrold* "Survivors" by

Marc Scott Zicree* "Grail" by Christy Marx
FEATURING* An introduction/commentary on each episode by the script writers, written exclusively for this volume, revealing how the stories came to be, why these writers made the choices they did, what it was like to write for the Babylon 5 universe, and, most important, what you didn't see* Never-before-seen dialogue and action that were later cut from the episodes* A Script/DVD Variations inventory, which catalogues all the changes, deletions, additions and extras that were in the script but you never actually got to see in the final episodes* David Gerrold's complete outline for "Laser-Mirror-Starweb," a never-produced, never-seen episode of Babylon 5* Four photos from Christy Marx's private collection, taken during the filming of "Grail"
STORIES INCLUDE* Why "dust" was originally introduced in "Born to the Purple," but then taken out* What novel inspired Garibaldi's cat and mouse game with Ivanova in "Born to the Purple"* The identity of Londo's real alter-ego* What mistake was made in "Born to the Purple" that was corrected in "TKO"* Which character originally had six gill-like slots at the base of their back* Revealed - the real reason the Romeo and Juliet lovers appear in "The War Prayer"* Why DeathWalker is female* Who was originally supposed to play Abbutt in "DeathWalker"* Why, while writing "Believers," David Gerrold called J. Michael Straczynski in the middle of the night to tell him "You son of a bitch"* What Andreas Katsulas confided to writer Marc Scott Zicree* Why the director of "Grail" spent most of his time fuming during the filming
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Babylon 5: Signs and Portents - Jane Killick
1998-03-03

A comprehensive episode-by-episode guide to the first thrilling season of Babylon 5! Babylon 5: Signs and Portents, kicks off with a foreword by actor Michael O'Hare, better known to viewers as Commander Sinclair, and features a fascinating look at how series creator J. Michael Straczynski brought his ambitious vision to the screen. Then launch into a comprehensive overview of the groundbreaking premiere season, including in-depth, episode-by-episode summaries of all of the first twenty-two

shows—from the pilot, "The Gathering," through the climactic season finale, "Chrysalis"—with analysis by author and B5 expert Jane Killick. Veteran viewers or first-time fans, relive the adventure—or find out what you've been missing—with the complete companions to Babylon 5!

In Valen's Name - J. Michael Straczynski 1998

Invoking Darkness - Jeanne Cavelos 2001

As the Shadows gather for their ultimate victory over the galaxy, Galen, the possessor of the unstoppable Spell of Destruction, leaves the stronghold of the techno-mages to lend his assistance in the final, apocalyptic battle against the evil of the Shadows.

The Richest Man In Babylon. Illustrated - George Samuel Clason 2021-05-14

To fulfill all his wildest dreams, modern man must first use principles of personal financial management to succeed in matters of money. The financial plan outlined in this book is an accessible and fascinating modern economic approach to getting rich. George Samuel Clayson wrote and published the collected essays on austerity and financial success over four years. The book demonstrates key principles in money management through stories and parables set in Ancient Babylon and recounted by Arkad, a formerly poor scribe who became the richest man in Babylon. The original pamphlets were read by millions of people and the "The Richest Man in Babylon" endures as a recommended modern literature classic on economics, financial management and self-development. Other well known book: The Intelligent Investor (Benjamin Graham), Think and Grow Rich (Napoleon Hill) The text is reproduced from the original publications of 1920-1924.

The Shadow Within - Jeanne Cavelos 1997

Anna Sheridan has two passions--her husband, John, and the mystery surrounding some intriguing artifacts found during a mission to a distant planet called Z'Ha'dum. Now she gets orders to become the science officer on the follow-up mission scheduled for the spaceship Icarus. Happy, young, beloved, and brilliant, never has a woman had so much to live for. Or so much to lose. While John, recently promoted to the rank of captain, struggles with his new

command on the Agamemnon, Anna begins to assemble her science crew...and makes a first mistake. She signs on Dr. Morden, a highly credentialed translator whose heart hides a weakness that can cost Anna her life or her soul. Her second mistake is to underestimate the danger of Z'Ha'dum. What is awaiting the Icarus near the rim of known destiny...and a dark future that can crush her husband's dreams and a terror that can come back to haunt us all.

Final Reckoning - J. Gregory Keyes 1999

The tyrannical regime of the Psi Corps turns against its creator, Alfred Bester, forcing him to confront his own monstrous legacy.

Blood Oath - John Vornholt 1995

Having narrowly escaped death, Ambassador G'Kar knows he is a marked man. A rival family from his Narn homeland has taken the Blood Oath to kill him. Security Chief Garibaldi, Commander Susan Ivanova and Na'Toth journey to the Narn Homeworld and find themselves enveloped by a chilling alien environment. And in this deadly place, the Narn Blood Oath is turned against them all.

Personal Agendas - Al Sarrantonio 1997

This new story brings an added dimension to the TV show's five-year storyline. Featuring Commander John Sheridan, Lt. Commander Susan Ivanova, Security Chief Michael Garibaldi, and the many aliens who make space station Babylon 5 their home, prepare for a thrilling, fast-action journey through the port of call that carries a mysterious and dangerous legacy.

Babylon 5 - The Ultimate Quiz Book - Chris McAuley 2021-07-19

Are you a huge fan of Babylon 5? Do you know your Anla'Shok from your Entil'Zha, your Tenth Fane of Elleya from your Third Fane of Chudomo and your sleepers from your dust? If so, this is the perfect quiz book for you! With four hundred questions (and answers) covering the entire Babylon 5 universe, this ultimate quiz is ideal for testing your own knowledge or for playing along with friends. Topics covered include the various races, planets and systems, the characters and their relationships, individual plot points and fun sections such as anagrams and guess the season. So put on your best ceremonial dress, strap yourself into your Starfury and get ready for some awesome Babylon 5 quizzing fun!

Out of the Darkness - Peter David 2000

This conclusion of the explosive "Centauri" trilogy reveals the fates of the Centauri Republic and of Emperor Londo Mollari, one of the most popular of the characters from the "Babylon 5" television series. Based on an outline by TV series creator J. Michael Straczynski.

Babylon 5 - J. Michael Straczynski 2005

Clark's Law - Jim Mortimore 1996

A novel based on the television science-fiction series, Babylon 5, set aboard a massive space station in the year 2257. Positioned in a key sector of the galaxy and under the jurisdiction of the Earth Alliance, Babylon 5 serves as a space-borne port of call, open to travellers from anywhere.

The Touch of Your Shadow, the Whisper of Your Name - Neal Barrett 1996

While based on the TV show, this original novel stands alone and contains a critical piece in the overall Babylon 5 plotline. Fans will not want to miss this all-new adventure featuring the ensemble of characters that inhabit the most volatile space station in the known universe.

Babylon 5: The Psi Corps - August Hahn 2004-12-21

The PSI corps are a shady organisation within the Babylon 5 universe, generally acting with hostile intent to the good intentions of many characters. This lavishly detailed sourcebook provides a wealth of information on this sinister group, allowing players and games masters to make full use of the incredible abilities and resources that exist, whether it is for the players to take the role of members of a PSI corps investigative branch, or simply as a tool to thwart their own goals and ideals. As with all of the Babylon 5 books, The PSI Corps features original screen shots and frames from the hit series. Written by nominated author Gareth Hanrahan (OGL Horror, OGL Wild West), The Psi Corps is destined to grace any Babylon 5 player's collection and is sure to be an extremely popular addition to this best selling range.

Summoning Light - Jeanne Cavelos 2001

The explosive space epic continues, as the techno-mages come face-to-face with the devastating evil of the Shadows . . . War against the Shadows is inevitable, and the ruling Circle has ordered the techno-mages into hiding. Many are unhappy with this decision--none more so

than Galen, the only mage who has faced the Shadows and lived. But the Shadows aren't Galen's only enemy--he is driven to hunt and kill Elizar, the traitor who murdered the beautiful mage Isabelle while Galen stood by helplessly, his hands tied by the Circle's sacred code he had sworn to follow. Now a new mission awaits as the Circle contrives a plan that may enable the five hundred mages to escape without leaving a trace. Dispatched to the Shadow's ancient capitol to uncover the enemy's plans, Galen will find everything he so desperately seeks--including a shocking legacy that threatens to consume his very soul. Babylon 5 created by J. Michael Straczynski

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The Battle of the Line is infamous in Earth history as the climactic campaign in a long and bloody war between Humankind and the alien Minbari race. But how did this apocalyptic conflict erupt? And how did this fateful clash of two civilizations ultimately lead to the creation of the Babylon 5 space station? Here, at last, the great space epic unfolds--in a new novel based on the first full-length Babylon 5 television movie. Eager to expand their trade with other worlds, the people of planet Earth attempt to make contact with the mysterious Minbari, a race of proud and powerful warriors. But when communication turns to violence, Earth becomes the target of a latter-day holy war, waged by a civilization possessing vastly superior numbers and firepower. And the Minbari will stop at nothing short of the total extermination of its enemy: the Human race . . .

Agents of Babylon - David Jeremiah 2015-10-06

In his #1 New York Times bestseller *Agents of the Apocalypse*, noted prophecy expert Dr. David Jeremiah explored the book of Revelation through the lens of its major players. Now, in the much-anticipated follow-up, *Agents of Babylon*, Dr. Jeremiah examines prophecy through the eyes of the characters in the book of Daniel, explains what the prophecies mean, and helps us understand how these prophetic visions and dreams apply to our lives today. Written in the same highly engaging half dramatization, half Bible teaching format as *Agents of the Apocalypse*, *Agents of Babylon* is not only an in-depth exploration of the characters and prophecies contained in the book of Daniel but

also a dramatic retelling of Scripture that is sure to bring ancient prophecy to light like never before.

Stories of Your Life and Others - Ted Chiang 2010-10-26

From the author of *Exhalation*, an award-winning short story collection that blends "absorbing storytelling with meditations on the universe, being, time and space ... raises questions about the nature of reality and what it is to be human" (The New York Times). *Stories of Your Life and Others* delivers dual delights of the very, very strange and the heartbreakingly familiar, often presenting characters who must confront sudden change—the inevitable rise of automatons or the appearance of aliens—with some sense of normalcy. With sharp intelligence and humor, Chiang examines what it means to be alive in a world marked by uncertainty, but also by beauty and wonder. An award-winning collection from one of today's most lauded writers, *Stories of Your Life and Others* is a contemporary classic. Includes "Story of Your Life"—the basis for the major motion picture *Arrival*

Interacting with Babylon 5 - Kurt Lancaster 2001

"This book makes a significant contribution to the growing body of scholarship surrounding the participatory communities--i.e. fandoms--that surround cult television shows and films. . . . It will cut across disciplines, finding a readership among sociologists, anthropologists, media scholars, and performance scholars, as well as among fans and lay readers." --Henry Jenkins, author of *Textual Poachers: Television Fans and Participatory Culture* Much of the pleasure of science fiction and fantasy stems from the genres' ability to transport fans into imaginary worlds that often feel more "real" than ordinary life. This pioneering book uses the insights of performance theory to explore how fans of the television show *Babylon 5* actively immerse themselves in its imaginary environment by role-playing games and fan fiction, through which the fans perform--make real--fantasies they previously watched on television. Kurt Lancaster opens with a background analysis of *Babylon 5*, including creator-producer J. Michael Straczynski's online interaction with fans. Then he thoroughly examines the performance aspects of all the participatory media

surrounding the show--the role-playing game, collectable card game, war game, CD-ROM "guidebook," fan fiction, and web pages. His use of performance theory offers a new way of

understanding the enormous popularity of imaginary entertainment environments and the fandom surrounding other popular sites of science fiction and fantasy, including Star Trek, Star Wars, and J. R. R. Tolkien's Middle-earth.