

## **"Battlefield Earth" Selected as Medalist in Benjamin Franklin Awards**

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It was just announced that "Battlefield Earth" by L. Ron Hubbard has been selected as a finalist in the Benjamin Franklin Awards with the final determination of the Gold Award to be announced at a gala dinner being held at the historic Benson Hotel in Portland, OR on April 7.

"Battlefield Earth" was originally published in 1982, riding on the NYT bestseller list for two months. At the time, famed artist, Frank Frazetta was commissioned by L. Ron Hubbard to paint a cover which was titled, "Man: The Endangered Species," the working title for "Battlefield Earth." The title was recently republished as a trade paperback with a new design featuring Frazetta's artwork and so became eligible for the Benjamin Franklin Awards in the "Most Improved Redesign" category.

John Goodwin, President Galaxy Press, commented, "We are very excited with the announcement by the IBPA (Independent Book Publishers Assn) on the selection of "Battlefield Earth" as a finalist for the Benjamin Franklin Award."

The awards were created by Jan Nathan, Founder of IBPA, which have recognized excellence in book editorial and design since 1987. Nathan stated, "We recognize that when people purchase a product they do not purchase it because a specific named publisher publishes it, they purchase a book because it fulfills a need and is well designed and edited."

Galaxy Press science fiction anthology "Writers of the Future Volume 31" was a Silver award winner for last year's Benjamin Franklin Awards in the "Science Fiction & Fantasy" category.

With 19 New York Times bestsellers and more than 350 million copies of his works in circulation, L. Ron Hubbard is among the most acclaimed and widely read authors of our time. In celebration of his fiftieth anniversary as an author, he again returned to the forefront of popular literature with his monumental epics Battlefield Earth and the ten-volume Mission Earth series. Together, these titles dominated international bestseller lists for 153 weeks, and still remain among the all-time classic works of modern speculative fiction.

To find out more about "Battlefield Earth" go to [www.BattlefieldEarth.com](http://www.BattlefieldEarth.com).

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