

*“Science Fiction & Fantasy Art Books”*

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The collection I am submitting to this contest is not a series of novels written by distinguished authors. The books I present are a series of art books. I believe the collection to be somewhat unique since I have only come across a similar collection once (and it only numbered around four titles). I hope this impresses the judges.

The collection focuses on the works of modern artists who depict wildlife and fictional topics. Some of the books are children's books but all contain page after page of full size paintings depicting an idealized setting. Many of the paintings contained in these books can be seen as book covers or movie posters. More than one of the listed artists, Robert Bateman in particular, are internationally recognized.

How it was done: The books were accumulated over a seven year period. There was no single primary source responsible for the acquisition of these titles. Used bookstores and custom orders deserve a large margin of credit as most of these books had to be tracked down individually. A good portion of the books were produced by an overseas publisher and are currently out of print (all the Paper Tiger books). Because they were never printed in great quantities to begin with, this makes them all the more rare.

The reason why: I enjoy looking at many types of art; science fiction included. Since books covering the works of Dali, Monet, and Goya will always be in print I spent some effort tracking down the work of less renowned artists (i.e. ones that are alive) who paint themes of a less classical nature. Below is the result.