



(Art credit Vincent Chong)

World Fantasy Convention 2025

Progress Report 1

Thursday 30th October - Sunday 2nd November
Double Tree by Hilton Brighton Metropole
www.WorldFantasy2025.co.uk

In a cold living room somewhere in the East Midlands, cogs are turning and plans are in motion. As yet they are not ripe, but they are ripening.

A small fellowship of companions, brought together from all across the realm have been labouring in secret to bring about a grand scheme for 2025.

Soon, the work of this group will turn towards the sea, to the haven upon the southern coast. To Brighton and the Double Tree. Counsel has been taken. Journeys have been made to acquire knowledge and lore. The Wise will come to this place, so it must be made ready for their visit.

- Not Gandalf

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Welcome to Progress Report 1 on World Fantasy Convention 2025.

Conventions are always a labour of love. The time taken on each part, the interactions with people who wish to attend and participate in all aspects of the event are moments where that love is shared. Gradually, as the moment nears, the pace of the work increases.

With World Fantasy Convention, 2024 saw an excellent event held in Niagara Falls, New York. Now, with 2025 seeing a return to the United Kingdom, the legacy of this and of the British Fantasy Society (BFS) national 'Fantasycon' is one that we as an organising team are very aware of.

We all want to get this right. We all want to make this the very best celebration of Fantasy and Horror that it can be.

This progress report includes information on the Guests of Honour and Master of Ceremonies for the event. Our Publisher Guests of Honour announcement is coming soon.

Our Guest page for updates is:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/guests/>

World Fantasy Convention 2025 will be held from **Thursday 30th October to Sunday 2nd November** at the Double Tree by Hilton Brighton Metropole.

If you have not already bought membership, please do so via our website:

www.WorldFantasy2025.co.uk

Prices will increase over time, so book soon for the best price.

The next price rise is planned for the 31st January 2025.

Introducing World Fantasy Convention 2025 Guest of Honour - Suniti Namjoshi

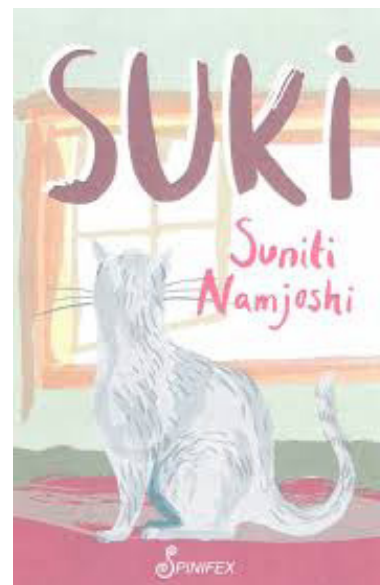
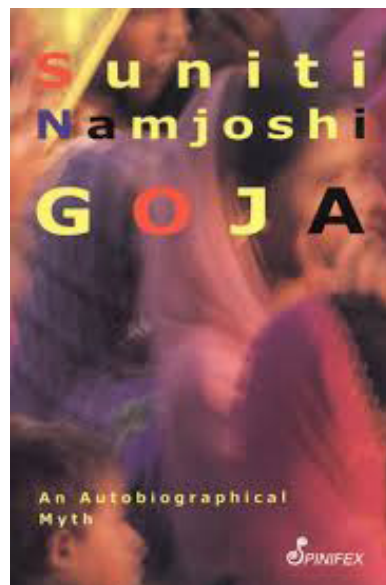
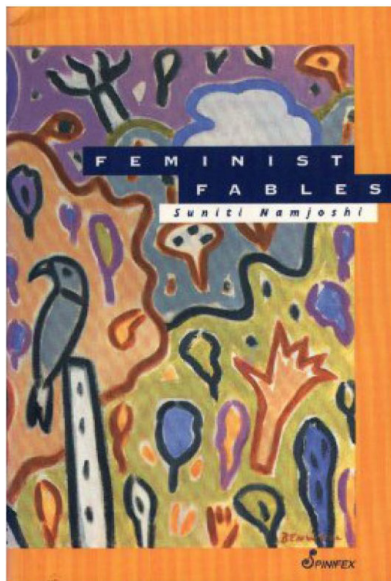
Our Author Guest of Honour is Suniti Namjoshi.

Internationally acclaimed author Suniti Namjoshi is an important figure in contemporary literature in English. A writer of fables, poetry, satirical fiction, children's fictions, she has published over 30 titles in India, Australia, Canada and Britain.

Born in Mumbai in 1941, she first wrote and published in India, then moved to Canada, and then to a small seaside village in the south-west of England with writer, Gillian Hanscombe. She was recently made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Her books include *Feminist Fables*, *Goja*, *Suki* and *Aesop the Fox* from Spinifex.



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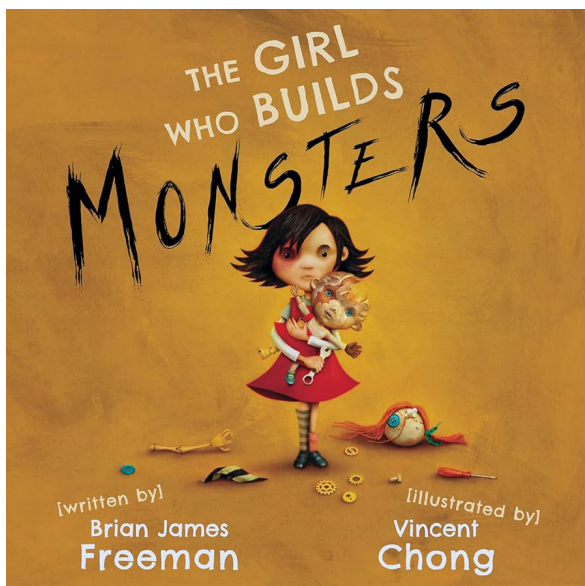
Our Artist Guest of Honour is Vincent Chong.

Vincent Chong is a freelance illustrator and designer from the UK, specializing in the horror, fantasy and sci-fi genres. From a young age, Vincent loved to draw and never seriously considered anything other than a career in art, so he feels very lucky to have been able to do this as a job for the last 20 years. During this time he has had the privilege of illustrating the works of incredible authors such as Stephen King, and has collaborated with clients around the world on projects ranging from book illustration to concept art for film and TV projects. He also co-created and illustrated a children's picture book, *The Girl Who Builds Monsters*.

Vincent has won a World Fantasy Award and multiple British Fantasy Awards for 'Best Artist'. Check out his work at www.vincentchong-art.co.uk and you can follow him on Instagram or Facebook [@vincentchongart](https://www.instagram.com/vincentchongart).



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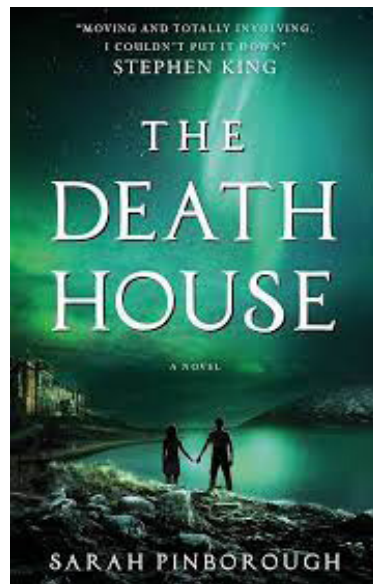
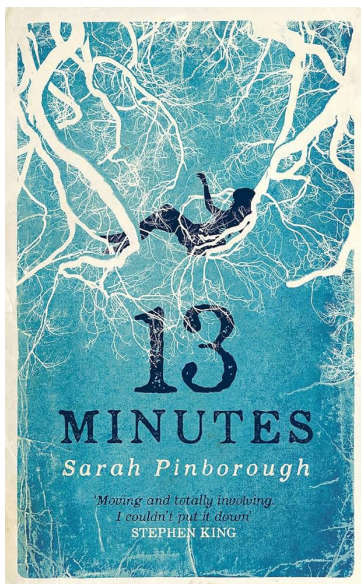
Introducing World Fantasy Convention 2025 Master of Ceremonies - Sarah Pinborough

Our Master of Ceremonies is Sarah Pinborough.

Sarah Pinborough is a New York Times bestselling and Sunday Times Number one and Internationally bestselling author and screenwriter who is published in over 30 territories worldwide. Having published nearly thirty novels across various genres, her recent books include *Behind Her Eyes*, now a smash hit Netflix limited series and *INSOMNIA* which she adapted herself for Paramount+, Other books currently in development that she is adapting include *The Death House*, *13 Minutes* and *A Matter of Blood*. Her next novel, *WE LIVE HERE NOW*, is out in the summer of 2025. She lives in the historic Buckinghamshire market town of Stony Stratford with her dog Ted.



Photograph by Martin Godwin



Places to Stay and Visit

Bedrooms in the convention hotel can now be booked either via the hotel website directly or via the link for the convention rate of £199 per room, per night (£211 for double occupancy). Please do compare the prices to get the best price.

The Hotel website is:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bshmedi-doubletree-brighton-metropole/>

The convention booking link is:

<https://eventsathilton.com/show/676abbf155bde6425c2877af>

You can book alternate accommodation via Visit Brighton:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/WFC2025>

They are adding more options as venues agree discounted rates for our event. Hopefully this allows you to find an option which suits your requirements and budget.

Visit Brighton also have discounts for attractions of their website for WFC 2025 attendees:

<https://www.visitbrighton.com/special-offers/delegate-deals-o2311>

Offers are likely to change nearer the time, so do check back to see what is still valid and what has been added.

More Hotel and Travel tourism information can be found on our website:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/travel/>

Member list, Profile, Programme & Receipts

If you need to check your payment went through correctly or get a record of this; firstly you should receive a confirmation email. Secondly, use your chosen user name and password (created when you bought your membership) to login to the website. In the Member Center, on the Subscriptions tab you will see your membership type (Attending, Online, etc.) listed as a Subscription and the Status should be listed as active. If it is listed as inactive or you can't login then it is likely that it has not gone through, but do drop us an email, enquiries@WorldFantasy2025.co.uk if you are not sure.

If you would like to appear on the list of Members on our website. After you have bought your membership, please go to the Member Centre option and click on Edit Profile. Here you can fill in the name you would like displayed on the website. If you do not want your name on the website, please tick the Hide me from Member listing option. If your badge name reads as "Please Update" then it will not be displayed on the website, so please do ensure this is updated.

The member list can be found on our website:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/member-list/>

You can update your profile in Member Centre, add a photo, bio and a link to your website. You can also let us know if you would like a signing space at the Mass Autographing session and any accessibility and dietary needs which we can use to plan the event and refreshments.

If you would like to be on programme items such as panels, talks, workshops and readings you can change your status from Member to Participant in the Participation section. Once updated, this will give you the option to fill out a participation form letting us know what type of activity you would be up for. There will be a deadline for filling this out, but the sooner you do this, the sooner we can start planning the content of the event.

Event Timings & Programme

The main activities of the event will start after lunch on the Thursday and end after the World Fantasy Awards on Sunday afternoon. However we may have some pre-convention workshops on Thursday Morning.

Details of Art Show and Dealer set up times will be emailed to Dealers and Artists closer to the time.

On each day there will be a reception or larger event; on Thursday the Opening Ceremony & Welcome reception; Friday the Mass Autographing, Saturday the Art Reception and, in the evening the British Fantasy Awards; on the Sunday the Banquet and World Fantasy Awards.

We will also have online content and plan to start this in the Spring to whet the appetite for the event itself. Selected event activities will be streamed live and available for catch up after the event.

The full programme is intended to be released about a month before the event.

Happy Holidays!

If you celebrate, we hope you are having a lovely Christmas, Chanukah or Solstice/Yule tide and, eitherway, we hope you have a wonderful New Year.

From Karen and all the WFC 2025 Team.

