

## Readings, references and resources from ConFusion 2021

### Monday panels and lectures

#### **Sherlock Holmes** (Ali Baker)

Ali Baker (moderator), Alette de Bodard, David Carlile, Nik Vincent, Fran Dowd

[The Tea-Master and the Detective](#), Alette de Bodard

[The Case of the Scented Lady](#), Nik Vincent, in *Further Associates of Sherlock Holmes*, ed. George Mann

[Hagar of the Pawn Shop](#), Fergus Hume

[Miss Sherlock](#) (TV) – available from Amazon Prime in the UK

[Doctor Who](#) – DC discussed the Fourth Doctor whose costume at times echoed Holmes' deerstalker and caped Ulster coat, and the Master as a Moriarty figure

[Arsene Lupin, the Gentleman Thief](#), Maurice Leblanc, particularly the stories featuring "Herlock Shomes"

[The Irregulars \(TV\)](#) – available from Netflix UK

[The Adventure of the Speckled Band](#) – Arthur Conan Doyle

[The Adventure of the Creeping Man](#) – Arthur Conan Doyle

[The Hound of the Baskervilles](#) – Arthur Conan Doyle

[Judge Dee \(Di Renjie\) starting with The Celebrated Cases of Judge Dee \(Dee Gong'An\)](#), "Buti zhuanren," trans. Robert van Gulik

Madame Vastra from Doctor Who. Big Finish, the audio drama company, [has produced stories about Mme Vastra, Jenny and Strax solving supernatural crimes.](#)

[Sexton Blake](#), also a Baker St consulting detective

[The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes with Jeremy Brett as the archetypal Holmes \(in my opinion\) \(TV\)](#) – streaming on Britbox

[Elementary \(TV\)](#) – we particularly liked the character of Joan Watson – streaming on Amazon Prime

[Rivals of Sherlock Holmes](#), collected by Nick Rennison

## **Crowdfunding and the growth of indie games** (John Coxon)

Ed Fortune, Joss Kl, Kol Ford, John Coxon, Marcus Rowland

Jonaya Kemper is an amazing designer, writer and creator! Honestly, back everything they do, buy everything they do: <https://www.patreon.com/VioletRiotGames>

Larfund makes international larps more accessible to people from all backgrounds.  
<http://larfund.org/>

Artefact and Bucket of Bolts are neat little indie games by Mousehole Press that John and Ed enjoy:

<https://mouseholepress.itch.io/artefact> and [https://bucket-of-bolts.backerkit.com/hosted\\_preorders](https://bucket-of-bolts.backerkit.com/hosted_preorders)

Darkest Dice was recommended by Marcus Rowland:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/darkestdice/darkest-dice>

Grant Howitt is making fantastic micro RPGs on Patreon:

<https://www.patreon.com/gshowitt>

MCDM (Matt Colville) is making a zine called Arcadia which Ed recommended:

<https://www.mcdmproductions.com/>

Panellist Joss KL designed Turris and took it to Kickstarter, and you can back here:

[https://turris.backerkit.com/hosted\\_preorders](https://turris.backerkit.com/hosted_preorders)

## **Sunday panels and lectures**

### **Dominion: Bridging Worlds and Beyond** (Zi Graves)

Geoff Ryman, Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki, Nicole Givens-Kurtz, Tobi Ogundiran

**Anthologies:** *Slayer... Stories of Noir, Wole Talabi Anthology, Black Magic Women anthology, Black Cranes Tales of Unquiet Women, Sword and Soul anthologies...*

**Authors to look out for:** *David Mojo Godhunter, Suyi Davies Okungbowa, Dilman Dila FUTURE GOD OF LOVE, Tochi Onyebuchi, Milton Davis.... anything.*

**Other books:** *Here Sits His Ignominy, At Kill Three Birds, Silenced, The Girl with the Loud Voice, Mothership from Rosarium (Any titles from Rosarium Publishing <http://rosariumpublishing.com/>)*

**Viewer Question:** any comics that you especially recommend? *Tatasge from Conic Republic, Lake of Tears from Ghana, Changa's Safari by Milton Davis, Sisters of the woods by Milton Davis, Kugali, Comic Republic, UNeek, Malika warrior Queen...*

**Places to find new recommendations:** *Squid Magazine & African Science Fiction And Fantasy Reading Group (facebook), The State of Black Science Fiction on FB*

**Other recs:** *Ojuju*, *Hello Rain The Movie*

**Fanfic through the lens of classical reception studies** (Anne-Louise Fortune)

Hester Parr

[Author's transcript at AO3](#)

## Saturday panels and lectures

**There's My Hoverboard! Living in the Future** (Caroline Mullan / Jan van't Ent)

Caroline Mullan, Verity Allan, Jim Anderson, Ian Green

*Toolmaker Koan* by John C. McLoughlin

*Makers and Walkaway* by Cory Doctorow

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

*Foundation* by Isaac Asimov

*The Shockwave Rider* by John Brunner

*The Water Knife* and *The Windup Girl* by Paolo Bacigalupi

*The Lords of the Psychon* by Daniel Galouye

Culture books by Iain M. Banks (no specific title mentioned)

And - thinking about Ian's Kindle... *Stars in My Pockets Like Grains of Sand* by Samuel R. Delany

**Working Class Heroes** (Farah Mendlesohn)

Farah Mendlesohn, Ali Baker, Stewart Hotston, Charlie Stross, Ken MacLeod

Courtia Newland, *A River Called Time*

Hilary Mantel, *Beyond Black*

Eleen Lee, *Liquid Crystal Nightingale*

Michael Swanwick, *The Iron Dragon's Daughter*

Simon Morden, *Gallowglass*

Temi Oh, *Do you Dream of Terra Two*

Homer Hickam Jr. *Rocket Boys*

1632, Eric Flint. *SM Stirling*

Nalo Hopkinson, *New Moons Arms*

Philip Reeve, *Railhead*

Elizabeth Hand, *Waking the Moon*

Helen Wecker, *The Golem and the Djinni*,

Nathan Lowell, *The Quarter Share* books,

Liz Williams *Precious Dragon* (fantasy) and  
*Nine Layers of Sky* (SFF)  
Kari Sperring *The Grass King's Concubine*  
Tricia Sullivan, *Maul*  
Oisin McGann, *Small Minded Giants* (YA)  
BB Alston, *Amari and the Night Brothers* -upper end of middle grade and lower YA

➤ Also see blogon unions in SF; <http://hugoclub.blogspot.com/2021/03/witches-of-world-unite.html>

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## **Going Medieval: How Pop Culture Reflects the Past** (Anne-Louise Fortune)

Paul Sturtevant

*Last Kingdom*

*Kingdom of Heaven*

*Vikings* (TV Series)

*Beowulf*

*13<sup>th</sup> Warrior* (with Antonio Banderas)

*A Knight's Tale* (movie, 2001)

The Public Medievalist – the website founded by

Paul: <https://www.publicmedievalist.com/>

Queen – *We Will Rock You*

Geoffrey Chaucer

Ulrich von Liechtenstein

The Peasant's Revolt and Wat Tyler

*Sword in the Stone*

*Game of Thrones* (specifically, Season 8 of the TV series)

The Medici Family

*Lord of the Rings* (both the books and the films)

*Monty Python and the Holy Grail* (1975) – and Terry Jones

*Lancelot du Lac* – search 'Lancelot du Lac trailer' on YouTube – the film is in French, many of the clips have subtitles in other languages.

Quentin Tarantino

*Camelot* (musical)

*Spamalot* (stage musical)

Errol Flynn in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*

*Excalibur*

## **Complete academic abstracts**

(Anne-Louise Fortune)

## **Recordings of academic talks on external sites**

(Anne-Louise Fortune)

Francis Gene-Rowe has recorded their paper, "Just Because You're Paranoid Doesn't Mean You Can't Have Fun: Generative Play in Dystopian Times". The link is here: <https://surrey.cloud.panopto.eu/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=098f3312-00b0-408d-b30f-ad0000ed7ccf>

Maciej Matuszewski's talk 'String Theory Made Easy', can be viewed via this link: [https://durhamuniversity.zoom.us/rec/share/uvSuKkFr1k\\_tZbnuLEVUIW9k6BWCoUQXxomUfRpGLjbr3qpr8vy3mBV\\_Vcmj0x3P.sanuWP0suPVENUuQ](https://durhamuniversity.zoom.us/rec/share/uvSuKkFr1k_tZbnuLEVUIW9k6BWCoUQXxomUfRpGLjbr3qpr8vy3mBV_Vcmj0x3P.sanuWP0suPVENUuQ)