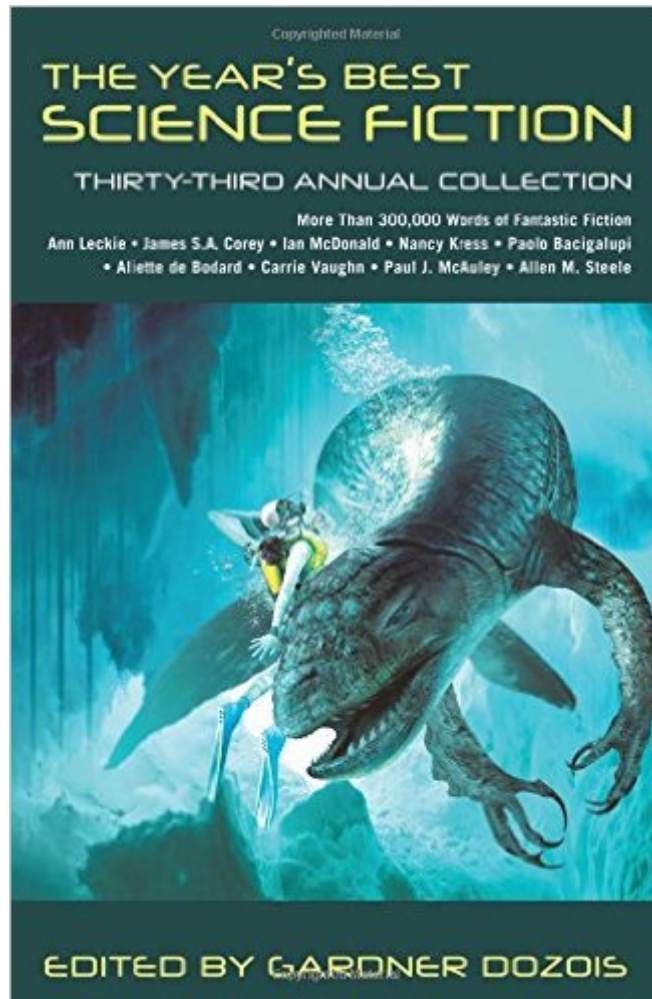


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This collection contains 36 science fiction stories published in 2015 and selected as the best by editor Gardner Dozois. It begins with the usual Summation of the significant events and influences of the past year. He notes the balance between print versus electronic book purchasing, the stabilization of the previous downward spiral of SF magazine sales, and the steady accumulation of free reprint SF fiction on the web. And then it moves on to the stories. Here are six that I particularly enjoyed: Carrie Vaughn's *Bannerless* • shows us a post-apocalyptic society organized around families. Craftsmanship and work are respected, children are valued, and a loose network connects communities with a minimal central government. We watch as two government officials

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