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Fifteen of Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author Charles Sheffield's science fiction yarns are collected here for the first time, including the Nebula Award-winning Georgia on My Mind. One of the most imaginative, exciting talents to appear on the SF scene in recent years.--Publishers Weekly

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Paul says

Nice collection of stories, though I primarily bought it for the title piece. Georgia on my Mind has nothing to do with the US state, nor of the Eastern European country, but with the small British Island off the coast of South America. This story covers the discovery of letters and remaining parts of a working Babbage Difference Engine in a farm house in New Zealand. I only discovered recently that this was in fact based on a true event. However, the fictional story relays the account of a couple who have been exiled from England as it is implied that they're half-brother and sister. But in addition to making a working Engine, they've also made contact with an non-human intelligent race. The last letter in the collection makes reference to their immanent departure for the South Georgia Island.

Some very well written stories. I'll have to track down some more of Sheffield's work.

Lee Belbin says

SS: The quest for a legendary Babbage computer (and aliens) from a hut near Dunedin to "Georgia" of the title is the remote South Georgia Island. Nice bit of history thrown in. Well written.

Tony says

A collection of short stories with commentaries by the late Charles Sheffield. I bought the collection on the strength of the title story alone. "Georgia on My Mind" won the Hugo and Nebula for best short story in 1994. It is based on a real event, the discovery of drawings and parts for a Babbage difference engine on a farm in New Zealand in the 1970's.

I also find the book quite melancholic. In the commentary on the short story "Health Care System", Charles discussed his good health and that he looked forward to many a decade of long life. Sadly, he passed away in 2002 from a brain tumour.

Jeff Miller says

Nice collection of SF short stories with the Hugo winning "Georgia on my mind" being the best of the collection.

Arun says

Great collection of short stories, stories that are earthly but science fiction, that are grandiose but concise,

that are epic but heartfelt. Some of them moved me to tears - like the Humanity test, some made me shudder - the Bee's kiss, but the mega ending was for the last short story - Georgia on my mind.

Bernie says

This is an excellent collection of fourteen short stories about a diversity of topics and setting. Sheffield has a way of portraying distant lands and places so they seem vivid and clear despite the descriptive limits of the short story. I especially enjoyed Beyond the Golden Road. The intrigue and philosophical discourse make for an entertaining tale. If you have ever wondered where writers get their ideas, the afterword following each story gives a glimmer of the history and situations that led to the writing of the story.

Eric says

Brilliant collection of stories, from short shorts to novelettes including the title story which I remember reading when it came out originally but had completely forgotten.

Rafael Ontivero says

Debo ser yo que ando como raruno con esto de los cuentos ya que el libro, salvo el último de todos, no vale una castaña pilonga.

El último fue el que se llevó varios premios.

Siempre se ha dicho que los escritores de cuentos crean novelas malas, y viceversa. No he leído más cuentos de este hombre, pero creo que la regla se cumple a la perfección.

Richard Magahiz says

The stories in this collection come across as somewhat old-fashioned tales, enjoyable enough for what they have to offer. The award-winning title novelette has its moments though I don't really buy the ending.

Margo says

I enjoyed this book very much. Good stories!

Chris Hart says

This collection of short stories by Charles Sheffield is, in my view, not his best work. He seems to write better in novel format; perhaps that allows him to focus on character and plot development more and include more science. I enjoy Sheffield's novels for their hard science, and the science seemed a bit lacking in most of the works. It's not a collection of awfulness, just not my cup of tea.

Ryan says

Great collection of short stories by Charles Sheffield. The Georgia on my Mind novella is a great read. Some of the stories are very disturbing in only that they are very much a real chance to occur.

Carol Waller says

I like short stories. The title story was not fave, although good. The Feynman Saltation is almost a horror thriller. The Bees Kiss is that category too. Millennium was just pure fun. As aw Fifteen-Love on a Dead Man's Chest. And on it goes. All sci fi, but usually an extra genre twisted in.

Bruce Jones says

A wonderful writer of speculative fiction. Particularly good w short stories.

Mark says

My personal favorites were:

Millennium

Obsolete Skill

Georgia On My Mind

...although these were hard to separate from:

15-Love on a Dead Man's Chest

Deep Safari

Beyond the Golden Road

Health Care System

Humanity Test

Trapalanda

...but that's over half the book, so I had to set the cut off point somewhere.
