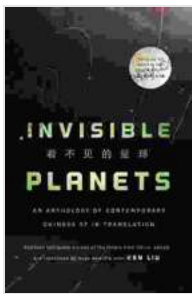


Invisible Planets: Unveiling the Enigmatic Landscape of Contemporary Chinese Science Fiction

In the vast and ever-evolving literary cosmos, where countless stars twinkle with imaginative brilliance, there exists a captivating constellation that often remains shrouded in celestial obscurity: Chinese science fiction.



Invisible Planets: Contemporary Chinese Science Fiction in Translation by Ken Liu

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Invisible Planets, a profound anthology of speculative fiction, emerges as a radiant beacon, illuminating the enigmatic depths of contemporary Chinese literature. Translated with exquisite precision, these visionary tales transport readers to uncharted literary territories, where profound contemplations on humanity, technology, and the boundless expanse of the cosmos intertwine.

Within the pages of Invisible Planets, readers embark on extraordinary odysseys alongside enigmatic characters, venturing into realms that both

captivate and provoke. They encounter sentient machines grappling with the complexities of consciousness, humans transcending the limitations of their physical forms, and societies grappling with the profound implications of scientific advancement.

These thought-provoking narratives challenge conventional perceptions, blurring the boundaries between reality and imagination, and urging readers to question the very nature of existence. They explore the transformative power of technology, its potential to both elevate and enslave, and the indomitable spirit of humanity in the face of unfathomable change.

The stories featured in *Invisible Planets* are not mere escapist fantasies; they are profound reflections on the human condition, our place within the vastness of the cosmos, and the enigmatic forces that shape our destiny. They weave intricate tapestries of imagination, philosophy, and scientific speculation, inviting readers to immerse themselves in worlds both familiar and utterly alien.

Among the literary luminaries featured in this anthology is the acclaimed author Hao Jingfang, whose Hugo Award-winning novella "Folding Beijing" showcases her extraordinary ability to blend social commentary with imaginative storytelling. Her tale delves into the stark realities of urban inequality, exploring the hidden depths of a city that exists on multiple planes.

Liu Cixin, another literary titan, captivates readers with his epic space opera "The Three-Body Problem," which has garnered international acclaim for its sweeping narrative and profound exploration of the Fermi

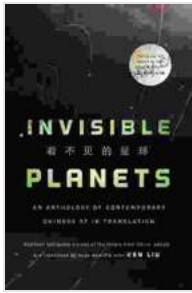
paradox. His vision of a cosmic game of cat and mouse between humanity and an extraterrestrial civilization pushes the boundaries of scientific imagination.

Beyond these celebrated authors, *Invisible Planets* introduces a constellation of rising literary stars, each bringing a unique perspective to the genre. Xia Jia's "A Hundred Ghosts Parade Nightly" delves into the realm of the supernatural, weaving a haunting tale that explores the intricate relationship between memory and identity.

In Chen Qiufan's "The Fish of Lijiang," the boundaries between reality and virtual reality blur, as a young man becomes entangled in a world where memories and experiences can be bought and sold. This provocative tale examines the nature of consciousness and the commodification of human experience.

Through these captivating stories and many more, *Invisible Planets* invites readers on an extraordinary literary voyage, where the enigmatic depths of Chinese science fiction unveil themselves. It is a literary experience that transcends cultural boundaries, showcasing the boundless possibilities of speculative fiction and the profound reflections it offers on the human experience.

As you delve into the *Invisible Planets*, prepare to be captivated by visionary tales, enigmatic characters, and thought-provoking narratives that will forever alter your perceptions of science fiction and the human condition. Allow these literary marvels to transport you to a realm where the boundaries of imagination are unbound, and the mysteries of the cosmos unfold before your very eyes.



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