

THIN AIR School Program: Grades 7-9 School Stage

Featured Writer: **ROBERT J. SAWYER (SOLD OUT)**
Performance Times: Tues, Sept. 20, 1:00pm – 2:15pm & Wed, Sept. 21; 10:00am – 11:15am
Fee: \$2/person, advance registration required (info at www.thinairwinnipeg.ca)
Info/Registration: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/122422/school-stage>

Powerhouse science fiction writer and seasoned presenter Robert J. Sawyer brings his attention to the virtual world today's youth take for granted.

ROBERT J. SAWYER is one of only eight writers (and the only Canadian) ever to have won all three of the world's top awards for best science-fiction novel of the year: the Hugo (which he won for *Hominids*), the Nebula (for *The Terminal Experiment*), and the John W. Campbell Memorial Award (for *Mindscan*). According to the science-fiction trade journal *Locus*, Robert has won more awards as a science-fiction novelist than any other writer in the history of the field. His three most recent books—*Wake*, *Watch*, and *Wonder*, also known as the WWW trilogy—feature a brilliant, sensitive, and web-savvy adolescent. Sawyer's novels are always fast-paced and engaging. The WWW trilogy in particular challenges readers to consider the murky zone of contact between human experience and the developing technology that is so central to the lives of today's adolescents.

<http://sfwriter.com> / www.penguin.ca

New Release:

***Wonder* (Penguin Canada, 2011)**

Webmind is a vast consciousness that spontaneously emerged from the infrastructure of the World Wide Web, discovered by Caitlin Decter, the once-blind 16-year-old math genius. From curing cancer to easing international tensions, Webmind seems a boon to humanity. But Colonel Peyton Hume, the Pentagon's top expert on artificial intelligence, is convinced Webmind is a threat. He turns to the hacker underground to help him bring Webmind down. The intrigue grows, with increasingly convoluted relationships between those who want to protect Webmind, and those set on destroying it. Can this new world of wonder survive—or will everything, Webmind included, come crashing down?

Previous titles in the WWW series:

Wake (Penguin Canada, 2010)

Watch (Penguin Canada, 2010)

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