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“you out of the literature” (Lewis, The Discarded Image i), and Fantasies of Time and Death makes us hungry to return to the primary worlds it discusses.

—Sarah R.A. Waters

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FOUNDED IN 2014 AND PUBLISHED BY The Finnish Society for Science Fiction and Fantasy Research, World Fantasy Award-winning Fafnir publishes two issues per year and is indexed in the MLA International Bibliography and the Directory of Open Access Journals. Fafnir is co-edited by Bodhisattva Chattopadhyay, Laura E. Goodin, and Esko Suoranta; Editors-in-Chief serve a three year term and the journal is currently advertising for a 2021-2024 Editor. Reviews Editor Dennis Wilson Wise has written and reviewed for Mythlore and is our incoming Steward for the Mythopoeic Society Awards.

Fafnir’s content is almost entirely in English, and essays have dealt with topics and authors as diverse as Firefly/Serenity fandom, eugenics in science fiction, the dealer scene at Terry Pratchet conventions, race and racism in Star Trek, steampunk motifs in Miyazaki’s movies, artistic conventions in graphic
novels, the University of Oslo Science Library’s science fiction collection, and creators from Isaac Asimov to Janelle Monáe and all points between. Tolkien is well-represented, naturally. *Fafnir* is worth seeking out; *Mythlore’s* primarily North American readers should welcome the opportunity to expand their horizons and see what’s going on in the field around the world. (See also the journal’s advertisement on page 98 in this issue.)

—Janet Brennan Croft

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