

# Frey's Triptych picked as a top SF book

A former Fergus resident's debut novel continues to receive acclaim.

J.M. Frey's *Triptych* has been named one of the best books of the year by Publishers Weekly. It's listed at number 3 on this year's



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science fiction, fantasy and horror list, compiled by genre review editor Rose Fox.

"This book has aliens, time travel, queer polyamorous romance that feels absolutely real, loss and grief and soldiering on, languages, family... in short, it was written for me. I haven't felt this loved and acknowledged by a book in a very long time," Fox writes on her blog, *Genreville*.

A science fiction novel with literary fiction aspirations, *Triptych* is about a world where the aliens have come to Earth not as enslavers or invaders, but as the down-on-their-luck homeless seeking aid and a place to fit in.

Addressing such social issues a gender performance and family dynamics, culture clashes and culture shock, prejudice, violence, and the death of children, *Triptych* is the modern answer to Arthur C. Clarke and Isaac Asimov, an updated social commentary in vein of Heinlein, and a compelling, crafted fiction about what it means to fight for what you love against intolerance, prejudice, and mob

mentality.

Publishers Weekly's top 10 books in the genre are: *After the Apocalypse* by Maureen McHugh, *Zoo City* by Lauren Beukes, *Triptych* by J.M. Frey, *Impossible* by Daryl Gregory, *Two*

*Worlds and In Between: The Best of Caitlín R. Kiernan, Vol. 1* by Caitlín R. Kiernan, *Erekos* by A.M. Tuomala. Honorable mentions to: *The Heroes* by Joe Abercrombie, *Broken* by Susan Jane Bigelow, *The Dragon's Path* by Daniel Abraham, *Dead Iron* by Devon Monk.

Earlier, *Triptych* was praised as a "very impressive first novel" by fantasy author Todd McCaffrey, who wrote, "if Ms. Frey continues to do with science fiction what she's done in this book she might single-handedly be credited with reviving the entire genre."

Frey, who now lives in Toronto, calls herself a "fanthropologist and professional geek," and has a new novel, *The Dark Side of the Glass*, scheduled to come out in June 2012. Published in poetry, science fiction, and academic articles, she's lectured on pop culture, appeared on TV, radio, at conventions, and discussed *Doctor Who*, *Steampunk* and *cosplay*.

She's also *Miss November* in the *FutureCon Women of Valour* charity cosplay calendar, supporting *Epilepsy Toronto*.