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SLATE ANNOUNCES TOR'S ACQUISITION OF JOHN M. FORD'S BACKLIST AND NEVER-BEFORE-PUBLISHED NOVEL

NEW YORK, NY (November 18, 2019) – Slate.com exclusively revealed on Friday that Tor has acquired the rights to republish *New York Times* bestselling and award winning author John M. “Mike” Ford’s backlist and never-before-published novel. Journalist Isaac Butler writes of his discovery of Ford and his role in bringing Ford’s books back into print. Featuring interviews with Tor Editor-in-Chief Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Tor Executive Editor Beth Meacham, and Tor Consulting Editor Teresa Nielsen Hayden, the article is an extensive profile of Ford and his transition from acclaimed author to “posthumous invisibility” – and how Butler reconnected Ford’s family with Tor to bring Ford’s work back into print. Read the fascinating full story [here](#).

Executive Editor Beth Meacham negotiated the deal with Ford’s family and will serve as editor. Backlist reissues will include **WEB OF ANGELS**, **THE PRINCES OF THE AIR**, **THE DRAGON WAITING**, **THE SCHOLARS OF NIGHT**, and **GROWING UP WEIGHTLESS**. **THE DRAGON WAITING** will be published as a Tor Essential in September 2020. Meacham also acquired rights to publish **ASPECTS**, Ford’s final novel. It will be published for the first time in its unfinished form, featuring an introduction by Neil Gaiman, in early 2021. The deal also included a yet to-be-titled new collection of short fiction and marginalia. Finally, Tor will repackage **THE LAST HOT TIME** and **HEAT OF FUSION AND OTHER STORIES** in print.

Of the acquisition, Patrick Nielsen Hayden said: “Mike Ford was a genius taken from us too soon. But I can't overstate how happy I am that his core work will become available to a new generation of readers, and I know that innumerable people in the SF and fantasy world feel the same way. Thanks especially to the Ford family for their help in bringing this extraordinary event to pass.” Meacham echoed, “I've been sitting on 140,000 words of the most remarkable fantasy novel I've ever read for more than 10 years, unable to publish it. I can't begin to express how delighted I am to have worked out a deal with the Ford family.”

About John M. Ford

John M. Ford is a World Fantasy Award winner, for his novel *The Dragon Waiting*. His short fiction has been nominated many times for the Nebula and Hugo awards, as well as the World Fantasy Award. His Star Trek novels, especially *How Much for Just the Planet*, have been *New York Times* bestsellers. Ford passed away on Sept. 25, 2006.

About Tor Books

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