

TED CHIANG

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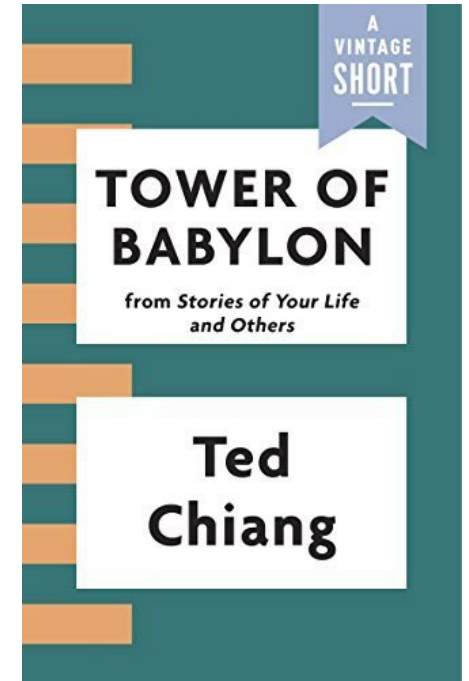
EARLY LIFE OF TED CHIANG

- Born in 1967, in Port Jefferson, New York
- He is the eldest son of Chinese parents—an engineering professor father and a librarian mother — who immigrated to Taiwan, then to America
- The start of his writing career began after attending the Clarion Workshop in 1989 to study science fiction.



START OF CHIANG'S WRITING CAREER

- Ted Chiang's writing career began when he published his debut story, “Tower of Babylon”, a reimagining of the Tower of Babel myth.
- This story earned him his first of many Nebula Award.
- From then on, Chiang’s writing took on the concepts of perspective and metacognition.
- In Chiang’s own words, his goal in writing “has to do with engaging in philosophical questions and thought experiments, trying to work out the consequences of certain ideas.”



INSPIRATIONS

- During his time in Seattle, he attended a one-man show about a woman's death from cancer. Not long after, a friend of his told him about recognizing her baby from its movements. This series of events led him to think about the concept of time.
- This brought about the publishing of the famed novella, "Story of Your Life," in 1998.
- Later, his novellas will explore different theoretical concepts, such as, free will and extraordinary hyper-intelligence.

Includes
"Story of Your Life,"
the Basis for the
Major Motion Picture
ARRIVAL

STORIES OF YOUR LIFE AND OTHERS
TED CHIANG

EXHALATION

STORIES

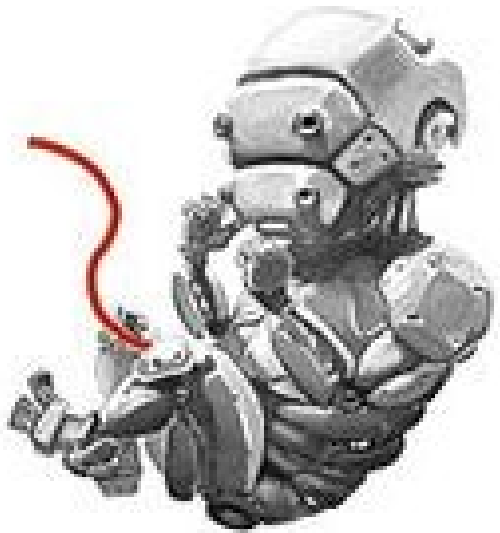
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NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF STORIES OF YOUR LIFE AND OTHERS

Basis for the Academy Award-nominated movie *Arrival*

THE LIFECYCLE OF SOFTWARE OBJECTS



TED CHIANG

PIECES OF WORK

Short Stories

- Tower of Babylon
- Division by Zero
- Understand
- Story of Your Life
- The Evolution of Human Science
- Seventy-Two Letters
- Hell is the Absence of God
- The Lifecycle of Software Objects
- Exhalation

Collections

- Story of Your Life and Others
- Exhalation: Stories

AWARDS

- His famed novella, “Story of Your Life,” was awarded the Nebula award. In addition, it was adapted into the Academy Award-nominated film, “Arrival.”
- He won the Hugo award for his novellas, “Exhalation”, “The Merchant and the Alchemist’s Gate”, and “The lifecycle of Software Objects.” He also won the Hugo award of the film “Arrival”
- He won the Nebula award for his novellas, “The Merchant and the Alchemist’s Gate,” and “Story of Your Life”
- In addition, he won the Locus award for his short story, “Exhalation”

CONCLUSION

Ted Chiang left his mark on the science fiction genre by linking the world of his stories to human relations and psychology in a realistic and thought-provoking way. As in his own words, “My primary goal has to do with engaging in philosophical questions and thought experiments, trying to work out the consequences of certain ideas’”

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