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Tyrannosaurus regina says

I'm quite an avid reader in fannish dialogues online, so I'd read some of these already, but it was amazing to me how many I hadn't. Though even when I hadn't, particularly in the essays section, I was aware of the ongoing discussions and events in fandom that had prompted them. There was a significant and appreciated effort at diversity within both content and contributors, but I have to say I would've liked to see a little bit more of people taking joy in fandom. Then again, maybe that just wasn't what people were writing about online in 2013.

Brooks says

I'm counting this as finished even though there are a few essays I haven't read yet (spoilers for things I've yet to read/watch/etc.)

A collection of online essays concerning science fiction / fantasy and their treatment or representation of marginalized populations (people of color, women, LGBTQ were the most common subjects). I like sci-fi/fantasy and I've read quite a bit of online activism concerning these subjects, so this was something that was right up my alley.

And it's pretty good. I read this cover to cover (minus the exceptions noted at the beginning) which is probably the wrong way to read it. This would be better as something that you dip into here and there since there is not much connection between the various essays.

Still I liked it, 3+ stars, and I'll come back to those others once I finish the things discussed.

Kerry says

Thoroughly fascinating, and now I have even more books on my TBR. :)

TheBookSmugglers says

We edited this and it's pretty fucking great.
