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Chasing Shadows: Visions Of Our Coming Transparent World



Synopsis

David Brin, Hugo award-winning author of *The Uplift War*, presents *Chasing Shadows*, a collection of short stories and essays by other science fiction luminaries. As we debate Internet privacy, revenge porn, the NSA, and Edward Snowden, cameras get smaller, faster, and more numerous. Has Orwell's Big Brother finally come to pass? Or have we become a global society of thousands of Little Brothers? Watching, judging, and reporting on one another? Partnering with the Arthur C. Clarke Center for Human Imagination, and inspired by Brin's nonfiction book *The Transparent Society*, noted author and futurist David Brin and scholar Stephen Potts have compiled essays and short stories from writers such as Robert J. Sawyer, James Morrow, William Gibson, Damon Knight, Jack McDevitt, and many others to examine the benefits and pitfalls of technologic transparency in all its permutations.

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DAVID BRIN is a scientist, speaker, technical consultant, and well-known author. His novels have been New York Times bestsellers, winning multiple Hugo and Nebula Awards among others. Brin lives near San Diego, California. STEPHEN W. POTTS is a professor in the Department of Literature at the University of California at San Diego specializing in twentieth-century fiction and popular culture.

I'm a huge fan of Brin, but this book could have used some more critical editing. Too cerebral.

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