

Hugo Award for Edinburgh-Based Author



Congratulations today to sci-fi and fantasy author **Charles Stross**, who has just won a **Hugo Award** for his novella *Equoid*.

The Hugo Awards are science fiction's most prestigious prizes, voted on by members of the **World Science Fiction Convention**. The winners were announced last night at the **Excel Convention Centre in London**, with American writer **Anne Leckie's** debut novel *Ancillary Justice* being named best novel.

This isn't the first Hugo Stross has won – in fact he's garnered quite a collection of prizes, including two previous Hugos and several **Locus awards**. Stross spoke about *Equoid* – which was inspired by **HP Lovecraft** – when he launched his novel *The Rhesus Chart* at Blackwell's earlier this year; you can read **The Edinburgh Reporter's** review of that event [here](#).

Equoid may be about unicorns, but these beasties are definitely not related to My Little Pony. Like *The Rhesus Chart*, the novella is part of the *Laundry Files* series,



so you can be sure that Bob, Stross's long-suffering civil servant, will soon be in hot water – or could that be steaming manure?



Stross is celebrating his 50th birthday next month: with another Hugo under his literary belt, it looks like he'll be having some party.