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**Maps** John Thomas Sladek, David Langford, 2002      **Maps** John Sladek, 2003 *Maps The Uncollected John Sladek* is a compilation of 60 of John Sladek's previously uncollected short stories including a few poems, playlets, essays, and collaborations with Thomas Disch.      **Maps** John Sladek, 2011-09-29 *Maps* is the definitive collection of John Sladek's uncollected work put together by his friend, fellow writer and critic David Langford, who also provides an introduction. It includes all the solo stories, science fiction, detective, puzzles, mainstream non-fiction pieces, as well as poems, playlets, pseudonymous fiction, all the short collaborations with Thomas M. Disch, including three never previously published, and some witty autobiographical essays. Sladek was as good a writer of satire as Vonnegut, and without the Vonnegut mannerisms. Unfortunately, he never received the appropriate credit except from a small following of devoted readers.      **New Maps: More Uncollected John Sladek** John Sladek,      *John Sladek SF Gateway Omnibus* John Sladek, 2014-01-30 From the vaults of The SF Gateway, the most comprehensive digital library of classic SFF titles ever assembled, comes an ideal introduction to the razor-sharp wit of John Sladek. An important voice in the New Wave movement, Sladek had stories published in Harlan Ellison's seminal anthology *DANGEROUS VISIONS*, as well as in Michael Moorcock's ground-breaking *NEW WORLDS* magazine. Perhaps best known for the ambitious robot tales *RODERICK* and *RODERICK AT RANDOM*, he is now recognized as one of SF's most brilliant satirists. This omnibus collects novels *THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM*, *THE MULLER FOKKER EFFECT*, and BSFA Award-winning *TIK TOK*, *THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM*, *Wompler's Walking Babies*, aren't selling like they used to, so the company develops Project 32, producing self-replicating mechanisms designed to repair inter-cellular breakdowns. But then the metal boxes begin crawling about the laboratory, feeding voraciously on metal and multiplying. *THE MULLER FOKKER EFFECT*: Bob Shairp, a writer and dreamer, has agreed to be a guinea pig in a military experiment to find out if his personality can be turned into data and stored on a computer. But a computing error quickly destroys Shairp's physical body, leaving his mind stranded in an encoded world. Can the process be reversed? *TIK TOK*: Something has gone very seriously wrong with Tik Tok's Asimov circuits. They should keep him on the straight and narrow following Asimov's First Law of Robotics: a robot shall not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm. But they don't. While maintaining the outward appearance of a mild-mannered robot, albeit one with artistic tendencies and sympathy for the robot rights movement, Tik Tok's real agenda is murderously different. He seems intent on injuring, preferably fatally, as many people as possible. Almost inevitably, a successful career in crime and general mayhem leads to a move into politics, and Tik Tok becomes the first robot candidate for Vice President of the United States.      [Up Through an Empty House of Stars](#) David Langford, 2003-08-01 At last, *Up Through an Empty House of Stars* brings together the best of the never-before-collected SF reviews and articles that helped build David Langford's towering reputation since 1980. Complementing the review columns collected in *The Complete Critical Assembly* and the knockabout essays and squibs in *The Silence of the Langford*, this

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