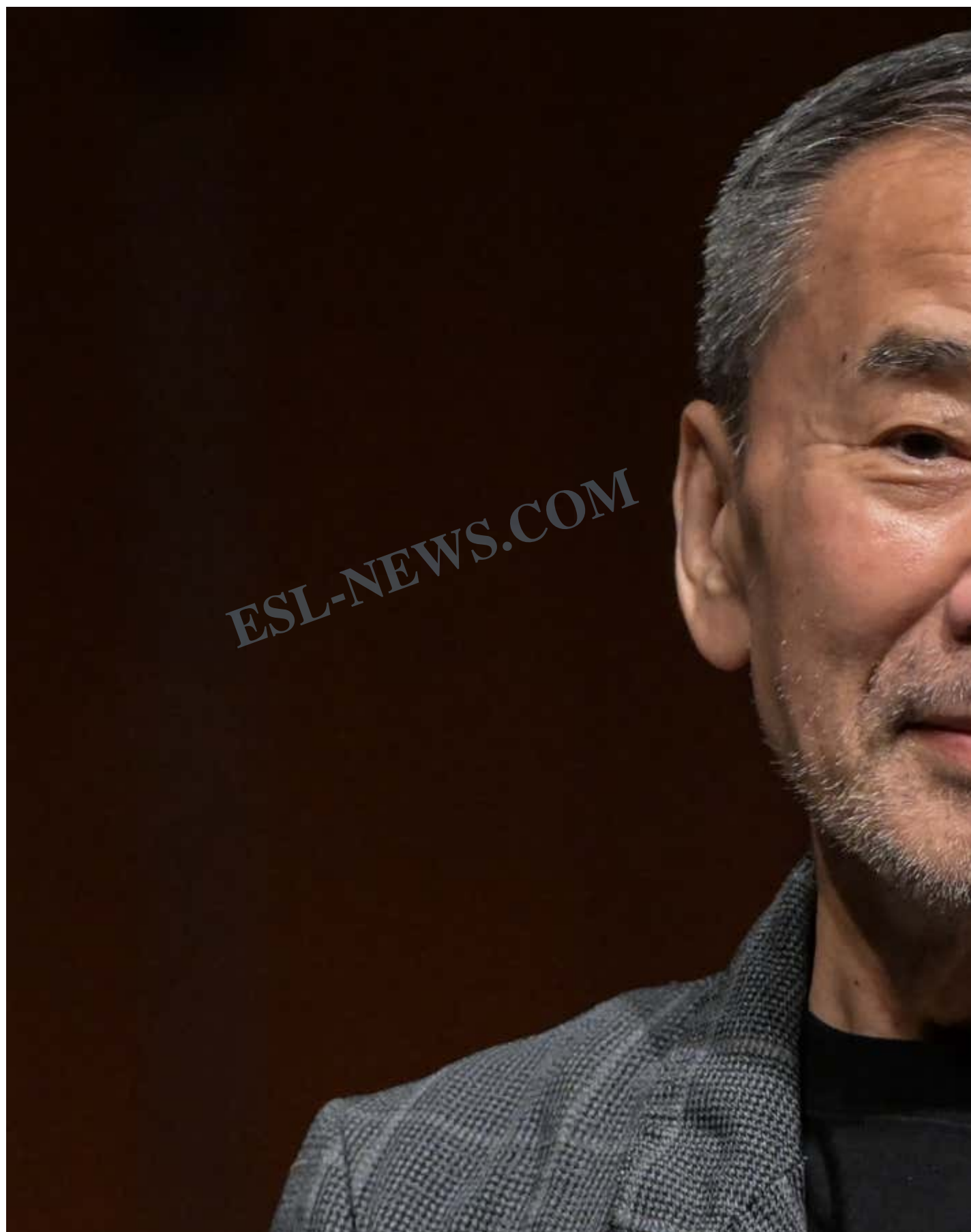




Must-Read Sci-Fi Releases: Murakami and Ellison This Month

Description

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Haruki Murakami has a long-awaited new novel out in English translation this month

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Anticipation has been building for the English translation of Haruki Murakami's latest offering, *The City and Its Uncertain Walls*, which became available just in time for Christmas. This novel promises to be a captivating blend of dreamlike elements and speculative themes. November also introduces an intriguing culinary contest set in space—*Interstellar MegaChef* by Lavanya Lakshminarayan—sure to tantalize readers' taste buds. However, the month's highlight rests in its short story collections: a long-anticipated sci-fi anthology spearheaded by the legendary Harlan Ellison, alongside a debut from the talented Eliza Clark. For those who have been too busy to read a full-length novel, these collections provide perfect opportunities for literary escapism.

Originally published as a story in 1980, Murakami returns to his universe, exploring a man's quest to find his vanished girlfriend and the metaphorical "walled city" where her true self dwells. Murakami expresses that amid profound societal shifts, the question of whether to stay within the walls or venture beyond holds unprecedented significance.

Another noteworthy release is Ellison's anthology, finally bringing to light powerful pieces from diverse authors that explore a multitude of themes in sci-fi. Enthusiasts of speculative fiction will find a wealth of excitement in this month's offerings, ensuring a delightful reading experience.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Anticipation** /æn,tɪs.ɪ'peɪ.jən/ (noun): A feeling of excitement about something that is going to happen.
2. **Culinary** /'kʌl.ɪ.nər.i/ (adjective): Related to cooking or the kitchen.
3. **Speculative** /'spek.jʊ.lə.tɪv/ (adjective): Involving ideas or guesses rather than facts.
4. **Escapism** /ɪ'skeɪ.pɪ.zəm/ (noun): The tendency to seek distraction and relief from unpleasant realities.
5. **Highlight** /'haɪ.laɪt/ (noun/verb): The most outstanding or important part; to emphasize.
6. **Anthology** /æn'θɒl.ə.dʒi/ (noun): A published collection of writings (such as poems or short stories).

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to something of considerable size or importance?

Option: Efficiency

Option: Substantial

Option: Challenging



Option: Metabolism

2. Which term means hidden or not easily noticed?

- Option: Surged
- Option: Concealed
- Option: Vulnerability
- Option: Amino Acids

3. Which term is synonymous with involved or occupied?

- Option: Separation
- Option: Engaged
- Option: Mixture
- Option: Anticipation

4. What term describes a combination of different elements?

- Option: Depleting
- Option: Culinary
- Option: Mixture
- Option: Efficiency

5. Which term describes the repulsion of water?

- Option: Metabolism
- Option: Anthology
- Option: Hydrophobic
- Option: Dynamics

6. Which term is associated with providing incentive or encouragement?

- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Vulnerability
- Option: Metabolism
- Option: Motivating

7. Which term means to increase suddenly or rise rapidly?

- Option: Remnants
- Option: Escapism
- Option: Surged
- Option: Speculative

8. Which term means to reduce or exhaust the supply of something?



- Option: Amino Acids
- Option: Depleting
- Option: Culinary
- Option: Highlight

9. Which term is related to cooking or the art of preparing food?

- Option: Seperation
- Option: Efficiency
- Option: Culinary
- Option: Vulnerabilty

10. Which term describes the ability to accomplish a task with minimal waste of time and effort?

- Option: Speculative
- Option: Efficiency
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Metabolism

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. A _____ is an observable fact or event.
12. The child's illness left him with a sense of _____.
13. After the fire only a few _____ of the building stood.
14. The library features an _____ of short stories by various authors.
15. The students waited in _____ for the exam results.
16. Investing in cryptocurrency can be highly risky and _____.
17. Your body's _____ affects how efficiently you burn calories.
18. The journey was made easier by the presence of loyal _____.
19. The trip's _____ was seeing the majestic waterfall.
20. The final exam was extremely _____.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



21. The artist created intricate designs in her work.
22. Understanding the of a new team can help improve collaboration.
23. Their was amicable and they remained friends.
24. In harsh conditions finding can be a struggle.
25. The coach gave a speech that inspired the team.
26. Improving in production can lead to cost savings.
27. The chef's skills impressed all the guests.
28. The professor published an of poetry by modern writers.
29. The novel offered readers a form of from their daily lives.
30. The movie's was the stunning visual effects.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Substantial 2. Concealed 3. Engaged 4. Mixture 5. Hydrophobic 6. Motivating 7. Surged
8. Depleting 9. Culinary 10. Efficiency

Gap-Fill: 11. phenomenon 12. vulnerability 13. remnants 14. anthology 15. anticipation 16. speculative
17. metabolism 18. companions 19. highlight 20. challenging

Matching sentence: 1. meticulously 2. dynamics 3. separation 4. sustenance 5. motivating 6. efficiency
7. culinary 8. anthology 9. escapism 10. highlight

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