Survey



1. Gender		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	59.2%	221
Female	38.6%	144
Transgender	0.5%	2
Genderqueer	0.8%	3
Prefer not to answer	0.8%	3
Other	0.0%	0
	Other (please specify)	7
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

Age

82% of Lightspeed's readers fall into the coveted 25-54 age demographic. 10% of Lightspeed's readers are 18-24.

Purchasing Habits

On average, Lightspeed's readers purchase 1.25 hardcovers, 2.5 paperbacks, and 2 ebooks per month.

2. What country do you live in? Response Response Percent Count **United States** 70.2% 262 Canada 5.6% 21 United Kingdom 6.4% 24 Australia 3.8% 14 India 0.0% 0 Philippines 3 0.8% China 0.0% 0 Germany 1.3% 5 2 Spain 0.5% France 1.1% 4 Israel 0.3% 1 Russia 0.0% 0 Ireland 0.3% 1 New Zealand 0.8% 3 Sweden 0.3% 1 Japan 1 0.3% Brazil 0.3% 1 8 Uo/ 30

30	8.0%	Other
30	Other (please specify)	
373	answered question	
1	skipped question	

3. Marital Status

	Response Percent	Response Count
married	55.0%	205
single	22.8%	85
unmarried, but in committed relationship	16.4%	61
formerly married	4.3%	16
Other	1.6%	6

Other (please specify)

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answered question	373
skipped question	1

4. Do you have children?

	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
Yes	40.8%	152
No	59.2%	221
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

5. Living Arrangements: Response Response Percent Count own home/condo 53.1% 198 live with relatives 8.0% 30 rent 35.9% 134 Other 2.9% 11 Other (please specify) 8 373 answered question skipped question 1

6. Occupation:

	Response Percent	Response Count
professional	20.4%	76
writer/editor	18.2%	68
civil service	2.4%	9
education	7.8%	29
arts	2.4%	9
office	5.4%	20
student	6.7%	25
computer	11.8%	44
blue collar	2.4%	9
technical	5.1%	19
business	4.3%	16
retired	3.2%	12
other	9.9%	37
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

7. Secondary Occupation:

writer/editor 51.2% 104 civil service 1.0% 2 education 5.9% 12 arts 6.9% 14 office 1.5% 3 student 4.9% 10 computer 7.4% 15 blue collar 1.5% 3 technical 3.0% 6 business 1.5% 3			
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retired 2.5% 5 other 8.9% 18 answered question 203	technical	3.0%	6
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	other	8.9%	18
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		skipped question	171

8. Annual Family Income:

	Response Percent	Response Count
\$0-10,000	4.6%	17
\$10,001-20,000	5.4%	20
\$20,001-30,000	7.8%	29
\$30,001-40,000	6.7%	25
\$40,001-50,000	8.0%	30
\$50,001-75,000	13.9%	52
\$75,001-100,000	14.7%	55
\$100,001-150,000	12.3%	46
over \$150,000	6.2%	23
Prefer not to answer	20.4%	76
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

9. Please select the highest level of education completed:

	Response Percent	Response Count
none	0.3%	1
high school	3.5%	13
some college	12.6%	47
AA degree	4.8%	18
Bachelors	36.7%	137
some grad school	9.7%	36
Masters	24.1%	90
law or medicine	2.9%	11
PhD	5.4%	20
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

10. Do you own any of the following?

	Response Percent	Response Count
game console (Wii, PS3, etc.)	54.9%	202
dedicated e-book reader (Kindle, Nook, etc.)	44.3%	163
tablet (iPad, etc.)	25.5%	94
plasma/HDTV	51.6%	190
TiVo/DVR	29.6%	109
iPod/MP3 player	75.0%	276
digital camera	85.6%	315
cell phone	67.1%	247
smartphone	52.2%	192
car	68.8%	253
	answered question	368
	skipped question	6

11. How many computers do you own?

	Response Percent	Response Count
0	0.0%	0
1	16.9%	60
2	36.5%	130
3	18.5%	66
more than 3	28.1%	100
	answered question	356
	skipped question	18

12. What operating systems do your computers run?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Windows (PC)	79.6%	297
OSX (Mac)	37.8%	141
Linux	20.6%	77
iOS (Apple)	18.8%	70
Android	13.7%	51
Other	0.5%	2

Other (please specify)

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13. How many hours per week do you spend online?

	Response Percent	Response Count
less than 1	0.3%	1
1-2	0.0%	0
3-5	2.9%	11
6-9	12.1%	45
10-19	25.2%	94
20+	59.5%	222
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

14. Do you have high-speed internet at home?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	95.2%	355
No	4.8%	18
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

15. Do you have a website or blog?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	68.1%	254
No	31.9%	119
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

16. Which of the following social networking services do you use on a regular basis?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Twitter	68.9%	224
Facebook	74.2%	241
Google +	41.5%	135
Tumblr	13.2%	43
StumbleUpon	3.7%	12
LiveJournal	22.5%	73
Other	10.2%	33
	Other (please specify)	36
	answered question	325
	skipped question	49

17. What type of video games do you enjoy?

	Response Percent	Response Count
MMORPGs	23.1%	62
computer gaming	54.1%	145
console gaming (Xbox 360, PS3, etc.)	48.9%	131
browser-based gaming (Farmville, etc.)	13.1%	35
iOS/Android gaming	29.5%	79
Other	6.7%	18
	Other (please specify)	27
	answered question	268
	skipped question	106

18. When shopping for entertainment (books, movies, games, etc.), how often do you make your purchases online?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Always / Almost Always (76-100% of the time)	29.6%	106
Frequently (about 51-75% of the time)	40.8%	146
Sometimes (about 26-50% of the time)	23.2%	83
Rarely (about 1-25% of the time)	5.3%	19
Never (0% of the time)	1.1%	4
	answered question	358
	skipped question	16

Survey



1. If you regularly read ebooks, on what device do you typically read them?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Computer (Mac/PC/Linux)	32.2%	120
Kindle	27.1%	101
Nook	9.9%	37
Sony Reader	6.2%	23
Kobo Reader	1.6%	6
iPad	15.5%	58
iPhone	12.6%	47
smartphone	9.9%	37
I don't read ebooks	20.1%	75
Other	8.3%	31
	Other (please specify)	41
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

2. Which ebook stores are your preferred venues for purchasing ebooks?

Nook 13.9% iBooks 10.7% Kobo 2.9% Fictionwise 9.1% ReaderStore (Sony) 2.7% Google eBookstore 5.9% Baen Webscriptions 11.5% Weightless Books 15.0% Direct from Publisher 24.1% I don't read ebooks 19.8% Other 13.1% Other please specify)			Response Count
iBooks 10.7% Kobo 2.9% Fictionwise 9.1% ReaderStore (Sony) 2.7% Google eBookstore 5.9% Baen Webscriptions 11.5% Weightless Books 15.0% Direct from Publisher 24.1% I don't read ebooks 19.8% Other 13.1% Other (please specify)	Kindle	46.1%	172
Kobo 2.9% Fictionwise 9.1% ReaderStore (Sony) 2.7% Google eBookstore 5.9% Baen Webscriptions 11.5% Weightless Books 15.0% Direct from Publisher 24.1% I don't read ebooks 19.8% Other 13.1% Other (please specify)	Nook	13.9%	52
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Google eBookstore 5.9% Baen Webscriptions 11.5% Weightless Books 15.0% Direct from Publisher 24.1% I don't read ebooks 19.8% Other 13.1% Other (please specify)	Fictionwise	9.1%	34
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Direct from Publisher 24.1% I don't read ebooks 19.8% Other 13.1% Other (please specify) answered question	Baen Webscriptions	11.5%	43
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Other 13.1% Other (please specify) answered question	Direct from Publisher	24.1%	90
Other (please specify) answered question	I don't read ebooks	19.8%	74
answered question	Other	13.1%	49
		Other (please specify)	61
skipped question		answered question	373
		skipped question	1

3. Which of the following online publications do you read regularly?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Abyss & Apex	11.5%	37
AE	1.2%	4
Ansible	10.0%	32
Apex Magazine	24.9%	80
Blastr	8.7%	28
Clarkesworld	58.9%	189
Daily SF	29.6%	95
Ideomancer	9.3%	30
io9.com	43.9%	141
Intergalactic Medicine Show	9.3%	30
Redstone SF	11.8%	
SFRevu	4.7%	15
SF Signal	35.5%	114
SF Site	14.0%	45
Strange Horizons	40.5%	130
Subterranean	21.5%	69
Tangent Online	2.8%	9
Tor.com	58.3%	187
Other	12.1%	39
	Other (please specify)	56
	answered question	321
	skipped question	53

4. Which of the following print magazines do you read regularly?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Analog	33.9%	77
Asimov's	47.6%	108
Black Gate	8.8%	20
Bull Spec	5.3%	12
Cemetery Dance	4.4%	10
Cosmos	1.3%	3
F&SF	41.9%	95
Interzone	16.7%	38
Lady Churchill's Rosebud Wristlet	13.7%	31
McSweeney's	11.9%	27
New York Review of Science Fiction	7.5%	17
The New Yorker	17.6%	40
Realms of Fantasy	21.1%	48
Rosebud	0.0%	0
Shimmer	7.5%	17
Shock Totem	4.0%	9
Tin House	5.3%	12
Weird Tales	16.3%	37
Other	14.5%	33
	Other (please specify)	48
	answered question	227
	skipped question	147

5. What other SF/F podcasts do you listen to?

		ponse rcent	Response Count
Clarkesworld		43.5%	87
The Geek's Guide to the Galaxy		18.5%	37
Escape Pod		57.5%	115
PodCastle		41.0%	82
Pseudopod		27.5%	55
DrabbleCast		23.0%	46
SF Signal		23.0%	46
Functional Nerds		11.0%	22
SFF Audio		6.0%	12
Beneath Ceaseless Skies		24.5%	49
StarShipSofa		31.0%	62
Sword and Laser		6.5%	13
Other		17.0%	34
	Other (please s	pecify)	54
	answered qu	estion	200
	skipped qu	estion	174

6. Are you a writer of science fiction/fantasy? Response Percent Count Yes 58.4% 218 No 41.6% 155 answered question 373

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skipped question

7. How long have you been	reading SF/F regularly?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
less than 1 year	2.9%	11
1 year	1.9%	7
2-5 years	6.2%	23
6-10 years	6.4%	24
11-20 years	20.1%	75
21-30 years	30.8%	115
31+ years	31.6%	118
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

8. What kind of science fiction do you most enjoy? (Select as many as you like.)

	Response	Response
	Percent	Count
cyberpunk	48.1%	178
hard sf	55.9%	207
soft sf	60.0%	222
sociological sf	61.9%	229
interstellar sf	56.5%	209
aliens	46.8%	173
post-apocalyptic	56.5%	209
dystopian sf	53.8%	199
adventure sf	55.4%	205
military sf	26.2%	97
mundane sf	23.2%	86
space opera	57.3%	212
steampunk	44.6%	165
golden age sf	35.9%	133
new wave sf	30.3%	112
near-future sf	56.8%	210
far-future sf	56.8%	210
comedic sf	38.9%	144
superhero fiction	27.8%	103
zombies	25.7%	95
Other	7.3%	27
	Other (please specify)	33

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9. What kind of fantasy do you most enjoy? (Select as many as you like.)

	Response Percent	Response Count
epic fantasy	64.8%	226
sword & sorcery	53.3%	186
contemporary fantasy	52.4%	183
urban fantasy	51.6%	180
paranormal romance	15.2%	53
mythic fantasy	51.3%	179
magic realism	54.4%	190
dark fantasy	60.5%	211
quirky fantasy	43.0%	150
comedic fantasy	41.3%	144
fairy tales	41.3%	144
new weird	42.7%	149
steampunk	46.7%	163
superhero fiction	26.9%	94
zombies	23.5%	82
Other	6.0%	21
	Other (please specify)	28
	answered question	349

skipped question

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10. Do you collect any of the following? Response Response Percent Count hardcovers 69.1% 192 paperbacks 73.7% 205 magazines 34.9% 97 comics 32.4% 90 graphic novels 43.5% 121 dvds 41.0% 114 memorabilia 14.7% 41 autographs 12.2% 34 Other 7.2% 20 Other (please specify) 30

answered question

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11. How often are the science fiction and fantasy books you buy purchased new (rather than used)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Always / Almost Always (76-100% of the time)	30.8%	110
Frequently (51-75% of the time)	29.7%	106
Sometimes (26-50% of the time)	23.2%	83
Rarely (1-25% of the time)	14.3%	51
Never (0% of the time)	2.0%	7
	answered question	357
	skipped question	17

12. Where do you buy most of your SF/F?

	Response Percent	Response Count
chain stores	34.2%	125
general bookstores	41.9%	153
specialty stores	24.7%	90
online bookstores	74.5%	272
mail order	9.0%	33
newsstands	1.4%	5
wholesale or discount stores	11.8%	43
conventions	15.1%	55
ebook stores	38.4%	140
	answered question	365
	skipped question	9

13. How many science fiction conventions do you attend, on average, in any given year?

	Response Percent	Response Count
0	54.4%	203
1-2	36.5%	136
3-5	8.0%	30
6-10	1.1%	4
11+	0.0%	0
	answered question	373
	skipped question	1

14. Which of the following science fiction/fantasy awards do you regularly vote for?

Response Count	Response Percent	
61	16.4%	Hugo Awards
22	5.9%	World Fantasy Awards
27	7.2%	Nebula Awards
51	13.7%	Locus Awards
258	69.2%	None of the above
25	6.7%	Other
27	Other (please specify)	
373	answered question	
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15. Which of the following related subjects are you interested in?

	Response Percent	Response Count
movies	73.3%	269
television	61.0%	224
comics	40.3%	148
graphic novels	49.3%	181
manga	18.3%	67
anime	23.4%	86
science, non-fiction	72.5%	266
tabletop gaming	24.0%	88
role-playing games	34.1%	125
video games	40.3%	148
fanzines/small press zines	30.0%	110
cosplay	7.4%	27
renaissance faires	16.9%	62
sword/weapon collecting	10.9%	40
Doctor Who	42.0%	154
Star Trek	36.2%	133
Star Wars	33.0%	121
Halo	7.6%	28
Warhammer 40k	6.3%	23
True Blood	13.4%	49
The Walking Dead	25.6%	94
Twilight	3.5%	13
mainstream fiction	39.8%	146

134	36.5%	mystery fiction
140	38.1%	historical fiction
33	9.0%	romance fiction
139	37.9%	young adult fiction
34	9.3%	Other
37	Other (please specify)	
367	answered question	
7	skipped question	