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■ Time travel

My dream is to travel back in time, say 200 years, and show people a CD player. How glorious to watch their reactions. Would they be shocked? Would they grab it from me and check if there are miniature people inside? Would some even be creative enough to guess that this is a future technology?

Imagine bringing children from that era back to the present day. I'd like to see their faces when they first saw the lights of aircraft in the night sky. What would they make of the flashing white, red and green lights? Would they be afraid? Would they love it? Would it inspire some of them to be more daring in their lives?

And imagine explaining to those 19th-century children how much longer we live today. And that many of today's 60, 70 and 80-year-olds are healthier, happier, and more active than they are.

It would make me realise just how far we have come and perhaps help me imagine the next 200 years.

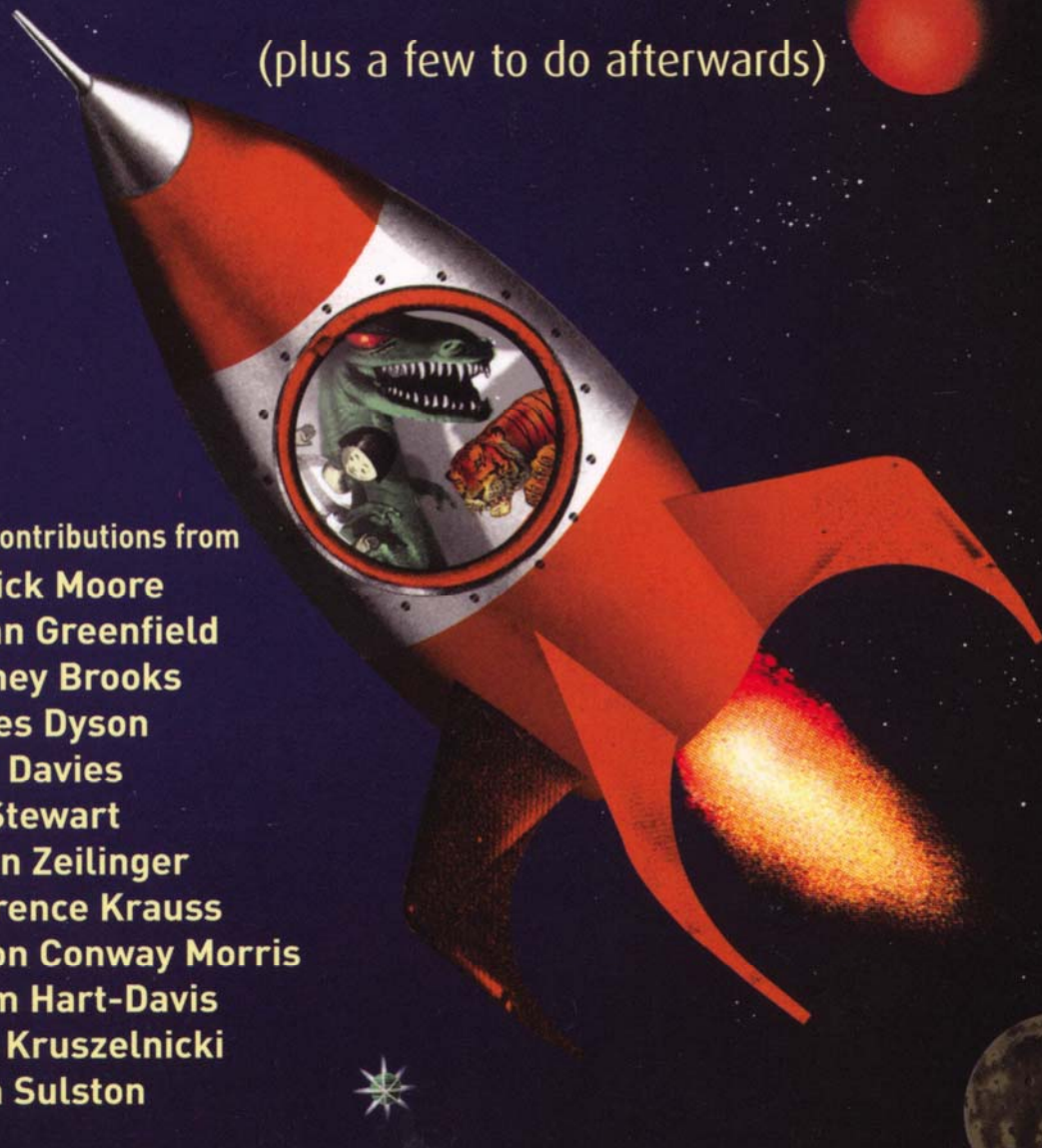
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