AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

M. John Harrison

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

22 books · 2 series · List updated November 14, 2026

- ☐ 1971 *The Committed Men*
  Novel
  His first novel.

Viriconium

Series · 4 books · 1971–1984

- ☐ 1971 *The Pastel City*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1980 *A Storm of Wings*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1982 *In Viriconium*
  Book 3 · Novel
- ☐ 1984 *Viriconium Nights*
  Book 4 · Story collection

- ☐ 1974 *The Centauri Device*
  Novel
- ☐ 1975 *The Machine in Shaft Ten*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1983 *The Ice Monkey*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1989 *Climbers*
  Novel
  Won the 1989 Boardman Tasker Prize for Mountain Literature.
- ☐ 1992 *The Course of the Heart*
  Novel
- ☐ 1996 *Signs of Life*
  Novel
- ☐ 2000 *Travel Arrangements*
  Story collection

Kefahuchi Tract

Series · 3 books · 2002–2012

Also called the Empty Space trilogy.

- ☐ 2002 — *Light*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 2006 — *Nova Swing*
  Book 2 · Novel
  Won the Arthur C. Clarke Award and the Philip K. Dick Award.
- ☐ 2012 — *Empty Space*
  Book 3 · Novel

- ☐ 2002 — *Things That Never Happen*
  Story collection
- ☐ 2005 — *Parietal Games*
  Nonfiction
  Reviews and essays, edited by Mark Bould and Michelle Reid.
- ☐ 2017 — *You Should Come With Me Now*
  Story collection
- ☐ 2020 — *Settling the World: Selected Stories 1970–2020*
  Story collection
- ☐ 2020 — *The Sunken Land Begins to Rise Again*
  Novel
  Won the 2020 Goldsmiths Prize.
- ☐ 2023 — *Wish I Was Here*
  Memoir
  Subtitled An Anti-Memoir.
- ☐ 2026 — *The End of Everything*
  Novel
  Won the 2026 Booker Prize.