

The Outspoken and the Incendiary

Interviews with Radical Speculative Fiction Writers

Terry Bisson

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For more than a decade, radical science fiction author and activist journalist Terry Bisson interviewed some of the most provocative and outspoken authors of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Anarchism, sexuality, creativity, and the future of humanity itself—no topic was taboo. Bisson's prankster spirit also shone through as he quizzed his subjects about what cars they drove, played free association games, and created an atmosphere of two old friends having intimate late-night chats. Collected from PM Press's award-winning Outspoken Authors series for the first time, *The Outspoken and the Incendiary* showcases insightful and long-form explorations into the lives and minds of some of today's most politically charged fiction writers.

"PM's Outspoken Authors series looks almost like a science fiction Who's Who or Hall of Fame, except that I included myself. Because I could." —Terry Bisson

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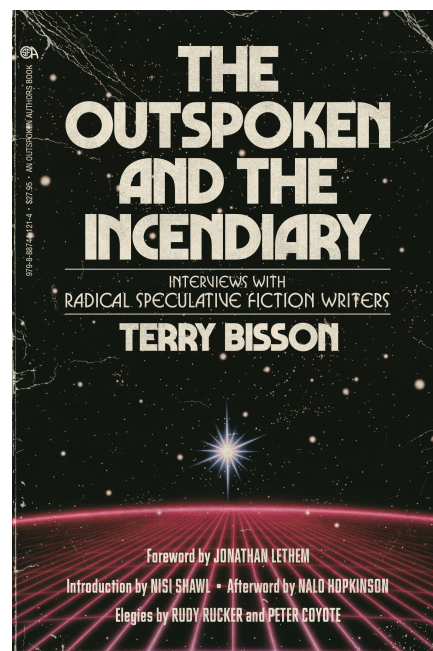
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Terry Bisson (1942–2024) was an author, editor, political activist, and friend to many. He was a Hugo and Nebula award-winning writer of seven novels, numerous short works of fiction, and over a dozen books for children and young adults. He was the author of *On a Move: The Story of Mumia Abu Jamal* and editor of PM Press's Outspoken Authors series. PM Press published his books *TVA Baby*, *Fire on the Mountain*, and *The Left Left Behind*. He also wrote the long-running "This Month in History" series for Locus. His radical politics landed him in jail for refusing to give testimony to a grand jury investigating the radical underground. He operated Jacobin Books, a "revolutionary" mail-order book service, from 1985 to 1990. He was as much an activist's activist as he was a literary powerhouse.

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"I've come to think of PM Press's Outspoken Authors series, which has by now been going on for some thirteen years under the editorship of Terry Bisson, as my favorite collection of author hangouts. These modest collections of fiction, essays, bibliographies, and interviews have ranged from legendary authors like Le Guin and Delany to newer voices like Meg Elison and Vandana Singh, and each one feels like spending a fascinating evening with the subject."

—Gary K. Wolfe, *Locus*



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