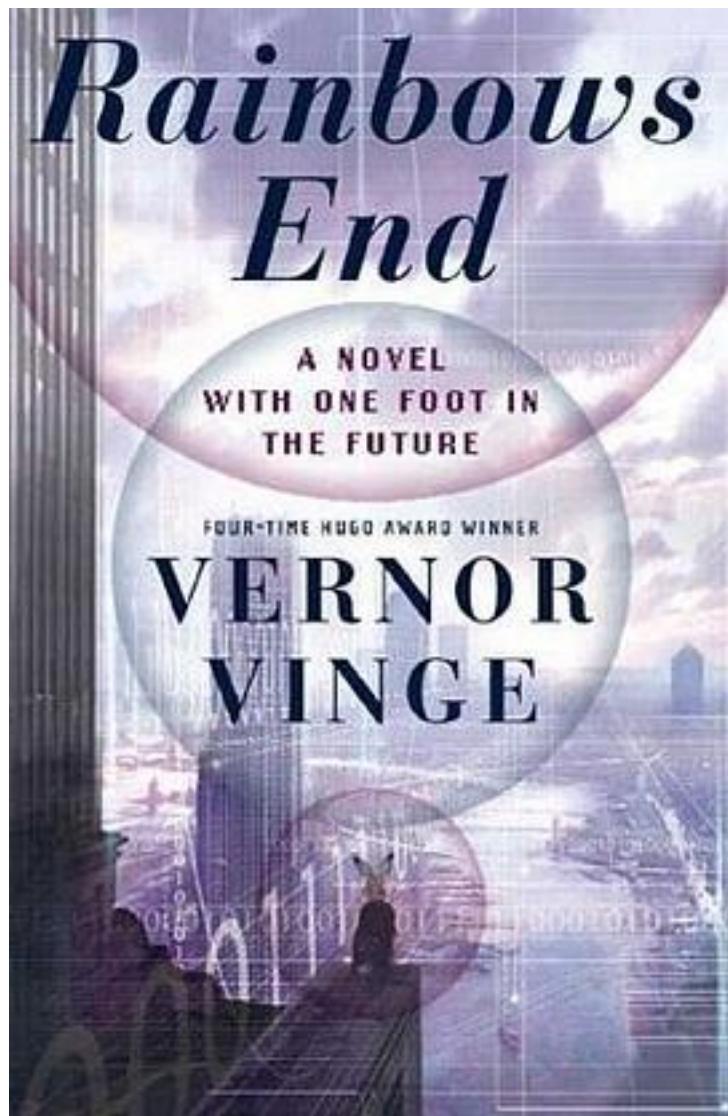


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Four time Hugo Award winner Vernor Vinge has taken readers to the depths of space and into the far future in his bestselling novels *A Fire Upon the Deep* and *A Deepness in the Sky*. Now, he has written a science-fiction thriller set in a place and time as exciting and strange as any far-future world: San Diego, California, 2025.

Robert Gu is a recovering Alzheimer's patient. The world that he remembers was much as we know it today. Now, as he regains his faculties through a cure developed during the years of his near-fatal decline, he discovers that the world has changed and so has his place in it. He was a world-renowned poet. Now he is seventy-five years old, though by a medical miracle he looks much younger, and he's starting over, for the first time unsure of his poetic gifts. Living with his son's family, he has no choice but to learn how to cope with a new information age in which the virtual and the real are a seamless continuum, layers of reality built on digital views seen by a single person or millions, depending on your choice. But the consensus reality of the digital world is available only if, like his thirteen-year-old granddaughter Miri, you know how to wear your wireless access—through nodes designed into smart clothes—and to see the digital context—through smart contact lenses.

With knowledge comes risk. When Robert begins to re-train at Fairmont High, learning with other older people what is second nature to Miri and other teens at school, he unwittingly becomes part of a wide-ranging conspiracy to use technology as a tool for world domination.

In a world where every computer chip has Homeland Security built-in, this conspiracy is something that baffles even the most sophisticated security analysts, including Robert's son and daughter-in law, two top people in the U.S. military. And even Miri, in her attempts to protect her grandfather, may be entangled in the plot.

As Robert becomes more deeply involved in conspiracy, he is shocked to learn of a radical change planned for the UCSD Geisel Library; all the books there, and worldwide, would cease to physically exist. He and his fellow re-trainees feel compelled to join protests against the change. With forces around the world converging on San Diego, both the conspiracy and the protest climax in a spectacular moment as unique and satisfying as it is unexpected. This is science fiction at its very best, by a master storyteller at his peak.

作者介绍:

弗诺·文奇

作为赛伯朋克流派中活跃至今的著名科幻作家，弗诺·文奇在硬科幻写作方面颇有造诣，拥有极高的声誉。弗诺·文奇本人兼具数学家和计算机专家两种身份，他的小说逻辑严密、情节紧凑，尤以细节的缔造和令人惊叹的预见力著称。阅读文奇的科幻小说，绝对是一种享受。

文奇并不多产，但他的每一部小说都称得上经典：1981年，《真名实姓》使他声名大噪；1993年，《深渊上的火》获得雨果奖；2000年，《天渊》击败《哈利·波特与阿兹卡班的囚徒》再获雨果奖……2007年，《彩虹尽头》让他捧回第五座雨果奖奖杯。

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评论

看到三分之二终于失去了耐心，后面的草草翻过，知道了一下结局，算是读过。原因是故事始终不抓人，作者兴趣在于描述近期未来的电脑技术对生活的全面占领。于是故事的悬疑和情节就只是一个框架。对技术的想像和推测令人佩服，但文笔索然无味。主角是个刻薄讨厌的诗人，愈发雪上加霜。一次失败的阅读体验。

这次Vinge的预言会成真吗？

没完结

除了epiphany的压力模拟以外，对未来的想象很精准。

文奇式冒险故事 虽然不乏精彩，但和他几年前的宇宙界区系列比起来还是略逊一筹

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书评

读完这本小说，我在心中萦绕了两个问题：一是在未来我们身上被称之为人性的东西会不会改变？二是“彩虹的尽头”在小说里只是一所养老院，在小说中发生在这个养老院中的故事并不多，作者为什么要这样命名这部科幻小说呢？

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