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About the Author

A winner of the Hugo and Nebula Awards, **George Alec Effinger** was the author of *What Entropy Means to Me* and *Schrodinger's Kitten*. He died in 2002.

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