

Honorary Fellow Receives “Genius Grant”


David Macaulay, an STC Honorary Fellow, has received a 2006 MacArthur Fellowship, a prestigious honor that recognizes individuals for extraordinary creativity in the arts and sciences. Often referred to as “genius grants,” MacArthur Fellowships provide one-time, no-strings-attached grants of \$500,000 to allow recipients the freedom to pursue their creative interests.

A writer and illustrator of more than a dozen books, Macaulay is best known for his 1988 bestseller, *The Way Things Work*, which explains through text and drawings the workings of machines as simple as a lever and as complex as a radio transmitter. His latest book, *Mosque*, describes the design and construction of a sixteenth-century mosque. Macaulay’s



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other works include *Cathedral*, *Castle*, *Pyramid*, and *The New Way Things Work*. Although many of his books are recommended for children, Macaulay’s precise explanations and illustrations of mechanical and scientific principles have entertained and illuminated millions of adults around the world.

As STC’s Honorary Fellow for 2002, Macaulay spoke at the opening session of STC’s 49th Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. He is the third STC Honorary Fellow to receive a MacArthur Fellowship, joining computer scientist Timothy Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide Web, and the late Stephen Jay Gould, an eminent biologist and writer. 



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