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Doherty has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Skylark, awarded by the New England Science Fiction Association for outstanding contributions to the field of science fiction; the Silver Bullet Award from the International Thriller Writers; and the Raymond Z. Gallun Award for outstanding contribution to the genre of science fiction; and the Lauriet Award from the Western Writers of America for contribution to literacy. He was also honored with a proclamation from Charles B. Rangel, the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, for outstanding leadership to enhance and provide literacy programs throughout the nation. Doherty has also received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the World Fantasy Convention; the Solstice Award from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America for his significant impact on the science fiction and fantasy landscape; and the Thriller Legend Award from the International Thriller Writers, an award honoring an icon in the industry.