

Sam Sammane Named Finalist in 2025 American Fiction Awards for Sci-Fi Mystery 'Republic of Mars'

Sam Sammane's Republic of Mars named finalist in the 2025 American Fiction Awards, marking his first major fiction honor after a string of nonfiction accolades.

ANAHEIM, CA, UNITED STATES, June 18, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Dr. Sam Sammane](#) has been named a finalist in the Science Fiction: Post-Apocalyptic category at the 2025 American Fiction Awards, hosted by American Book Fest. The honor highlights [Republic of Mars](#), Sammane's most recent publication and first foray into fiction after receiving multiple recognitions for his nonfiction debut.



American Fiction Awards Logo

American Fiction Awards Recognizes Literary Innovation

Now in its eighth year, the American Fiction Awards recognizes excellence in literature across independent, hybrid, and mainstream publishing.

“

Fiction lets us ask questions without forcing answers. I'm grateful Republic of Mars resonated enough to be recognized—especially in a category that values deep ideas.”

Dr. Sam Sammane, bestselling author of Republic of Mars

Judged by a panel of editors, writers, and publishing professionals, the program celebrates both genre innovation and literary merit. Finalists were selected from a wide range of entries spanning traditional storytelling and emerging themes.

A Psychological Mystery Set on Mars

Republic of Mars, released in May 2025, has been described as a psychological mystery set on a self-sustaining Martian colony where societal stability conceals

deeper questions about autonomy, memory, and control.

Distinct from the typical tropes of interplanetary warfare or survivalist fiction, the novel approaches science fiction through philosophical restraint—raising questions not through spectacle, but through silence. In a society where everything works and no one remembers why, the story unfolds with quiet unease.

Commercial Success Meets Critical Recognition

The novel was an early commercial success, quickly reaching #1 on Amazon in both the Mystery & Detective – New Releases and Solar System – Best Sellers categories.

It has since drawn attention for its thought-provoking narrative structure and thematic continuity with Sammane's earlier nonfiction work.

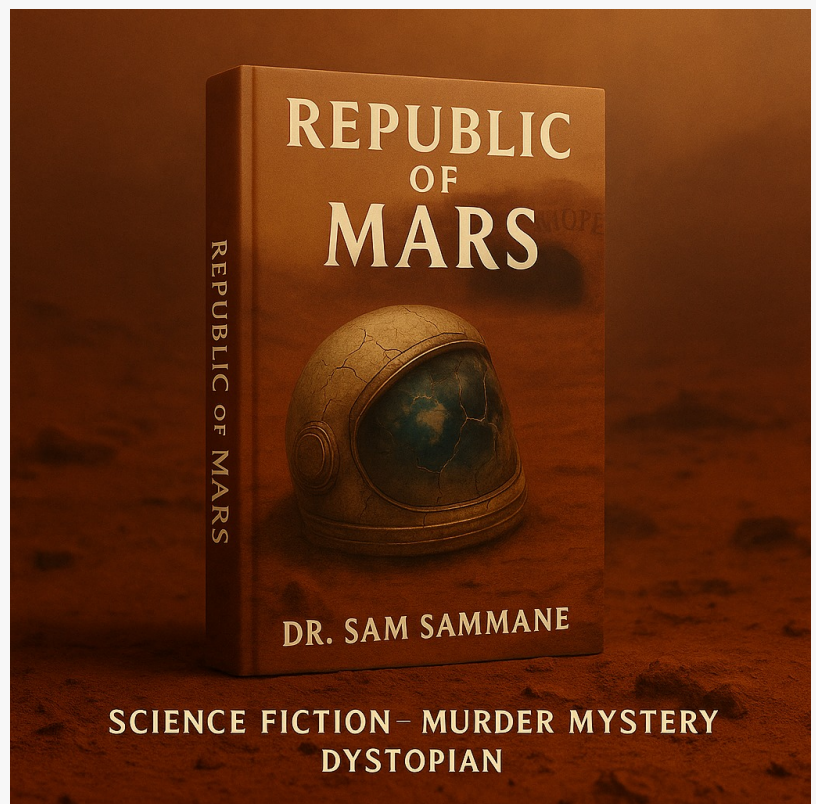
From Philosophy to Fiction

While this marks Sammane's first fiction recognition, it follows a series of literary honors for [The Singularity of Hope](#): Humanity's Role in an AI-Dominated Future. His nonfiction debut—published in 2024—has been recognized across several categories including history, education, and inspirational literature.

Among its accolades are awards from Literary Global, PenCraft, American Book Fest, and the International Impact Book Awards. The book continues to gain attention for its interdisciplinary approach to artificial intelligence and human agency, offering a philosophical counterbalance to polarized tech discourse.



Dr. Sam Sammane



Republic of Mars book cover

A Continuation of Core Themes

In *The Singularity of Hope*, Sammane argued that the future of AI is not about the machines themselves, but about the human decisions that shape their purpose. That human-centered framework carries into *Republic of Mars*, albeit in a different format.

Where the earlier book posed its questions through systems theory and historical reflection, the new novel imagines a future where those very questions have stopped being asked—because memory itself has been quietly erased.

Author, Technologist, and Systems Thinker

Dr. Sammane's transition from nonfiction to fiction reflects a broader thematic throughline: both works explore how systems—technological, social, or political—can influence identity, belief, and decision-making. Rather than warning of dystopia through obvious oppression, *Republic of Mars* examines what happens when control becomes indistinguishable from convenience.

A systems thinker by background, Sammane is also the founder and CEO of TheoSym, a California-based company focused on the ethical application of AI and Human-AI Augmentation (HAIA). His work, both literary and technological, centers on a core premise: that human dignity must remain the anchor in a world increasingly structured by algorithms and efficiency.

His writings have been cited in academic publications, business discussions, and policy frameworks exploring how emerging technologies intersect with timeless human questions.

A Career Rooted in Ethics and Education

Sammane's educational background includes advanced degrees in Applied Physics and Nanotechnology. He has held leadership positions in engineering and systems design, and remains an active voice in conversations around innovation and ethics. He is also engaged in philanthropy, particularly initiatives that support STEM education and the development of human-centric technologies.

Reflecting on the recognition, Sammane stated in previous commentary that his goal as a writer is not simply to entertain or inform, but to invite pause and reflection. "The book was written to spark thought," he has said, "not just to turn pages."



The 2025 American Fiction Awards

Stories That Invite Reflection

His writing approach, both in nonfiction and fiction, is defined by accessibility without simplification.

The Singularity of Hope has been described as a text that bridges readers across backgrounds—equally readable by educators, engineers, and general audiences. Republic of Mars adopts a similar mindset, embedding dense ideas into a readable narrative without relying on exposition or jargon.

A Growing Voice in Public Thought

With this latest honor, Sammane continues to build a profile not only as a writer, but as a public thinker whose work engages with systems thinking, memory, governance, and the role of technology in reshaping how people define themselves.

Republic of Mars is currently available worldwide in Kindle, paperback, and hardcover formats, and is also accessible through Kindle Unlimited.

The full list of winners and finalists for the 2025 American Fiction Awards is available on <https://www.americanbookfest.com/2025afafullresults.html>

Sam Sammane

TheoSym

[email us here](#)

Visit us on social media:

[LinkedIn](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

[TikTok](#)

[X](#)

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/823492824>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2025 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.