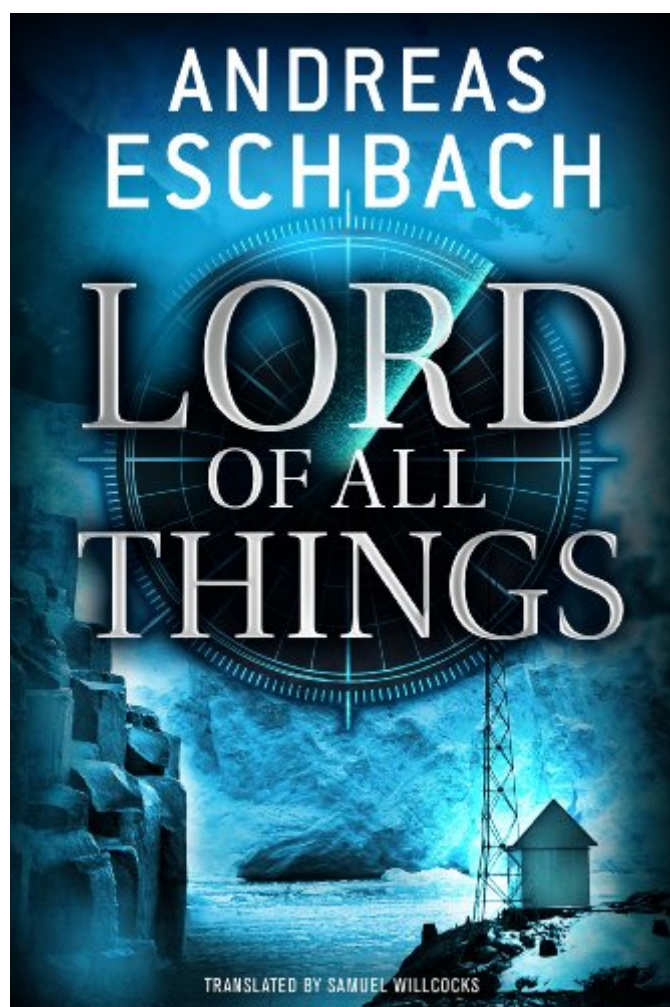


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Winner of the 2012 Kurd-Laßwitz-Preis for best German science fiction novel, *Lord of All Things* is also a story about love against all odds. They are just children when they meet for the first time: Charlotte, daughter of the French ambassador, and Hiroshi, a laundress's son. One day, Hiroshi declares that he has an idea that will change the world. An unprecedented idea of how to sweep away all differences between rich and poor. When Hiroshi runs into Charlotte several years later, he is trying to build a brighter future through robotics. Determined to win Charlotte's love, he resurrects his childhood dream, convinced that he can eradicate world poverty by pushing the limits of technology beyond imagination. But as Hiroshi circles ever closer to realizing his vision, he discovers that his utopian dream may contain the seeds of a nightmare—one that could obliterate life as we know it. Crisscrossing the globe from Tokyo to the hallowed halls of MIT to desolate Arctic islands and Buenos Aires and beyond—far beyond—*Lord of All Things* explores not only the dizzying potential of technology but also its formidable dangers.

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First, I want to state clearly that I highly recommend this book. It's extremely well written, a very important topic, tells a great story & the translator makes it an easy, fast, gripping read for English speaking readers. The first time I opened it, I read 178 pages non stop before taking a break!! I would have liked to give it 4 1/2 stars, but doesn't offer that option. There are 2 issues that (barely) prevent me from giving it 5 stars: 1. The attention to detail in Nanotechnology that takes up a significant amount of the 647 pages (though other readers may enjoy this). 2. At times he seems to be trying to do too much in one book: this book could be categorized as any & all of the following: Technology Sci-Fi Sword & Sorcery Fantasy Drama Romance Espionage Thriller Utopian (Left Wing Politics) Despite the above, it works. And it works well. I'm going to give a very short plot summary for 2 reasons: 1. This is a long book, & it has more subplots than possibly any fiction book I've ever read 2. One of the biggest joys of this book are the plot surprises (there are a ton of them, & some are major surprises), I don't want to diminish the book for you by giving any away. I hope other reviewers show the same respect for potential readers. Brief plot summary: Hiroshi is a genius. He makes Steve Jobs look like an amateur. He is largely selfless. He also believes that no one would have to work who didn't want to if technology could be harnessed correctly to distribute the resources of the planet without human intervention. And he wishes to help people to have happy, meaningful lives.

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