SCIENCE FICTION

**Science fiction** is a [genre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genre) of [fiction](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiction) dealing with [imaginary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imagination) but more or less [plausible](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plausibility) content such as [future](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Future) settings, futuristic [science](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science) and [technology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technology), [space travel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spaceflight), [aliens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extraterrestrial_life), and [paranormal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paranormal) abilities. Exploring the consequences of scientific [innovations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Innovation) is one purpose of science fiction, making it a "literature of ideas".

Science fiction elements include:

* A time setting in the future or in a historical past that contradicts known facts of [history](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History) or the [archaeological](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archaeology) record.
* A spatial setting or scenes in [outer space](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outer_space) (e.g., [spaceflight](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spaceflight)), on other worlds, or on [subterranean earth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subterranea_(geography)).
* Characters that include [aliens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extraterrestrial_life), [mutants](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mutant_(fictional)), [androids](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Android_(robot)), or [humanoid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humanoid) [robots](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robots).
* Technology that is futuristic (e.g., [ray guns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raygun), [teleportation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teleportation) machines, humanoid [computers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer)).
* Scientific principles that are new or that contradict known laws of nature, for example [time travel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_travel), [wormholes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wormholes), or [faster-than-light](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faster-than-light) travel.
* Paranormal abilities such as [mind control](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mind_control), [telepathy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telepathy), [telekinesis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telekinesis), and [teleportation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teleportation).
* New and different political or social systems:

A **dystopia** is the vision of a society that is the [opposite](http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/opposite) of [utopia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Utopia). A dystopian society is often a planned structured society in which the conditions of life are deliberately made miserable, characterized by poverty, oppression, violence, disease, scarcity, and/or pollution for the benefit of a select minority or some unnatural societal goal.

**Post scarcity** (also known as **resource-based economy**) is a form of [economy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy) or [society](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society), in which things such as goods, services and information are free, or practically free. This would be due to an abundance of fundamental resources (matter, energy and intelligence), in conjunction with sophisticated [automated](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automation) systems capable of converting [raw materials](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raw_material) into finished goods, allowing [manufacturing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manufacturing) to be as easy as duplicating software.

**Apocalyptic fiction** is a [sub-genre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sub-genre) of [science fiction](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science_fiction) that is concerned with the [end of civilization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Risks_to_civilization,_humans_and_planet_Earth) due to a potentially [existential catastrophe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Existential_risk) such as [nuclear warfare](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_warfare), [pandemic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandemic), [extraterrestrial attack](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alien_invasion), [impact event](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impact_event), [cybernetic revolt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cybernetic_revolt), [technological singularity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technological_singularity), [dysgenics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dysgenics), [supernatural phenomena](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supernatural_phenomena), [divine judgement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eschatology), [climate change](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_change) or some other [general disaster](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disaster).

**Post-apocalyptic fiction** is set in a world or civilization after such a disaster. The time frame may be immediately after the catastrophe, focusing on the travails or psychology of survivors, or considerably later, often including the theme that the existence of pre-catastrophe civilization has been forgotten (or mythologized). Post-apocalyptic stories often take place in an [agrarian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agrarian_society), non-technological future world, or a world where only scattered elements of technology remain.

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Examples of fiction films: The book of Eli Iron Man, Tron, The Rise of the Planet of the Apes, Transformers Dark of the moon, Never Let me go, Future X cops