

Definition of Science Fiction

Science fiction is a genre of fiction in which the stories often tell about science and technology of the future. It is important to note that science fiction has a relationship with the principles of science—these stories involve partially true-partially fictitious laws or theories of science. It should not be completely unbelievable, because it then ventures into the genre fantasy.

The plot creates situations different from those of both the present day and the known past. Science fiction texts also include a human element, explaining what effect new discoveries, happenings and scientific developments will have on us in the future.

Science fiction texts are often set in the future, in space, on a different world, or in a different universe or dimension.

Early pioneers of the genre of science fiction are H. G. Wells (*The War of the Worlds*) and Jules Verne (*20,000 Leagues Under The Sea*).

Some well-known 20th century science fiction texts include *1984* by George Orwell, *Brave New World* by Alduous Huxley, and *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand. In addition, the four most-popular and well-recognized 20th century authors are Isaac Asimov, author of the *Foundation* trilogy and his robot series, Arthur C. Clarke famous for *2001, a Space Odyssey*; Ray Bradbury, known for his *Martian Chronicles*, and Robert Heinlein, author of *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*.