

Handout 3: Good Lists of sci-fi books and movies

The Science Behind Science Fiction, OLLI SSU, Fall 2022

from book “James Cameron's Story of Science Fiction”-2018

(which was also a TV series—highly recommended)

BOOKS

The Time Machine (1895) - H. G. Wells

Fahrenheit 451 (1953) - Ray Bradbury

Childhood's End (1953) - Arthur C. Clarke

The Stars My Destination (1957) - Alfred Bester

Starship Troopers (1959) - Robert A. Heinlein

The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress (1966) - Robert A. Heinlein

Solaris (1961) - Stanislaw Lem

Dune (1965) - Frank Herbert

Ringworld (1970) - Larry Niven

The Forever War (1974) - Joe Haldeman

Neuromancer (1984) - William Gibson

The Hyperion Cantos [Hyperion (1989), The Fall of Hyperion (1990),
Endymion (1996), The Rise of Endymion (1997)] - Dan Simmons

FILMS

Metropolis (1927) - Dir. Fritz Lang

The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) - Dir. Robert Wise

Forbidden Planet (1956) - Dir. Fred M. Wilcox

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) - Dir. Stanley Kubrick

A Clockwork Orange (1971) - Dir. Stanley Kubrick

Planet of the Apes (1968) - Dir. Franklin J. Schaffner

Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977) - Dir. Steven Spielberg

Star Wars (1977) - Dir. George Lucas

Alien (1979) - Dir. Ridley Scott

Blade Runner (1982) - Dir. Ridley Scott

The Road Warrior (1981) - Dir. George Miller

The Matrix (1999) - Dir. The Wachowskis

Hugo Award winning novels:

(*italics* mean I have seen or read it)

2010 (tie):

The City & The City, China Miéville

The Windup Girl, Paolo Bacigalupi

2011: Blackout/All Clear, Connie Willis

2012: Among Others, Jo Walton

2013: Redshirts: A Novel with Three Codas, John Scalzi

2014: Ancillary Justice, Ann Leckie

2015: *The Three Body Problem*, Cixin Liu

2016: *The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin

2017: *The Obelisk Gate*, by N. K. Jemisin

2018: *The Stone Sky*, by N.K. Jemisin

2019: The Calculating Stars, by Mary Robinette Kowal

2020: A Memory Called Empire, by Arkady Martine

2021: Network Effect, Martha Wells

Hugo Award 1st and 2nd place films:

2010: *Moon*, *District 9*

2011: *Inception*, *How to Train Your Dragon*

2012: *Game of Thrones (Season 1)*, *Hugo*

2013: *The Avengers*, *The Hobbit*

2014: *Gravity*, *Frozen*

2015: *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*

2016: *The Martian*, *Mad Max: Fury Road*

2017: *Arrival*, *Hidden Figures*

2018: *Wonder Woman*, *Get Out*

2019: *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, *Black Panther*

2020: *Good Omens*, *Captain Marvel*

2021: *The Old Guard*, *Birds of Prey*