

Reading Guide

APOCALYPTIC & POST-APOCALYPTIC FICTION

A subgenre of Science Fiction. Essentially, the end of the world as we know it.

POPULAR & CLASSIC EXAMPLES

Atwood, Margaret *Oryx and Crake* (2003)

Brooks, Max *World War Z* (2006)

Butler, Octavia *The Parable of the Sower* (1993)

James, P.D. *The Children of Men* (1992)

King, Stephen *The Stand* (1978)

McCarthy, Cormac *The Road* (2006)

RECENT TITLES

Buxton, Kira Jane. *Hollow Kingdom* (2019)

Humanity's extinction has seemingly arrived, and the only one determined to save it is a foul-mouthed crow whose knowledge of the world around him comes from his TV-watching education.

Find it: BUXTON Science Fiction

Chen, Mike. *A Beginning at the End* (2020)

Six years after a global pandemic wiped out most of the planet's population, the survivors are rebuilding the country, split between self-governing cities, hippie communes and wasteland gangs.

Find it: CHEN Science Fiction

Liu, Cixin. *Supernova Era* (2019)

Eight light years away, a star has died, creating a supernova event that showers Earth in deadly levels of radiation. Within a year, everyone over the age of thirteen will die. And so the countdown begins. **Find it:** LIU Science Fiction

Pressfield, Steven. *36 Righteous Men* (2019)

When detectives James Manning and Covina "Dewey" Duwai are called in to investigate a series of bizarre murders, they make a shocking discovery: the legend of the hidden righteous ones, the 36 who preserve the world from destruction, is no legend at all. **Find it:** PRESSFIELD Fiction

Schwen, Kaethe. *The Rending and the Nest* (2018)

When ninety-five percent of the world's population disappears for no apparent reason, Mira does what she can to create some semblance of a life: she cobbles together a haphazard community named Zion. **Find it:** SCHWEN Science Fiction

Wendig, Chuck. *The Wanderers* (2019)

A decadent rock star. A deeply religious radio host. A disgraced scientist. And a teenage girl who may be the world's last hope. **Find it:** WENDIG Science Fiction

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