

What Makes a Good Science Fiction Book?

Writing a science fiction novel requires different skills to that of a normal novel.

It is important that you research your topic well, people reading your books will often have a lot of knowledge on the subject area so it is important that you research your facts fully. It is probably a good idea to read a lot of science fiction books before you start so that you can get an idea as to how they should be written, and how others do this.

Most science fiction novels have a main conflict, as this is science fiction it can be a little different, make sure that you think outside the box. Deciding your setting and time frame is important, most science fiction novels are written in the near future and often involve more than just planet earth! You need to have a very good imagination and be creative and original with both your ideas and language used. The world you create for the reader needs to be convincing, it also needs to remain consistent throughout so that the reader finds it believable.

The characters, as in all novels are a vital ingredient. Make sure that they are believable and that the reader can relate to them.

A common mistake when writing science fiction is confusing it with fantasy. Fantasy novels are normally those that involve events that would be impossible to actually occur in real life, whereas science fiction is about scientific events that could technically happen within our world.

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