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Snow Crash Neal Stephenson 2003-08-26 The “brilliantly realized” (The New York Times Book Review) modern classic that coined the term “metaverse”—one of Time’s 100 best English-language novels and “a foundational text of the cyberpunk movement” (Wired) In reality, Hiro Protagonist delivers pizza for Uncle Enzo’s CosoNostra Pizza Inc., but in the Metaverse he’s a warrior prince. Plunging headlong into the enigma of a new computer virus that’s striking down hackers everywhere, he races along the neon-lit streets on a search-and-destroy mission for the shadowy virtual villain threatening to bring about infocalypse. *Snow Crash* is a mind-altering romp through a future America so bizarre, so outrageous . . . you’ll recognize it immediately. Films from the Future Andrew Maynard 2018-11-15 “Deftly shows how a seemingly frivolous film genre can guide us in shaping tomorrow’s world.” —Seth Shostak, senior astronomer, SETI Institute Artificial intelligence, gene manipulation, cloning, and interplanetary travel are all ideas that seemed like fairy tales but a few years ago. And now their possibilities are very much here. But are we ready to handle these advances? This book, by a physicist and expert on responsible technology development, reveals how science fiction movies can help us think about and prepare for the social consequences of technologies we don’t yet have, but that are coming faster than we imagine. *Films from the Future* looks at twelve movies that take us on a journey through the worlds of biological and genetic manipulation, human enhancement, cyber technologies, and nanotechnology. Readers will gain a broader understanding of the complex relationship between science and society. The movies mix old and new, and the familiar and unfamiliar, to provide a unique, entertaining, and ultimately transformative take on the power of emerging technologies, and the responsibilities they come with.

101 Sci-Fi Movies You Must See Before You Die Steven Jay Schneider 2016-10-01 If you want to know your Degoba from your Delos or your Ming from your Morlock, if you can't decide whether to eat Soylent Green or in Mos Eisley's Cantina, or if you simply want to try to comprehend 2001:A Space Odyssey, 101 Sci- Fi Movies You Must See Before You Die is for you. Visionary and imaginative - science fiction allows all other genres to leap, quite literally, into another dimension. From the classic low-budget, space exploration Flash Gordon tales of the Saturday matinee serials to the slick, CGI-realized world of *The Matrix*, science fiction films have long been pushing the boundaries of the visually and dramatically fantastic. Take a classic cop chase, and set it on Mars. Think of a haunted house story, then add the *Nostromo*. Take the boy-meets-girl classic, then make them mutants. Turn the known world on its head, play with the laws of physics, and all the while hold your audience spellbound. With insight from critics, film historians, academics, and experts in the field, 101 Sci-Fi Movies You Must See Before You Die offers a breadth of knowledge, insight, and passion to a century of close encounters, black holes, time-travel, dodgy outfits, distant planets, impossible quests, nuclear war, futuristic technology, inexplicable forces, spaceships, extraordinary monsters, subterranean societies, and fluorescent drinks - get a dog and don't list your name in the phone book.

Superman Larry Tye 2012-06-12 The first full-fledged history not just of the Man of Steel but of the creators, designers, owners, and performers who made him the icon he is today, from the

New York Times bestselling author of *Satchel* and *Bobby Kennedy* “A story as American as Superman himself.”—The Washington Post Legions of fans from Boston to Buenos Aires can recite the story of the child born Kal-El, scion of the doomed planet Krypton, who was rocketed to Earth as an infant, raised by humble Kansas farmers, and rechristened Clark Kent. Known to law-abiders and evildoers alike as Superman, he was destined to become the invincible champion of all that is good and just—and a star in every medium from comic books and comic strips to radio, TV, and film. But behind the high-flying legend lies a true-to-life saga every bit as compelling, one that begins not in the far reaches of outer space but in the middle of America’s heartland. During the depths of the Great Depression, Jerry Siegel was a shy, awkward teenager in Cleveland. Raised on adventure tales and robbed of his father at a young age, Jerry dreamed of a hero for a boy and a world that desperately needed one. Together with neighborhood chum and kindred spirit Joe Shuster, young Siegel conjured a human-sized god who was everything his creators yearned to be: handsome, stalwart, and brave, able to protect the innocent, punish the wicked, save the day, and win the girl. It was on Superman’s muscle-bound back that the comic book and the very idea of the superhero took flight. Tye chronicles the adventures of the men and women who kept Siegel and Shuster’s “Man of Tomorrow” aloft and vitally alive through seven decades and counting. Here are the savvy publishers and visionary writers and artists of comics’ Golden Age who ushered the red-and-blue-clad titan through changing eras and evolving incarnations; and the actors—including George Reeves and Christopher Reeve—who brought the Man of Steel to life on screen, only to succumb themselves to all-too-human tragedy in the mortal world. Here too is the poignant and compelling history of Siegel and Shuster’s lifelong struggle for the recognition and rewards rightly due to the architects of a genuine cultural phenomenon. From two-fisted crimebuster to über-patriot, social crusader to spiritual savior, Superman—perhaps like no other mythical character before or since—has evolved in a way that offers a Rorschach test of his times and our aspirations. In this deftly realized appreciation, Larry Tye reveals a portrait of America over seventy years through the lens of that otherworldly hero who continues to embody our best selves.

Comic Book Movies David Hughes 2003 *Comic Book Movies* looks at twenty key titles in detail, covering every stage of hte journey from comic book panel to feature film frame, including development, production, sequels and spin-offs. From the huge success of the Superman and Batman franchises, to misfires such as *Mystery Men* and *Dick Tracy* and current speculation about future films, the book includes interviews with key creative artists about the development of the movies from the original comics.

The Routledge Handbook of Star Trek Leimar Garcia-Siino 2022-07-21 The Routledge Handbook of Star Trek offers a synoptic overview of Star Trek, its history, its influence, and the scholarly response to the franchise, as well as possibilities for further study. This volume aims to bridge the fields of science fiction and (trans)media studies, bringing together the many ways in which Star Trek franchising, fandom, storytelling, politics, history, and society have been represented. Seeking to propel further scholarly engagement, this Handbook offers new critical insights into the vast range of Star Trek texts, narrative strategies, audience responses, and

theoretical themes and issues. This compilation includes both established and emerging scholars to foster a spirit of communal, trans-generational growth in the field and to present diversity to a traditional realm of science fiction studies.

Pictures About Extremes Stephen B. Armstrong 2007-08-31 This traditional auteurist survey closely examines the films of director John Frankenheimer, assessing the thematic and stylistic elements of such films as *The Iceman Cometh*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, and *Bird Man of Alcatraz*. It begins with a complete overview of Frankenheimer's life and career. A chronology lists production history details for each of his films, and a comprehensive biography draws attention to Frankenheimer's early artistic development. Subsequent chapters categorize his films by genre and theme, examining each film through analytical critiques and plot synopses. Multiple appendices include an analysis of Frankenheimer's short films *Maniac at Large* and *Ambush*, a complete filmography, and a suggested reading list.

Dystopian States of America: Apocalyptic Visions and Warnings in Literature and Film Matthew B. Hill 2022-09-30 *Dystopian States of America* is a crucial resource that studies the impact of dystopian works on American society—including ways in which they reflect our deep and persistent fears about environmental calamities, authoritarian governments, invasive technologies, and human weakness.

The 50 Greatest Movies Never Made Chris Gore 1999-07-30 Think you know Hollywood movies? Think again! No matter how many movies you've seen, no matter how many trivia contests you've won, this book is sure to have some surprises for you. The fifty flicks featured here aren't playing at the local Google-Plex or renting at your video store. These films never actually made it to the big screen--they're the gems that got lost in the Hollywood shuffle, consigned to Development Hell. Imagine, if you will: * Alfred Hitchcock's *The Blind Man*, about a pianist suddenly given the ability to see * *Destino*, the surreal fusion of two gigantic artistic talents: Salvador Dalí and Walt Disney * The unmade Star Trek film, *Starfleet Academy* * Greta Garbo's triumphant return to the screen that never happened, *Lover and Friend* * A senior citizens' Animal House?!? Each movie here is a treat for the imagination, and also a lesson in the dos and (mostly) don'ts of Hollywood. In here are dramas, sci-fi flicks, comedies, sequels, animated films, and biopics certain to stir the imagination! For the movie enthusiast, this book is a speculative joy, and for the aspiring filmmaker, it's a crash course in cinematic survival.

Focus On: 100 Most Popular 1990s Science Fiction Films Wikipedia contributors

Underexposed! Josh Hull 2021-05-25 The untold stories behind the 50 greatest movies never made, illustrated by 50 new and original posters For most films, it's a long, strange road from concept to screen, and sometimes those roads lead to dead ends. In *Underexposed!* The 50 Greatest Movies Never Made, screenwriter and filmmaker Joshua Hull guides readers through development hell. With humor and reverence, Hull details the speed bumps and roadblocks that kept these films from ever reaching the silver screen. From the misguided and rejected, like Stanley Kubrick's *Lord of the Rings* starring the Beatles; to films that changed hands and pulled a U-turn in development, like Steven Spielberg's planned *Oldboy* adaptation starring Will Smith; to would-be masterpieces that might still see the light of day, like Guillermo del Toro's *In the Mountains of Madness*, Hull discusses plotlines, rumored casting, and more. To help bring these lost projects to life, 50 artists from around the world, in association with the online art collective PosterSpy, have contributed original posters that accompany each essay and give a glimpse of what might have been.

The Greatest Sci-fi Movies Never Made David Hughes 2001 Steven Spielberg's sci-fi horror movie *Night Skies*. David Lynch's *Ronnie Rocket*. Terry Gilliam's *Watchmen*. Philip Kaufman's *Star Trek: Planet of the Titans*. Ridley Scott's *I Am Legend*. Tim Burton's *Superman Lives*. These are just some of the legendary unmade films covered by this groundbreaking book. Drawing on dozens of exclusive new interviews with the writers, designers, and directors involved, David Hughes charts the tortuous stories of these films and reveals the fascinating details of what might have been.

Keep Watching the Skies! Bill Warren 2017-01-12 Bill Warren's *Keep Watching the Skies!* was originally published in two volumes, in 1982 and 1986. It was then greatly expanded in what we called the 21st Century Edition, with new entries on several films and revisions and expansions of the commentary on every film. In addition to a detailed plot synopsis, full cast and credit listings, and an overview of the critical reception of each film, Warren delivers richly informative assessments of the films and a wealth of insights and anecdotes about their making. The book contains 273 photographs (many rare, 35 in color), has seven useful appendices, and concludes with an enormous index. This book is also available in hardcover format (ISBN 978-0-7864-4230-0).

Superman Vs. Hollywood Jake Rossen 2008 Uses interviews with screenwriters, producers, cast members, and crew to tell the behind-the-scenes challenges faced by those playing, directing, and producing films starring the Man of Steel.

e-Pedia: Captain America: Civil War Contributors, Wikipedia 2017-02-11 This carefully crafted ebook is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents. *Captain America: Civil War* is a 2016 American superhero film based on the Marvel Comics character Captain America, produced by Marvel Studios and distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures. It is the sequel to 2011's *Captain America: The First Avenger* and 2014's *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, and the thirteenth film of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). The film is directed by Anthony and Joe Russo, with a screenplay by Christopher Markus & Stephen McFeely, and features an ensemble cast, including Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan, Anthony Mackie, Don Cheadle, Jeremy Renner, Chadwick Boseman, Paul Bettany, Elizabeth Olsen, Paul Rudd, Emily VanCamp, Tom Holland, Frank Grillo, William Hurt, and Daniel Brühl. In *Captain America: Civil War*, disagreement over international oversight of the Avengers fractures them into opposing factions—one led by Steve Rogers and the other by Tony Stark. This book has been derived from Wikipedia: it contains the entire text of the title Wikipedia article + the entire text of all the 634 related (linked) Wikipedia articles to the title article. This book does not contain illustrations.

Fantastic Planets, Forbidden Zones, and Lost Continents Douglas Brode 2015-10-30 Whether you judge by box office receipts, industry awards, or critical accolades, science fiction films are the most popular movies now being produced and distributed around the world. Nor is this phenomenon new. Sci-fi filmmakers and audiences have been exploring fantastic planets, forbidden zones, and lost continents ever since George Méliès' 1902 film *A Trip to the Moon*. In this highly entertaining and knowledgeable book, film historian and pop culture expert Douglas Brode picks the one hundred greatest sci-fi films of all time. Brode's list ranges from today's blockbusters to forgotten gems, with surprises for even the most informed fans and scholars. He presents the movies in chronological order, which effectively makes this book a concise history of the sci-fi film genre. A striking (and in many cases rare) photograph accompanies each entry, for which Brode provides a numerical rating, key credits and cast members, brief plot summary, background on the film's creation, elements of the moviemaking process, analysis of the major theme(s), and trivia. He also includes fun outtakes, including his top ten lists of Fifties sci-fi movies, cult sci-fi, least necessary movie remakes, and "so bad they're great" classics—as well as the ten worst sci-fi movies ("those highly ambitious films that promised much and delivered nil"). So climb aboard spaceship Brode and journey to strange new worlds from *Metropolis* (1927) to *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014).

Top 100 Sci-Fi Movies Gary Gerani 2011 - Fantastic Press strikes again with its second trade paperback offering, this time exploring the ultra-fanciful universe of spaceships, exotic planets, time travel, and extraterrestrials. - The "Top 100 Sci-Fi Movies" are reviewed and ranked by fantasy screenwriter/film historian Gary Gerani, who covers everything from early silent groundbreakers like *A Trip to the Moon* to today's widescreen, computer-generated blockbusters. With over 600 rare visuals, full-color layouts. and an introduction by one of Hollywood's greatest filmmakers, this exciting new pictorial overview is the ideal companion

book to 2010's Top 100 Horror Movies.

The Palgrave Handbook of Script Development Stayci Taylor 2021 "The Handbook of Script Development provides a creative and critical guide for those who study, teach and work on the development of stories for the screen. The larger, international perspective is highly valuable in today's media climate where screenwriters sell stories to streaming services with an eye on collecting viewers from all over the world. Such a cross-cultural product requires exposure to new ideas in how scripts are developed which is exactly the perspective I discovered in these pages." --- Dr Rosanne Welch, Executive Director, Stephens College MFA in TV and Screenwriting *The Palgrave Handbook of Script Development* provides the first comprehensive overview of international script development practices. Across 40 unique chapters, readers are guided through the key challenges, roles and cultures of script development, from the perspectives of creators of original works, those in consultative roles and those giving broader contextual case studies. The authors take us inside the writers room, alongside the script editor, between development conversations, and outside the mainstream and into the experimental. With authors spanning upwards of 15 countries, and occupying an array of roles including writer, script editor, producer, script consultant, executive, teacher and scholar, this is a truly international perspective on how script development functions (or otherwise) across media and platforms. Comprising four parts, the handbook guides readers behind the scenes of script development, exploring unique contexts, alternative approaches, specific production cultures and global contexts, drawing on interviews, archives, policy, case study research and the insider track. With its broad approach to a specialised practice, the Palgrave Handbook of Script Development is for anyone who practices, teaches or studies screenwriting and screen production. Stayci Taylor is a Lecturer in Media at RMIT University, Australia. She is an award-winning screenwriter and researcher, published widely on screenwriting, web series and creative writing. Craig Batty is Dean of Research (Creative) at the University of South Australia. He is an award-winning educator and researcher in the field of screenwriting, and is also a writer, script editor and script consultant.

Focus On: 100 Most Popular 1990s Action Films Wikipedia contributors

Tales From Development Hell (New Updated Edition) David Hughes 2012-02-28 A compulsively readable journey into the area of movie-making where all writers, directors and stars fear to tread: Development Hell, the place where scripts are written, actors hired and sets designed... but the movies rarely actually get made! Whatever happened to Darren Aronofsky's Batman movie starring Clint Eastwood? Why were there so many scripts written over the years for Steven Spielberg and George Lucas's fourth Indiana Jones movie? Why was Lara Croft's journey to the big screen so tortuous, and what prevented Paul Verhoeven from filming what he calls "one of the greatest scripts ever written"? Why did Ridley Scott's Crisis in the Hot Zone collapse days away from filming, and were the Beatles really set to star in Lord of the Rings? What does Neil Gaiman think of the attempts to adapt his comic book series The Sandman? All these lost projects, and more, are covered in this major book, which features many exclusive interviews with the writers and directors involved.

Shadow Cinema James Fenwick 2020-11-12 Filmmakers and cinema industries across the globe invest more time, money and creative energy in projects and ideas that never get produced than in the movies that actually make it to the screens. Thousands of projects are abandoned in pre-production, halted, cut short, or even made and never distributed □ a □shadow cinema□ that exists only in the archives. This collection of essays by leading scholars and researchers opens those archives to draw on a wealth of previously unexamined scripts, correspondence and production material, reconstructing many of the hidden histories of the last hundred years of world cinema. Highlighting the fact that the movies we see are actually the exception to the rule, this study uncovers the myriad reasons why 'failures' occur and considers how understanding those failures can transform the disciplines of film and media history. The first survey of this new area of empirical study across transnational borders, *Shadow Cinema* is a vital and fascinating

demonstration of the importance of the unmade, unseen, and unknown history of cinema.

Sci-Fi Chronicles Guy Haley 2014-08-01

Science Fiction and Fantasy Films of the 1970s John Kenneth Muir 2013-10-23 Science Fiction and Fantasy Films of the 1970s by John Kenneth Muir is a detailed history and analysis of more than 100 genre films produced between the span of 1970 - 1979. The book looks at the historical context of dystopian, post-apocalyptic, and outer space movies of the day, and reveals how these movies are both a look at tomorrow and a product of their times.

"Spider-Man" Films

Tales from Development Hell David Hughes 2012 "This compulsively readable journey takes you into the area of film-making where all writers, directors and stars fear to tread: Development Hell. It's the place where scripts are written (and rewritten, and then rewritten again), actors are hired and sets designed ... but where the films themselves rarely get made."--Back cover.

The Ridley Scott Encyclopedia Laurence Raw 2009-09-28 From his first feature film, *The Duellists*, to his international successes *Alien*, *Blade Runner*, *Thelma and Louise*, *Black Hawk Down*, *Gladiator*, and *American Gangster*, Ridley Scott has directed some of the most compelling films of the last 30 years. Apart from his work as a film director, Scott has engaged in a vast range of activities, including that as a designer, producer, film mogul, and advertising executive. *The Ridley Scott Encyclopedia* is the first book that focuses on all aspects of his work in a wide-ranging career that spans nearly 50 years. The entries in this encyclopedia focus on all aspects of his work and are divided into four categories. The first focuses on Ridley Scott's work as a director, encompassing his feature films from *The Duellists* to *Body of Lies*, as well as his work in television, including commercials. The second category focuses on the people who have been involved in Scott's projects, including actors, directors, producers, designers, writers and other creative personnel. The third focuses on general thematic issues raised in Scott's work, such as gender construction, political issues, and geographical locations. Finally the encyclopedia incorporates entries on films by other directors who have influenced Scott's approach to his work as a director or producer. Each entry is followed by a bibliography of published sources, both in print and online, making this the most comprehensive reference on Scott's body of work. *Watchmen as Literature* Sara J. Van Ness 2014-11-29 *Watchmen* has been hailed as the quintessential graphic novel and has spawned a body of literary criticism since its 1986 initial appearance in installments. This work explores the graphic novel's reception in both popular and scholarly arenas and how the conceptual relationship between images and words affects the reading experience. Other topics include heroism as a stereotype, the hero's journey, the role of the narrator, and the way in which the graphic layout manipulates the reader's perception of time and space. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy here.

Star Trek

Must-See Sci-fi Sloan De Forest 2018-05-01 Spanning nine decades and branded by the most trusted authority on film, *Turner Classic Movies: Must-See Sci-Fi* showcases 50 of the most shocking, weird, wonderful, and mind-bending movies ever made. From *A Trip to the Moon* (1902) to *Arrival* (2016), science fiction cinema has produced a body of classics with a broader range of styles, stories, and subject matter than perhaps any other film genre. They are movies that embed themselves in the depths of the mind, coloring our view of day-to-day reality and probably fueling a few dreams (and nightmares) along the way. In *Turner Classic Movies: Must-See Sci-Fi*, fifty unforgettable films are profiled, including beloved favorites like *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951) and *Fantastic Voyage* (1966), groundbreaking shockers like *Planet of the Apes* (1968) and *Alien* (1979), and lesser-known landmarks like *Things to Come* (1936) and *Solaris* (1972). Illustrated by astounding color and black-and-white images, the book presents the best of this mind-bending genre, detailing through insightful commentary and behind-the-scenes stories why each film remains essential viewing. A perfect gift for any film buff or sci-fi fanatic!

Afrofuturism Ytasha L. Womack 2013-10-01 2014 Locus Awards Finalist, Nonfiction Category In this hip, accessible primer to the music, literature, and art of Afrofuturism, author Ytasha Womack introduces readers to the burgeoning community of artists creating Afrofuturist works, the innovators from the past, and the wide range of subjects they explore. From the sci-fi literature of Samuel Delany, Octavia Butler, and N. K. Jemisin to the musical cosmos of Sun Ra, George Clinton, and the Black Eyed Peas' will.i.am, to the visual and multimedia artists inspired by African Dogon myths and Egyptian deities, the book's topics range from the "alien" experience of blacks in America to the "wake up" cry that peppers sci-fi literature, sermons, and activism. With a twofold aim to entertain and enlighten, Afrofuturists strive to break down racial, ethnic, and social limitations to empower and free individuals to be themselves.

Lost Transmissions Desirina Boskovich 2019-09-10 This illustrated journey through lost, overlooked, and uncompleted works is "a fascinating enrichment of the history of sf and fantasy" (Booklist). Science fiction and fantasy reign over popular culture now, associated in our mind with blockbuster movies and massive conventions. But there's much more to the story than the headline-making hits. Lost Transmissions is a rich trove of forgotten and unknown, imagined-but-never-finished, and under-appreciated-but-influential works from those imaginative genres, as well as little-known information about well-known properties. Divided into sections on Film & TV, Literature, Art, Music, Fashion, Architecture, and Pop Culture, the book examines: Jules Verne's lost novel AfroFuturism and Space Disco E.T.'s scary beginnings William Gibson's never-filmed Aliens sequel Weezer's never-made space opera the 8,000-page metaphysical diary of Philip K. Dick, and more Featuring more than 150 photos, this insightful volume will become the bible of science fiction and fantasy's most interesting and least-known chapters. "Will broaden your horizons and turn you on to wonders bubbling under the mass-market commodified pleasures to which we all too often limit ourselves." ?The Washington Post

The Influence of Star Trek on Television, Film and Culture Lincoln Geraghty 2007-08-29 When the first season of Star Trek opened to American television viewers in 1966, the thematically insightful sci-fi story line presented audiences with the exciting vision of a bold voyage into the final frontiers of space and strange, new galactic worlds. Perpetuating this enchanting vision, the story has become one of the longest running and most multifaceted franchises in television history. Moreover, it has presented an inspiring message for the future, addressing everything from social, political, philosophical, and ethical issues to progressive and humanist representations of race, gender, and class. This book contends that Star Trek is not just a set of television series, but has become a pervasive part of the identity of the millions of people who watch, read and consume the films, television episodes, network specials, novelizations, and fan stories. Examining Star Trek from various critical angles, the essays in this collection provide vital new insights into the myriad ways that the franchise has affected the culture it represents, the people who watch the series, and the industry that created it.

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Tales from Development Hell David Hughes 2003 A compulsively readable journey into the area of film-making where all writers, directors and stars fear to tread: Development Hell, the place where scripts are written, actors hired and sets designed... but the films rarely actually get made! Whatever happened to Batman versus Superman? Why have there been so many scripts written over the years for Steven Spielberg and George Lucas's still in development Indiana Jones 4? Why was Lara Croft's journey to the big screen so tortuous, and what prevented Paul Verhoeven from filming what he calls "one of the greatest scripts ever written"? Why did Ridley Scott's Crisis in the Hot Zone collapse days away from filming, and were the Beatles really set to star in Lord of the Rings? All these lost projects, and more, are covered in this major new book, which features many exclusive new interviews with the writers and directors involved.

The Sci-Fi Movie Guide Chris Barsanti 2014-09-22 Once upon a time, science fiction was only in the future. It was the stuff of drive-ins and cheap double-bills. Then, with the ever-increasing

rush of new, society-altering technologies, science fiction pushed its way to the present, and it busted out of the genre ghetto of science fiction and barged its way into the mainstream. What used to be mere fantasy (trips to the moon? Wristwatch radios? Supercomputers capable of learning?) are now everyday reality. Whether nostalgic for the future or fast-forwarding to the present, The Sci-Fi Movie Guide: The Universe of Film from Alien to Zardoz covers the broad and widening range of science-fiction movies. From the trashy to the epic, from the classics to today's blockbusters, this cinefile's guidebook reviews nearly 1,000 of the biggest, baddest, and brightest from every age and genre of cinematic and TV science fiction. You'll find more than just Star Wars, Star Trek, and Transformers, with reviews on many overlooked and under-appreciated gems and genres, such as ... • Monsters! Pacific Rim, Godzilla, The Thing, Creature from the Black Lagoon • Superheroes: Thor, Iron Man, X-Men, The Amazing Spider-man, Superman • Avant-garde masterpieces: Solaris, 2001, Brazil • and many, many more categories and movies!!

Travails with the Alien Satyajit Ray 2018-04-25 Satyajit Ray was a master of science fiction writing. Through his Professor Shonku stories and other fiction and non-fiction pieces, he explored the genre from various angles. In the 1960s, Ray wrote a screenplay for what would have been the first-of-its-kind sci-fi film to be made in India. It was called The Alien and was based on his own short story "Bonkubabur Bandhu". On being prompted by Arthur C. Clarke, who found the screenplay promising, Ray sent the script to Columbia Pictures in Hollywood, who agreed to back it, and Peter Sellers was approached to play a prominent role. Then started the "Ordeals of the Alien" as Ray calls it, as even after a series of trips to the US, UK and France, the film was never made, and more shockingly, some fifteen years later, Ray watched Steven Spielberg's film Close Encounters of the Third Kind and later E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial, and realized these bore uncanny resemblances to his script The Alien, including the way the ET was designed! A slice of hitherto undocumented cinema history, Travails with the Alien includes Ray's detailed essay on the project with the full script of The Alien, as well as the original short story on which the screenplay was based. These, presented alongside correspondence between Ray and Peter Sellers, Arthur C. Clarke, Marlon Brando, Hollywood producers who showed interest, and a fascinating essay by the young student at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism who broke the Spielberg story, make this book a rare and compelling read on science fiction, cinema and the art of adaptation.

Dark Matter Blake Crouch 2016-07-26 A mindbending, relentlessly surprising thriller from the author of the bestselling Wayward Pines trilogy. "Are you happy with your life?" Those are the last words Jason Dessen hears before the masked abductor knocks him unconscious. Before he awakens to find himself strapped to a gurney, surrounded by strangers in hazmat suits. Before a man Jason's never met smiles down at him and says, "Welcome back, my friend." In this world he's woken up to, Jason's life is not the one he knows. His wife is not his wife. His son was never born. And Jason is not an ordinary college physics professor, but a celebrated genius who has achieved something remarkable. Something impossible. Is it this world or the other that's the dream? And even if the home he remembers is real, how can Jason possibly make it back to the family he loves? The answers lie in a journey more wondrous and horrifying than anything he could've imagined—one that will force him to confront the darkest parts of himself even as he battles a terrifying, seemingly unbeatable foe. Dark Matter is a brilliantly plotted tale that is at once sweeping and intimate, mind-bendingly strange and profoundly human—a relentlessly surprising science-fiction thriller about choices, paths not taken, and how far we'll go to claim the lives we dream of.

Stanley Kubrick's "Napoleon" Alison Castle 2017-12 Presents source material and the final draft of the screenplay for Stanley Kubrick's unproduced motion picture "Napoleon". The single-volume publication is based on the original limited collector's edition, which featured 10 books. Includes facsimile of the final draft of Napoleon: a screenplay / by Stanley Kubrick, dated September 29, 1969

Magic Words Lance Parkin 2013-11-07 For over three decades comics fans and creators have regarded Alan Moore as a titan of the form. With works such as V for Vendetta, Watchmen and From Hell, he has repeatedly staked out new territory, attracting literary plaudits and a mainstream audience far removed from his underground origins. His place in popular culture is now such that major Hollywood players vie to adapt his books for cinema. Yet Moore's journey

from the hippie Arts Labs of the 1970s to the bestseller lists was far from preordained. A principled eccentric, who has lived his whole life in one English town, he has been embroiled in fierce feuds with some of the entertainment industry's biggest corporations. And just when he could have made millions ploughing a golden rut he turned instead to performance art, writing erotica, and the occult. Now, as Alan Moore hits sixty, it's time to go in search of this extraordinary gentleman, and follow the peculiar path taken by a writer quite unlike any other.