

TIMELINE Science Fiction

1800

- 1818 *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

1866 H. G. Wells born



1868 Modern typewriter invented by Christopher Latham Sholes

- 1870 *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne

1898 Simon Lake completed world's first open-water submarine, the *Argonaut*

- 1898 *The War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells

1899 Defibrillators were first demonstrated

1914–1918 World War I

1920 Ray Bradbury born



1926 Robert H. Goddard launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket

1927 Electronic television invented by Philo Taylor Farnsworth

1929 "Science fiction" term coined by Hugo Gernsback in *Science Wonder Stories* magazine

1939–1945 World War II

1947 Octavia E. Butler born



- 1950 *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury

- 1951 *Foundation* by Isaac Asimov

- 1953 *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

1967 First heart transplant operation

- 1968 *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick

1969 Apollo 11 lands on the moon

- 1969 *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

- 1969 *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin

1974 Nnedi Okorafor born



1975 First personal computers introduced

- 1975 *The Female Man* by Joanna Russ

- 1979 *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

- 1985 *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

- 1987 *Dawn* by Octavia E. Butler

- 1989 *Invention of the World Wide Web* by Tim Berners-Lee

2001 First draft of the Human Genome Project

- 2009 *The Windup Girl* by Paolo Bacigalupi

2011 Mars rover "Curiosity" launched

- 2015 *Binti* by Nnedi Okorafor

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