

HOW WRITERS PREDICT FUTURE

The aim of this study was to investigate the author's predictions in their writings.

Writers are not prophets or psychics, clairvoyants or descendants of Nostradamus. They are not supposed to be, at least. but sometimes, their writing ends up eerily close to events to come.

Science fiction is a very popular genre for books, television, and movies. Sci-fi is characterized by futuristic societies and new technologies yet to be invented or discovered. People look to science-fiction as a way to escape and to imagine. Jules Verne, a much loved French novelist, sometimes referred to as “the Father of Science Fiction”, predicted multiple events and discoveries.

Ray Bradbury is one of the science fiction pioneers who cleverly envisaged a brand new world and its reliance on cutting-edge technologies. In his famous dystopian novel “Fahrenheit 451” – published way back in 1953 – Bradbury predicted a wide range of high-tech phenomena that turned out to be true a few decades later.

The following writer's predictions are not related to science or technology, but they are exactly related to politics. Stephen King wrote a horror novel in 1979 called, “The Dead Zone”, in which an angry, populist, demagogic, egomaniacal political outsider named Greg Stillson runs for Congress—saying and doing the craziest things—and wins. Many of King's fans say the novelist was predicting the rise of Donald J. Trump.

Dean Koontz once wrote a thriller called, “The Eyes of Darkness”, which predicted a global pandemic started by a lethal virus called the “Wuhan-400”, originating in Wuhan, China.

So, to put it into conclusion, of course here, in my research, I listed not all possible predictions in different writings, there are plenty of them. And let me say it again: novelists are not prophets or psychics. But it's true that over the years some of them were pretty close to events to come.

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