

SCIENCE FICTION



When it comes to great movies, there's no film genre as creative or original as sci-fi — especially when you consider how expansive the subject matter of science fiction really is. In fact, just like survival movies and end-of-the-world movies, there's truly not much that the sci-fi genre hasn't already explored on screen. Think aliens and outer space, time travel, technology, artificial intelligence — you name it, they've covered it!

The Learning Curve have put together a list of cosmic science-fiction films, these are available to view on Sky Cinema, Now TV, Netflix etc.

Why not blast off into 2021 with one of these 'out of this world' movies!

The Hunger Games (2012)

Director: Gary Ross

Actors: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Stanley Tucci



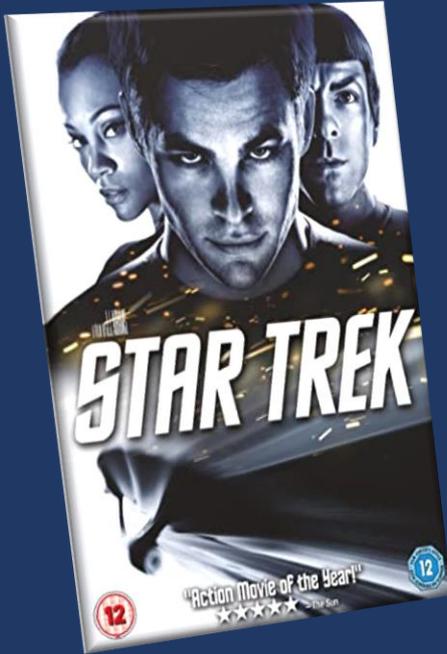
Every year in the ruins of what was once North America, the Capitol of the nation of Panem forces each of its twelve districts to send a teenage boy and girl to compete in the Hunger Games. Sixteen year old Katniss Everdeen volunteers in her younger sister's place and must rely upon her sharp instincts when she's pitted against highly trained Tributes who have prepared for these Games their entire lives. If she's ever to return home to District 12, Katniss must make impossible choices in the arena that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.

Building on her performance as a take-no-prisoners teenager in *Winter's Bone*, Jennifer Lawrence portrays heroine Katniss Everdeen in Gary Ross's action-oriented adaptation of author-screenwriter Suzanne Collins's young adult bestseller. Set in a dystopian future in which the income gap is greater than ever, 24 underprivileged youth fight to the death every year in a televised spectacle designed to entertain the rich and give the poor enough hope to quell any further unrest—but not too much, warns Panem president Snow (Donald Sutherland), because that would be "dangerous."

Star Trek (2009)

Director: J.J. Abrams

Actors: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Simon Pegg, Leonard Nimoy, Eric Bana



The greatest adventure of all time begins with Star Trek, the incredible story of a young crew's maiden voyage on board the most advanced starship ever created: the U.S.S. Enterprise. On a journey filled with action, comedy and cosmic peril, the new recruits must find a way to stop an evil being whose mission of vengeance threatens all of mankind. The fate of the galaxy rests in the hands of bitter rivals. One, James Kirk (Chris Pine), is a delinquent, thrill-seeking Iowa farm boy. The other, Spock (Zachary Quinto), was raised in a logic-based society that rejects all emotion. As fiery instinct clashes with calm reason, their unlikely but powerful partnership is the only thing capable of leading their crew through unimaginable danger, boldly going where no one has gone before.

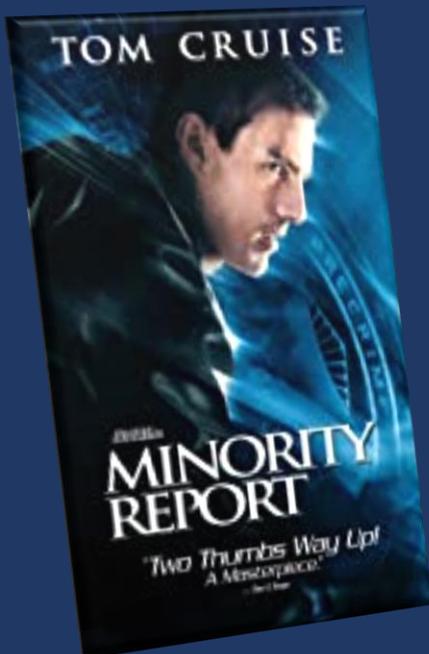
E.T. - The Extra Terrestrial (2002)

Director: Steven Spielberg

Actors: Dee Wallace Stone, Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore, Peter Coyote, Dee Wallace Stone

A little lost alien, three million light years away from home. A lonely ten-year old boy willing to take him home. Two lives changed by a timeless adventure and a friendship that knows no earthly bounds. Experience one of the best-loved films of all time. Rediscover Steven Spielberg's E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, in this special edition, with never-before-seen footage, enhanced visual effects and digitally remastered soundtrack. Winner of four Oscars® and two Golden Globes*, including Best Motion Picture, ET is funny, moving and unforgettable.





Minority Report (2002)

Director: Steven Spielberg

Actors: Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton

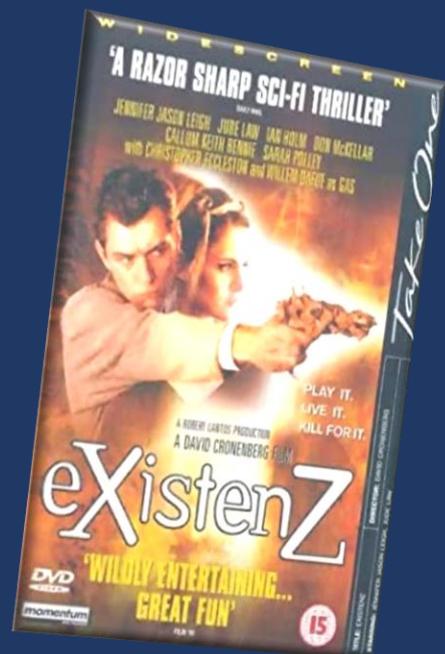
In the year 2054 A.D. crime is virtually eliminated from Washington D.C. thanks to an elite law enforcing squad "Precrime". They use three gifted humans (called "Pre-Cogs") with special powers to see into the future and predict crimes beforehand. John Anderton heads Precrime and believes the system's flawlessness steadfastly. However one day the Pre-Cogs predict that Anderton will commit a murder himself in the next 36 hours. Worse, Anderton doesn't even know the victim. He decides to get to the mystery's core by finding out the 'minority report' which means the prediction of the female Pre-Cog Agatha that "might" tell a different story and prove Anderton innocent.

Existenz (1999)

Director: David Cronenberg

Actors: Jude Law, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Ian Holm, Willem Dafoe, Don McKellar

In the near future eXistenZ is the last word in virtual reality gaming technology. However, many have taken affront at the game's careless blurring of fantasy and reality, and some angry protestors have even taken to hunting down its inventor, Allegra (Jennifer Jason Leigh). Allegra's only protection from the mob is a young security guard (Jude Law), and when they are forced to go on the run together, the couple find they have no option but to take refuge in the one place they can remain safe: the computer generated world of the game itself.



Alien Resurrection (1997)

Director: Jean-Pierre Jeunet

Actors: Sigourney Weaver, Winona Ryder, Dominique Pinon, Ron Perlman, Gary Dourdan



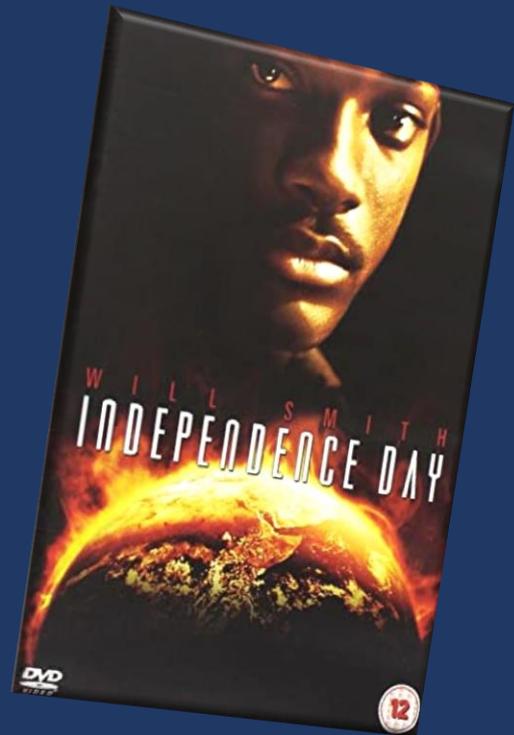
The fourth entry in the franchise, is directed by French stylist Jean-Pierre Jeunet in a much more straightforward action-adventure manner than its predecessor, the dark and confusing Alien 3. This chapter is set even further in the future, where scientists on a space colony have cloned both the alien and Ripley (Sigourney Weaver), who died in Alien 3; in doing so, however, they've mixed alien DNA with Ripley's human chromosomes, which gives Ripley surprising power (and a bad attitude). A band of smugglers comes aboard only to discover the new race of aliens--and when the multi-mouthed melon heads get loose, no place is safe. But, on the plus side, they have Ripley as a guide to help them get out. Winona Ryder is on hand as the smugglers' most unlikely crew member (with a secret of her own), but this one is Sigourney's all the way.

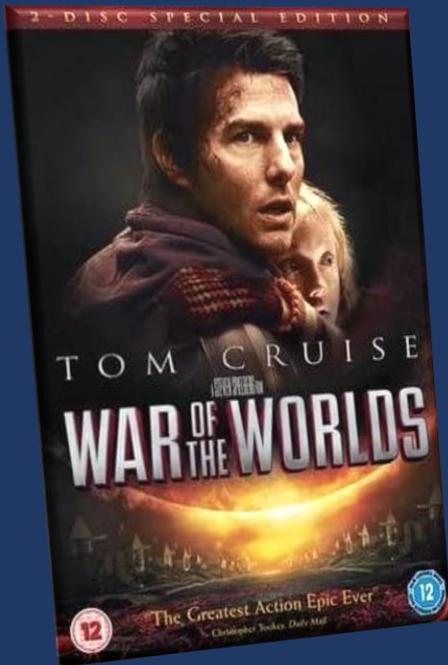
Independence Day (1996)

Director: Roland Emmerich

Actors: Will Smith, Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Mary McDonnell, Judd Hirsch

In the epic adventure film "Independence Day," strange phenomena surface around the globe. The skies ignite. Terror races through the world's major cities. As these extraordinary events unfold, it becomes increasingly clear that a force of incredible magnitude has arrived; its mission: total annihilation over the Fourth of July weekend. The last hope to stop the destruction is an unlikely group of people united by fate and unimaginable circumstances.





War of the Worlds (2005)

Director: Steven Spielberg

Actors: Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Robbins, Miranda Otto, Justin Chatwin

Dockworker Ray Ferrier (Tom Cruise) struggles to build a positive relationship with his two children, Rachel (Dakota Fanning) and Robbie (Justin Chatwin). When his ex-wife, Mary Ann (Miranda Otto), drops them off at Ferrier's house, it seems as though it will be just another tension-filled weekend. However, when electromagnetic pulses of lightning strike the area, the strange event turns out to be the beginning of an alien invasion, and Ferrier must now protect his children as they seek refuge.

The Matrix (1999)

Directors: The Wachowskis

Actors: Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Hugo Weaving, Joe Pantoliano

Neo seeks the truth about the Matrix. Only one man has the answer, an elusive dangerous man who is known as Morpheus. A stranger called Trinity invites Neo to follow a white rabbit which guides him into a parallel world. Reality is a world run by artificially intelligent machines who control the human slaves in a simulated 20th Century...

