



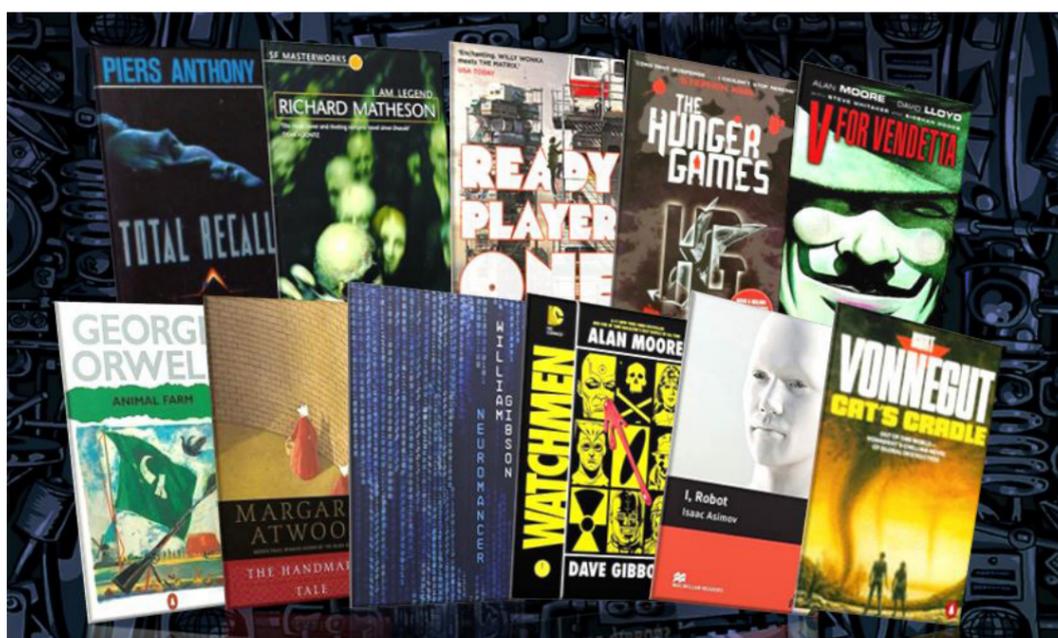
What is it about dystopian fiction that keeps people going back for more? Are we suckers for punishment? Maybe we find comfort in the reminder that yes, things could be worse. Humanity aims for constant progress and a movement towards a superior standard of living, but what happens when everything goes wrong instead?

Dystopian fiction offers a vision of the future. Dystopias are societies in cataclysmic decline, with characters who battle environmental ruin, technological control and government oppression. Dystopian novels can challenge readers to think differently about current social and political climates and in some instances can even inspire action.

Dystopian literature is a form of speculative fiction that began as a response to utopian literature. A dystopia is an imagined community or society that is dehumanizing and frightening.

The Learning Curve have put together a list of [Dystopian Fiction books](#) that are available from the library, these can be borrowed using our [Click & Collect Service](#) once lockdown has ended.

You think you have it bad! Well, you only have to read these stories to find out someone has it worse than you!



If you prefer movies to reading, you'll find some of the best dystopian films the Learning Curve has to offer on our [film list](#). All of these can be borrowed from the library, once lockdown has finished, by using our [Click & Collect Service](#).

The term dystopia is the antonym of utopia. Whereas utopia refers to an imagined place or state where everything is perfect, dystopia refers to a state or place where everything has gone to hell. By their very definition, dystopian films often deal with totalitarian societies or ones that have degraded environmentally or socially.

So sit back, relax and tuck into your popcorn, if you still think you have it bad then just wait until you press play!



For those of you that like to plug in rather than pick up a book the Learning Curve have compiled a list of [dystopian audio books](#) and podcasts which are free to listen to online.

Put your headphones on, click on the links and take yourself to a world of utter chaos!

**As always, if you have any comments or suggestions for future lists, please don't hesitate to get in touch! Email: [curve@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:curve@barnsley.ac.uk)**