

# FURTHER READING:

GLIMPSES OF THE  
EXTRAORDINARY:

A READER'S GUIDE TO

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

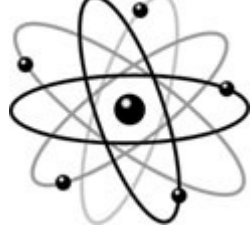
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A Reader's Guide  
to the Science  
Fiction Theme:

**Temporal and  
Dimensional Fiction**



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## CHARACTERISTICS OF TEMPORAL / DIMENSIONAL FICTION:

- Time travel or alternate dimensions are used to explore cause and effect both large and small scale.
- Main characters often unwittingly alter their present or future for the ill.
- Often used as a vehicle to explore historically significant persons or events, such as the Civil War, Adolf Hitler, the Roman Empire, and presidential elections.
- The contrast between other timelines and our own is often used to illustrate social or moral insights.
- Characters will usually either never be able to meet themselves and strive to avoid it at all costs or be able to interact with themselves from other times/dimensions, sometimes with wild results!

## SOME MAJOR CONTRIBUTING AUTHORS:

- Leo A. Frankowski: His Lord Conrad series tells of a modern man flung back in time in Poland and how his knowledge of technology changes history..
- Harry Turtledove: often uses the Civil War or World War II as turning points to create alternate timelines.
- Robert Asprin: the M.Y.T.H. series follows the characters across many worlds.
- Piers Anthony: the Adept books explore a technology-based dimension that exists in conjunction with a world where magic operates.
- Jack L. Chalker: the G.O.D., Inc. series thrusts its protagonists into a maze of parallel dimensions where they learn how their lives and their worlds have been shaped.

## RECOMMENDED STARTER BOOKS:

- The Time Machine by H.G. Wells. A man journeys far into the future and is appalled by the degeneration of humankind.
- Behold the Man by Michael Moorcock. A man's journey into the Biblical past yields many surprises about the life of Jesus.
- Making History by Stephen Fry. A young scientist's attempts to thwart the Holocaust teach him the nature of human destiny.
- Man Who Folded Himself by David Gerrold. Many time travel theories and clichés woven into a short novel.
- Replay by Ken Grimwood. A man wakes up to find himself young again and again.
- The Domsday Book by Connie Willis. The first in a series about time travelers. This one focuses on a trip back to the time of the Black Death.