**What Is Cyberpunk?**

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1. **What is cyberpunk?**

* Cyberpunk is a subgenre of science fiction that features advanced science and technology in a gritty, dystopian future. 

1. **Popular cyberpunk novels:**

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| ***Neuromancer***  By William Gibson | ***Altered Carbon***  By Richard K. Morgan | ***Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep***  By Philip K. Dick | ***Moxyland***  By Lauren Beukes |
| ***Trouble and her friends***  By Melissa Scott | ***The Windup Girl***  By Paolo Bacigalupi | ***Want***  By Cindy Pon | ***Snow Crash***  By Neil Stephenson |
| ***Ready Player One*** By Ernest Cline | ***Ghost in The Shell***  By Massamune Shirow | ***Cyberpunk***  By Bruce Bethke | ***Accelerando***  By Charles Stross |
| ***Down and Out in the Magic Kingdom***  By Cory Doctorow | ***Hardwired***  By Walter Jon Williams | ***Blade Runner***  By Philip K. Dick | ***Akira***  By Katsuhiro Otomo |

* Goodreads list of cyberpunk books: <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/cyberpunk>
* Additional list of cyberpunk books: <https://bookriot.com/2018/04/26/cyberpunk-books/>

1. **Learn more about cyberpunk:**

* What is Cyberpunk? An introduction to the cyberpunk genre: <https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/cyberpunk-introduction-sci-fi-genre/>
* Cyberpunk is now and no one knows what to do with it:

<https://bit.ly/38bRdTz>

1. **Cyberpunk video games you should play right now.**

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| ***Remember Me***  ***ne Thing's For Sure About Remember Me: Its Art Is Beautiful***  Imagine if your personal memories could be digitized, sold or altered. Remember me is an interesting cyberpunk game I had the chance to play. It has solid platforming and melee combat. On top of that, there are multiple segments in the game where you’re able to alter someone’s memories to find secrets and defeat enemies. | ***Transistor***  https://images.ctfassets.net/5owu3y35gz1g/6nRJ1GD3gWKoOyi4YOmS4S/57e56ce6e5c4d1186c32cff6e4655255/Transistor_Box_Art_ESRB.jpg?w=225&q=100  Transistor fits more into the dystopian setting of cyberpunk. You play as red, an opera singer who has lost her voice, she finds a powerful talking sword and you must travel to different parts of a large dystopian city, gaining unique abilities and defeating enemies to eventually retrieve Red’s stolen voice. |
| ***Observer***  https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/8/87/Observer_cover.jpg  I never thought horror and cyberpunk could co-exist but here we are. In this game you play as a detective and you’re able to jack into your suspects mind. At times you’ll be really excited to see what secrets you’ll find inside your suspects memories. Other times you’ll want to leave their memories as soon as possible. | ***Deus Ex: Human Revolution***https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/en/thumb/0/06/Deus_Ex_Human_Revolution_cover.jpg/220px-Deus_Ex_Human_Revolution_cover.jpg  Deus Ex is everything I could ever ask for in a cyberpunk video game. Incredible story, fantastic cast of characters ‘awesome cybernetic powers and weapons, hacking and conspiracy theories, I think this game was secretly made just for me. Play Deus Ex. You’ll thank me later. |

* Full list of cyberpunk games:

<https://www.gamesradar.com/best-cyberpunk-games/>

1. **Types of cyberpunk**

* **Steampunk**

Steampunk’s probably the most famous subgenre to come out of cyberpunk. Steampunk mainly focuses on Victorian era clothing and steam powered technology and machinery.

* **Biopunk**

Biopunk and cyberpunk tend to have similar characteristics and themes so it’s easy to look at both in the same manner. However, biopunk focuses more on genetic engineering and cloning experimentation.

* ***Dieselpunk***

Dieselpunk is similar to steampunk. Both have weaponry that is powered by machine- fueled technology; however, the steampunk genre revolves around technology from early 1940s and 1950s. Dieselpunk focuses more on gigantic metal machinery, like metal airplanes, that are powered by diesel engines.

* ***Forestpunk***

Alright, I made this one up. Feel free to let me know if it actually exists.