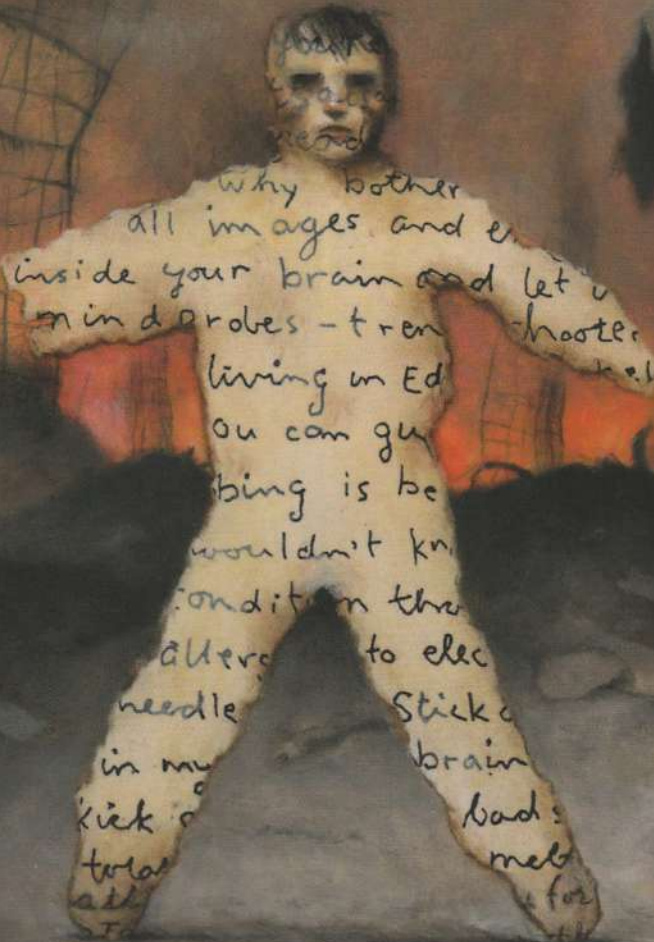


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What genre does  
this novel belong to?

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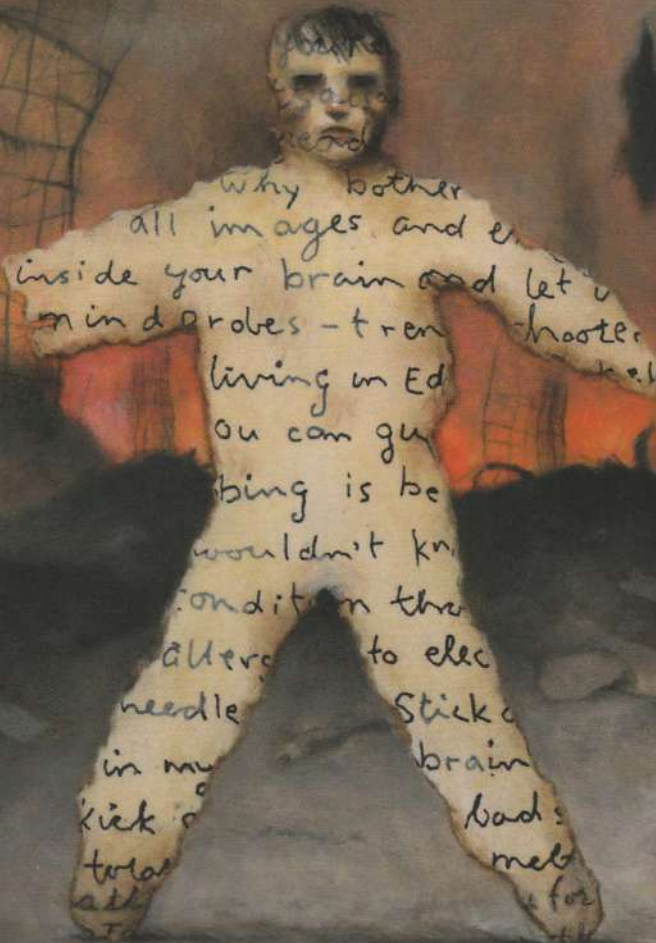
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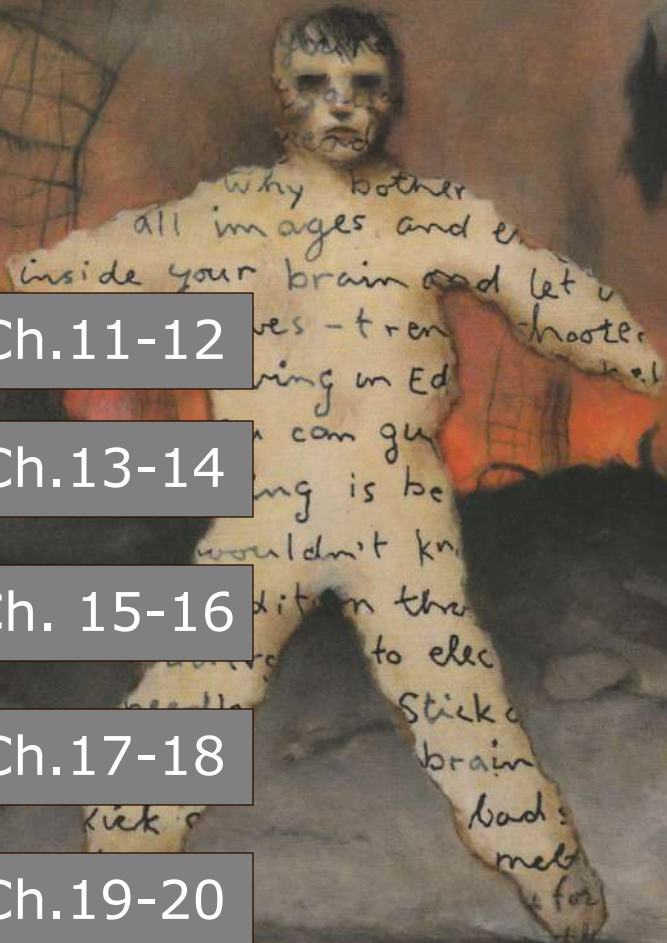
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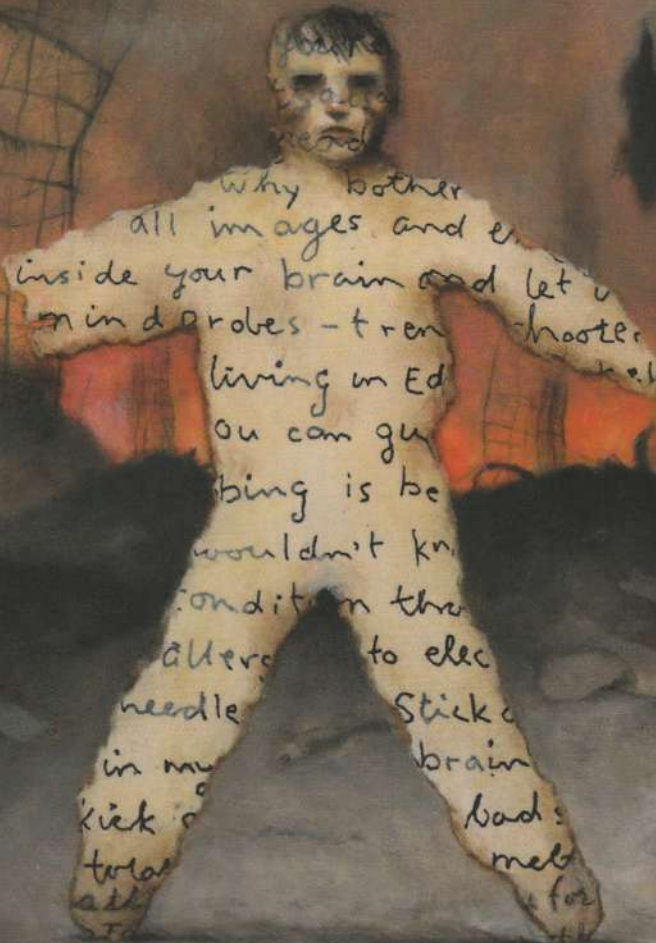
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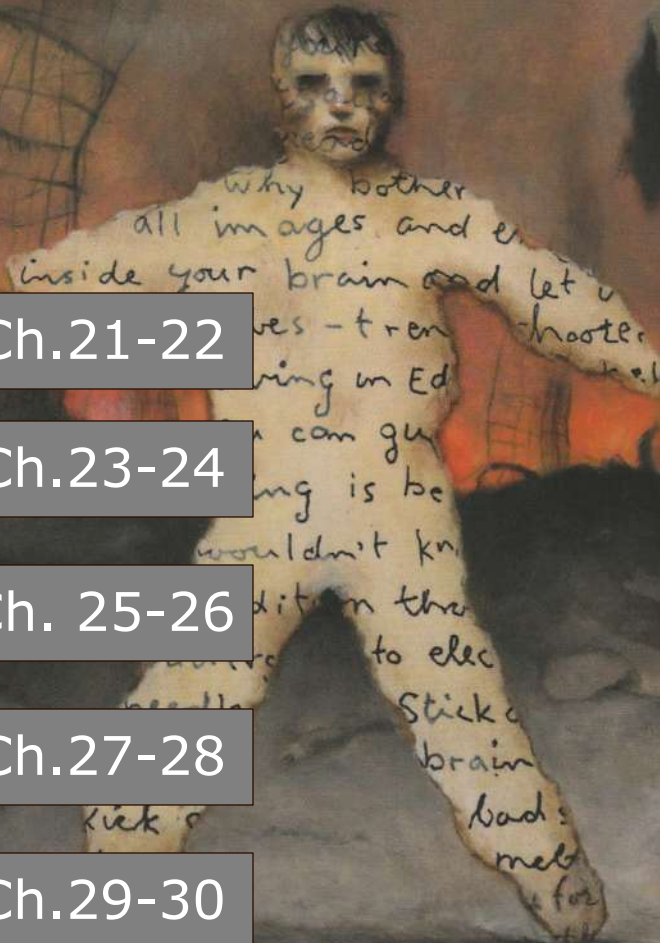
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# Apocalyptic Fiction

- **Apocalyptic fiction** is a sub-genre of science fiction that is concerned with the end of civilization either through nuclear war, plague, or some other general disaster.  
**Post-apocalyptic fiction** is set in a world or civilization after such a disaster. The time frame may be immediately after the catastrophe, focusing on the travails or psychology of survivors, or considerably later, often including the theme that the existence of pre-catastrophe civilization has been forgotten (or mythologized).
- Post-apocalyptic stories often take place in an agrarian, non-technological future world, or a world where only scattered elements of technology remain. There is a considerable degree of blurring between this form of science fiction and that which deals with *false utopias* or dystopic societies.
- *Wikipedia*: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apocalyptic\\_and\\_post-apocalyptic\\_fiction](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apocalyptic_and_post-apocalyptic_fiction)



# Dystopia

- A **dystopia** (from the Greek) is the vision of a society in which conditions of life are miserable and characterized by poverty, oppression, war, violence, disease, pollution, nuclear fallout and/or the abridgement of human rights, resulting in widespread unhappiness, suffering, and other kinds of pain.
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dystopia>





# Utopia

- **Utopia** is a name for an ideal community or society, that is taken from *Of the Best State of a Republic, and of the New Island Utopia*, a book written in 1516 by Sir Thomas More describing a fictional island in the Atlantic Ocean, possessing a seemingly perfect socio-politico-legal system. The term has been used to describe both intentional communities that attempted to create an ideal society, and fictional societies portrayed in literature.
- From the Greek, it literally means “No place.”
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Utopia>



# Chapter One: They Call Me Spaz

## Chapter Two: Stealing Is My Job

### *Characters*

- Spaz
- Bully Bangers
- Ryter
- Bean
- Billy Bizmo
- Little Face
- proovs

### *Terms, Places, Things*

- mindprobes
- Eden
- the Urb
- latch
- gummy
- stackbox / the stacks
- backtimes / backtimer
- choxbar
- the Big Shake



# **Ch. Three: Those Who Remember**

## **Ch. Four: The Girl with Sky-Colored Eyes**

### *Characters*



### *Terms, Places, Things*

- Proov- genetically improved person
- teks
- the Crypts
- Takvee





## **Ch. Five: Three Rules for Billy Bizmo**

## **Ch. Six: The Thing About Bean**

### *Characters*

- Kay
- Charly

### *Terms, Places, Things*

- Slummer
- epilepsy/epileptic
- foundling



## **Ch. Seven: All News is Bad News**

## **Ch. Eight: The Smell of Lightning**

### *Characters*

- runner

### *Terms, Places, Things*

- chetty blades
- splat guns
- bone marrow sickness
- the Edge
- microflash
- grand mal seizure
- Don Quixote



## **Ch. Nine:** By the Edge We Travel, By the Edge We Live or Die

## **Ch. Ten: Attack of the Monkey Boys**

### *Characters*



### *Terms, Places, Things*

- Charles Dickens, Julius Caesar, Napoléon Bonaparte, Leonardo da Vinci, Agatha Christie, Lewis Carroll, Harriet Tubman, Joan of Arc, Vincent Van Gogh, Sir Isaac Newton, Alfred Lord Tennyson, Edgar Allan Poe, Paganini
- the Pipe





# **Ch. Eleven: Mongo the Magnificent**

## **Ch. Twelve: The Problem with Looping**

### *Characters*

- Monkey Boys
- Mongo the Magnificent
- Gorm/Great Gorm

### *Terms, Places, Things*

- latchboss
- homage



# **Ch. Thirteen: Miles to Go Before We Sleep**

## **Ch. Fourteen: Fair Maidens Must be Rescued**

### *Characters*

- Lanaya

### *Terms, Places, Things*

- Robert Frost
- literary immortality
- edibles
- Forbidden Zone/the Zone



## **Ch. Fifteen: In the Zone**

## **Ch. Sixteen: In the Latch of the Vandal Queen**

### *Characters*

- Lotti Getts,  
boss of the  
Vandals

### *Terms, Places, Things*

- feral child
- jetbikes
- probe runner





## **Ch. Seventeen: Looking for Probes in all the Wrong Places**

## **Ch. Eighteen: Mark of the Assassin**

### *Characters*

- Bender
- Furies
- Vida Bleek

### *Terms, Places, Things*

- Brick Yard
- Traderville
- treachery
- squalor



## **Ch. Nineteen: Spaz Boy Melts in the Acid Rain**

## **Ch. Twenty: What Bean Believed**

*Characters*



*Terms, Places, Things*

- “deef”- someone with a genetic defect.




# **Ch. Twenty-One: A Sleep Like Death**

## **Ch. Twenty-Two: Their Terrible Swift Engines**

*Characters*



*Terms, Places, Things*





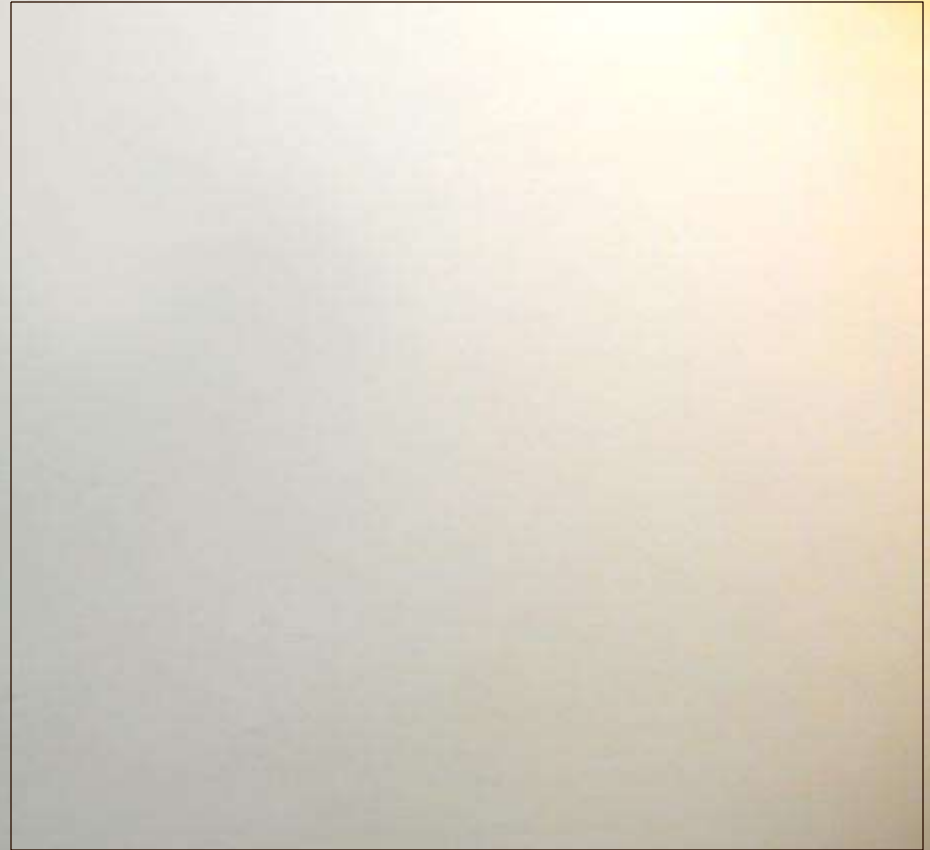
# **Ch. Twenty-Three: If the World Were Blue**

## **Ch. Twenty- Four: What the Cyber Said**

*Characters*



*Terms, Places, Things*



# **Ch. Twenty-Five: Thinking About the Future**

## **Ch. Twenty- Six: The Bean is Back**

*Characters*



*Terms, Places, Things*



# **Ch. Twenty-Seven: What the Boy Said**

## **Ch. Twenty-Eight: When They Come for Us in the Apple Trees**

*Characters*



*Terms, Places, Things*

- skydee- a takvee  
that flies





## **Ch. Twenty-Nine: Say Good-bye to Eden**

## **Ch. Thirty: The Sound of Jetbikes**

### *Characters*

- Master Ryla

### *Terms, Places, Things*

- contempt- disdain, scorn, hatred
- anarchy-absence of any form of political authority, chaos

