

Can you tell your Degoba from your Delos, and your Ming from your Morlock? Do you need help understanding *2001: A Space Odyssey*? From the classic low-budget Flash Gordon tales to the slick, CGI-realized world of *The Matrix*, science-fiction films have long pushed at the boundaries of the visually and dramatically fantastic. **101 Sci-Fi Movies You Must See Before You Die** is your perfect one-stop guide to them all.

Science fiction allows every other movie genre to leap—quite literally—into another dimension. Take a classic cop chase and set it on Mars. Create a haunted house story, then add the alien spaceship. Take the classic boy-meets-girl story, then make them both mutants. Great sci-fi movies turn the known world on its head, play with the laws of physics, and all the while hold the viewer spellbound with a gripping vision of future worlds.

With insight from critics, film historians, and academics, **101 Sci-Fi Movies You Must See Before You Die** offers knowledge, insight, and passion to a century of close encounters, distant planets, time travel, black holes, dodgy outfits, extraordinary monsters, futuristic technology, spaceships, fluorescent drinks, inexplicable forces, and subterranean societies. Strap yourself in: you're set for a rocket ride to sci-fi heaven.



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