***Nineteen Eighty-Four*** is a novel about Oceania, a society tyrannized by [The Party](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ingsoc) and its totalitarian ideology. The [Oceanian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oceania_(Nineteen_Eighty-Four)) province of [Airstrip One](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airstrip_One) is a world of [perpetual war](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perpetual_war), omnipresent government surveillance, and public [mind control](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mind_control), dictated by a political system (Ingsoc) under the control of a Party that persecutes all individualism and independent thinking as [thoughtcrimes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thoughtcrime). Their tyranny is headed by [Big Brother](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Brother_(Nineteen_Eighty-Four)), the Party leader who may not even exist. Big Brother and the Party justify their rule in the name of a supposed greater good.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nineteen_Eighty-Four#cite_note-BenetReader-0) The protagonist of the novel, [Winston Smith](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winston_Smith), is a member of the Outer Party who works for the [Ministry of Truth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_Truth) (Minitrue), his job is to re-write past newspaper articles so that the historical record always supports the current party beliefs. Smith secretly hates the Party and dreams of rebellion against Big Brother.

***Fahrenheit 451*** is a 1953 [dystopian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dystopia) novel by [Ray Bradbury](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Bradbury). The novel presents a future American society where books are outlawed and [firemen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firefighter) burn any house that contains them.

***The Running Man*** is a [science fiction](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science_fiction) [novel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Novel) by [Stephen King](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephen_King), set in a [dystopian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dystopian) [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) during the year 2025, in which the nation's economy is in ruins and world violence is rising. The story follows protagonist Ben Richards as he participates in the [game show](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Game_show) *The Running Man* in which contestants, allowed to go anywhere in the world, are chased by "Hunters," employed to kill them.

***V for Vendetta*** is a ten-issue [comic book](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comic_book) series written by [Alan Moore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Moore), set in a [dystopian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dystopia) future United Kingdom imagined from the 1980s to about the 1990s. A mysterious masked [revolutionary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolutionary) who calls himself "V" works to destroy the government The series depicts a near-future UK after a [nuclear war](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_war), which has left much of the world destroyed, though most of the damage to the country is indirect, via floods and crop failures. In this future, a [fascist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fascism) party called [Norsefire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norsefire) has exterminated its opponents in concentration camps and now rules the country as a police state. V, an [anarchist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anarchist) revolutionary dressed in a [Guy Fawkes mask](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Fawkes_mask), begins an elaborate, violent, and intentionally theatrical campaign to murder his former captors, bring down the government, and convince the people to rule themselves.

***The Handmaid's Tale*** is set in the near future in the Republic of Gilead, a country formed within the borders of what was formerly the United States of America. It was founded by a racist, homophobic, male chauvinist, [nativist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativism_(politics)), theocratic-organized military coup as an ideologically driven response to the pervasive ecological, physical and social degradation of the country.

Beginning with a staged [terrorist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrorism) attack (blamed on Islamic extremist terrorists) that kills the President and most of [Congress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Congress), a movement calling itself the "Sons of Jacob" launched a revolution and suspend the [United States Constitution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Constitution) under the pretext of restoring order.

Taking advantage of [electronic banking](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_banking), they were quickly able to freeze the assets of all women and other "undesirables" in the country, stripping them of their rights.