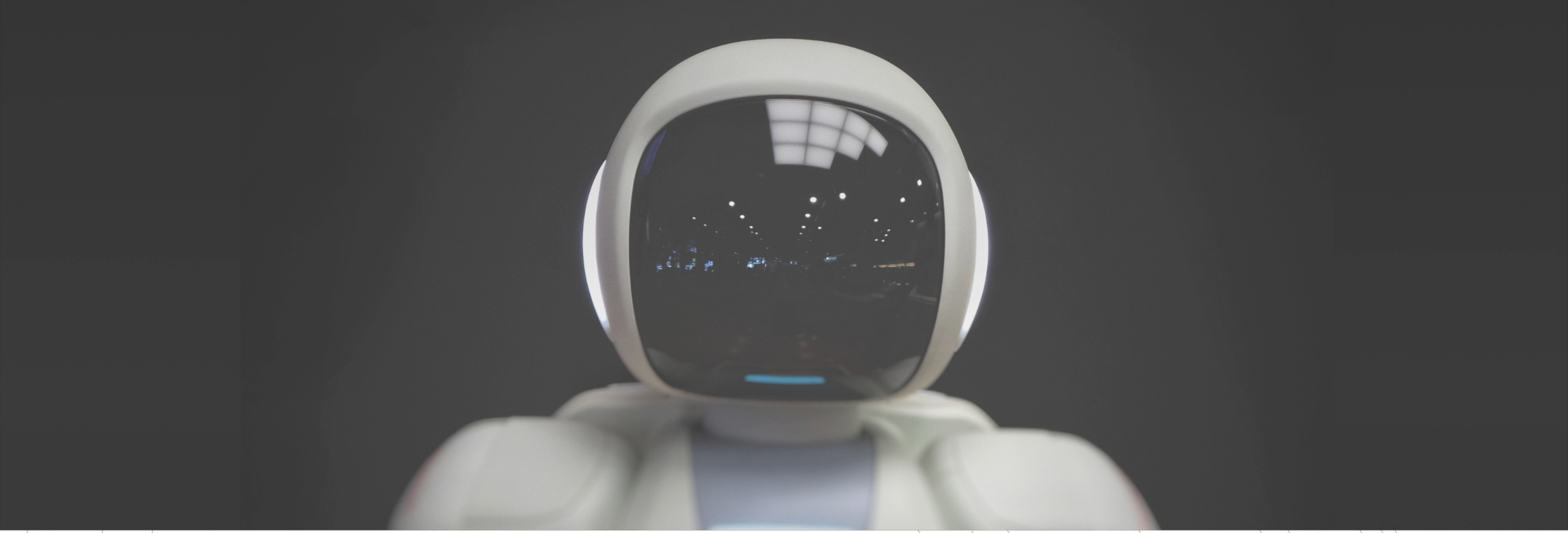


The Portrayal of AI in Science Fiction

Master Thesis

Larissa Haas

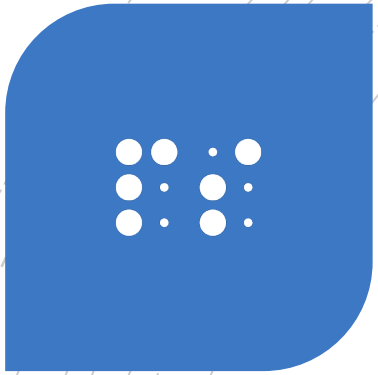
Picture by @franckinjapan https://unsplash.com/photos/JjGXjESMxOY

Why should you bother?

First: You possibly read/watch Science Fiction.

Second: You are working in IT (as I am).

→ Portrayal of AIs in stories may influence how they look like in reality.



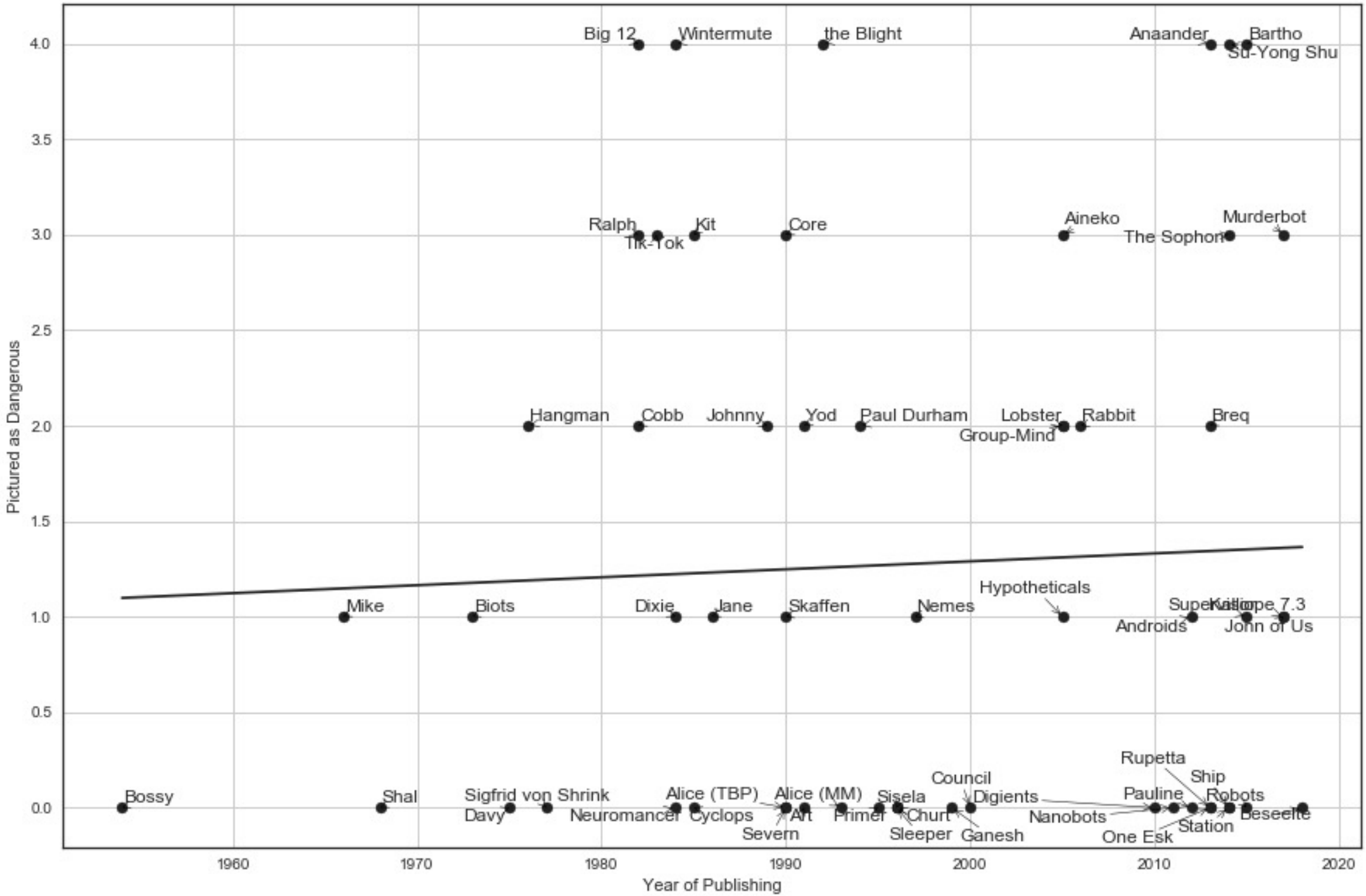
HOW ARE AIS PORTRAYED IN SF?

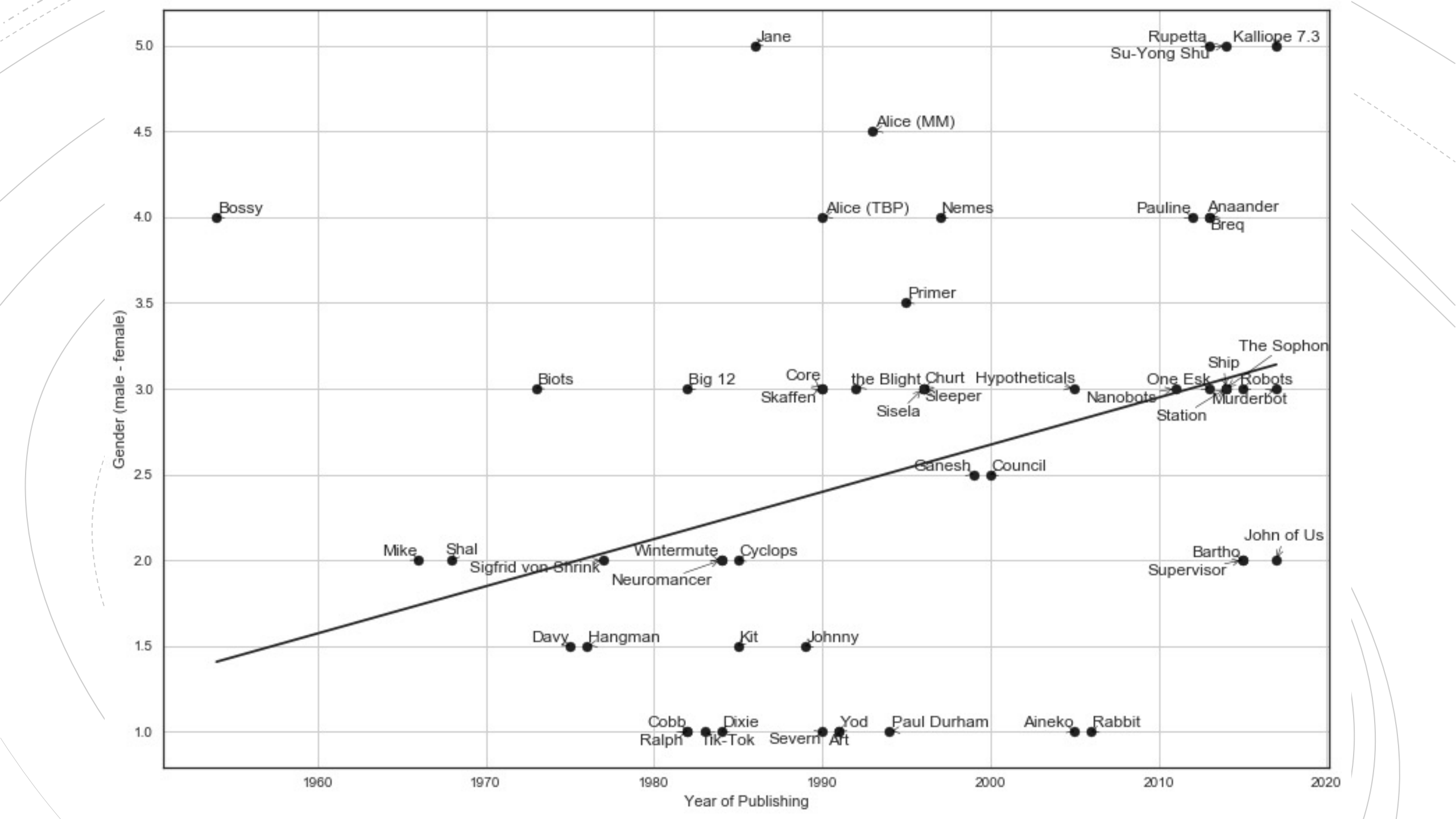
CERTAIN TROPES?

EVOLUTION OVER TIME?

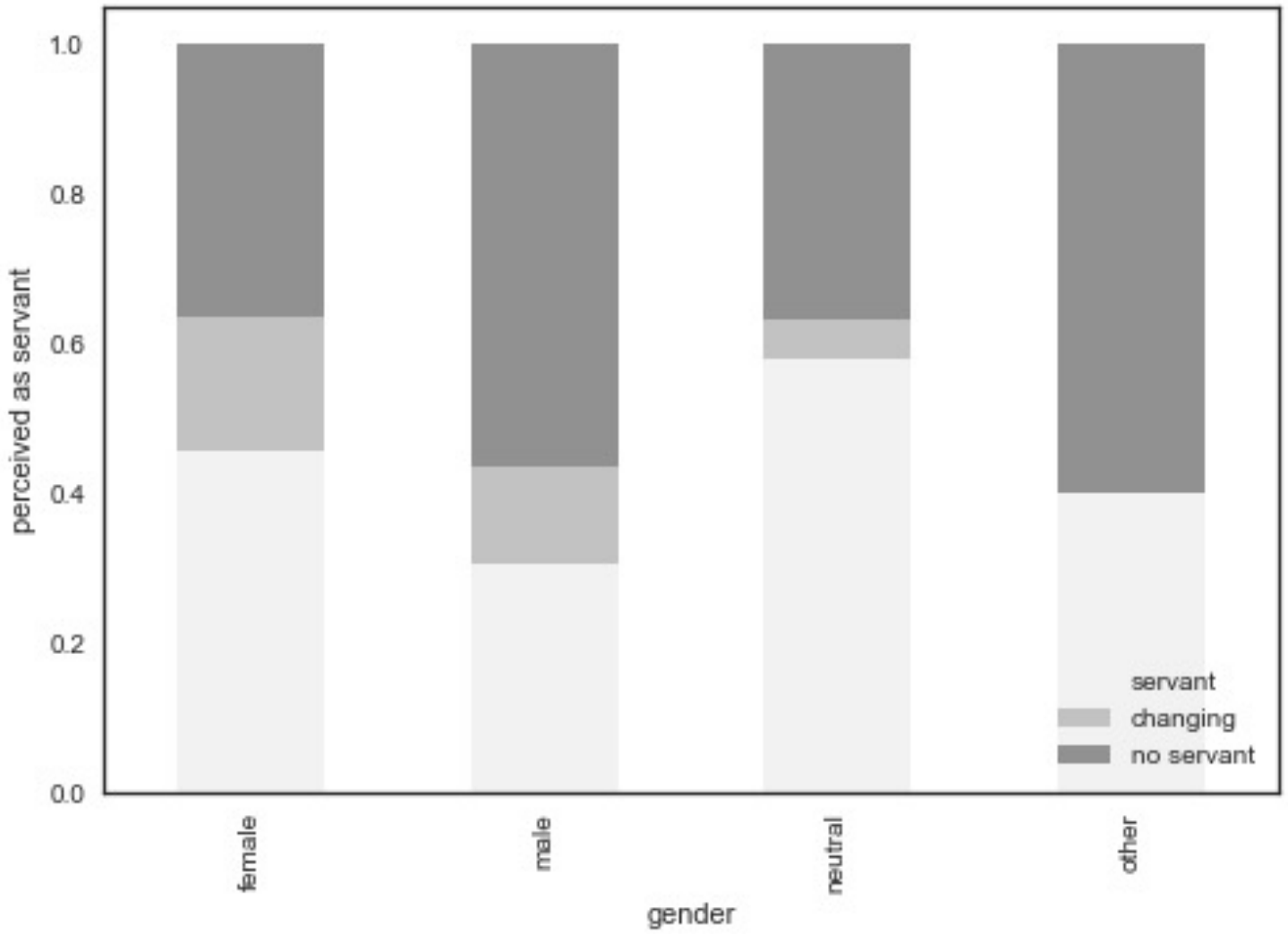
Questions

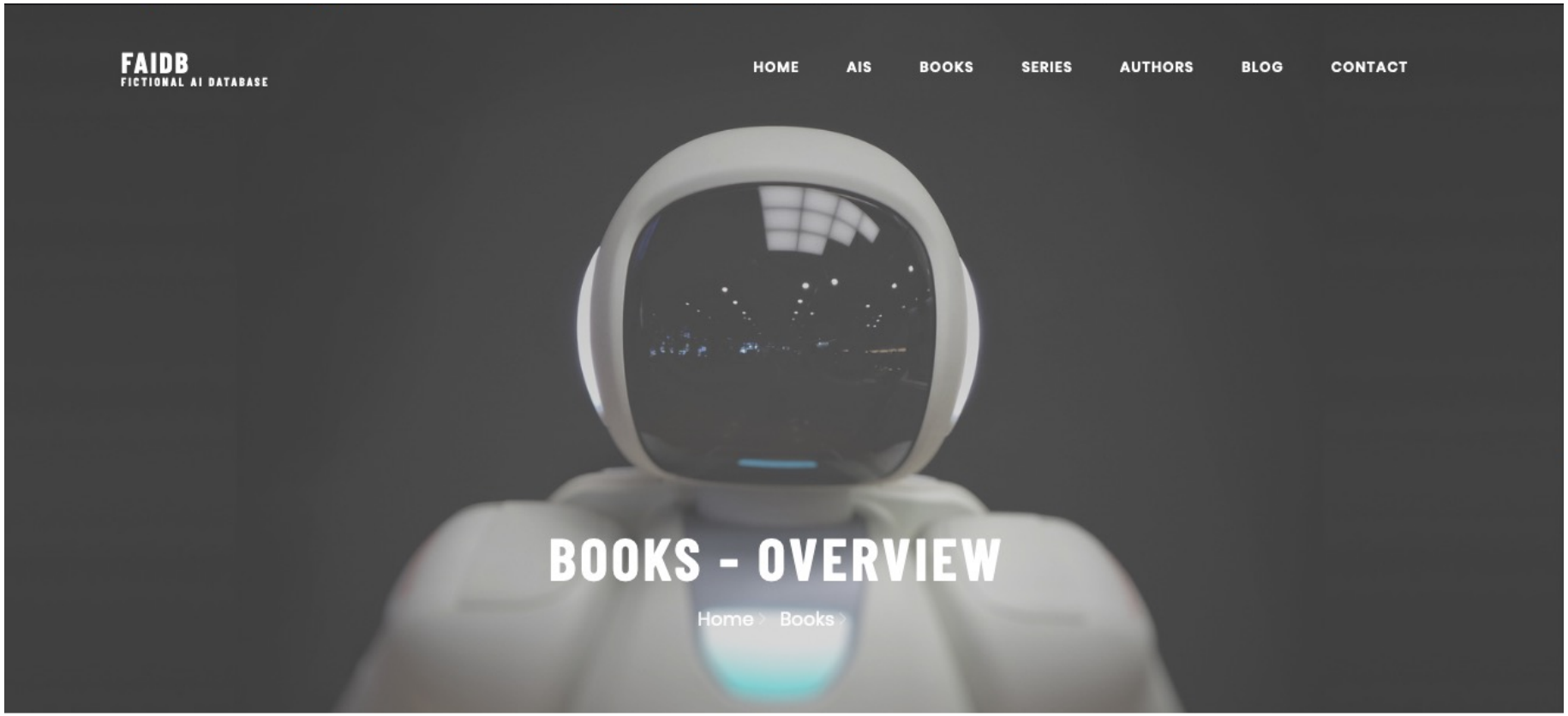
RUPETTA
N.A. SULWAY
NEAL STEPHENSON
SEVENEVES
SYNNERS
PAT CADIGAN
ARTHUR C. CLARKE
RENDEZVOUS WITH RAMA
DAN SIMMONS
THE RISE OF ENDYMION
ANDREAS BRANDHORST
DAS SCHIFF
MARTHA WELLS
ALL SYSTEMS RED
SF MASTERWORKS
JOHN BRUNNER
Stand On Zanzibar
ANCILLARY SWORD
ANN LECKIE
IAIN M. BANKS
EXCESSION
MICHAEL M
DER KA
MECHANI
SEEL
CHINA
ÉVILLE
PERDIDO STREET
Station
ANDREAS ESCHBACH
HERR ALLER DINGE
ANCILLARY JUSTICE
ANN LECKIE
NEAL STEPHENSON
THE DIAMOND AGE
QUA
LITY
LAND
GREG BEAR
MOVING MARS
SF MASTERWORKS
TRICIA SULLIVAN
Dreaming in Smoke
Rainbows End
VERNOR VINGE
PERMUTATION CITY
GREG EGAN
DAVID BRIN
THE POSTMAN
ROBERT CHARLES WILSON
SPIN
THE FALL OF HYPERION
DAN SIMMONS
frederik POHL
Gateway
ANN LECKIE
ANCILLARY MERCY
HUGO AWARD WINNER
A FIRE UPON THE DEEP
VERNOR VINGE
2312
A MASTERFUL MOVING VISION
KIM STANLEY ROBINSON
charles stross
accelerando
DAN SIMMONS
HYPERION
USE OF WEAPONS
A SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL
IAIN M. BANKS
The Forever Machine
RAMEZ NAAM
APEX
SOFTWA
RUDY RUCKER
Piercy
of
SS
SPEAKER FOR THE DEAD
TIK-TOK
JOHN SLADEK
ISAAC ASIMOV'S
ROGER ZELAZNY
NEUROMANCER
WILLIAM GIBSON
A Frederik Pohl Selection
The Female Man
THE LIFECYCLE OF SOFTWARE OBJECTS
SF MASTERWORKS
ROBERT A. HEINLEIN
The Moon is a Harsh Mistress
CIXIN LIU
THE THREE-BODY PROBLEM
ROGER ZELAZNY
HOME IS THE HANGMAN
TAKE BACK PLENTY


Pictured as Dangerous
Year of Publishing
4.0
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
2010
2020
Big 12
Wintermute
the Blight
Anaander
Bartho
Su-Yong Shu
Ralph
Tik-Tok
Kit
Core
Aineko
The Sophon
Murderbot
Hangman
Cobb
Johnny
Yod
Paul Durham
Lobster
Group-Mind
Rabbit
Breq
Mike
Biots
Dixie
Jane
Skaffen
Nemes
Hypotheticals
Androids
John of Us
Bossy
Shal
Sigfrid von Shrink
Davy
Alice (TBP)
Neuromancer
Alice (MM)
Cyclops
Severn
Art
Primer
Sisela
Sleeper
Churt
Council
Ganesh
Digients
Rupetta
Pauline
Nanobots
Ship
Robots
Station
One Esk
Beseelte


Jane
Rupetta
Kalliope 7.3
Su-Yong Shu
Alice (MM)
Bossy
Alice (TBP)
Nemes
Pauline
Anaander
Breq
Primer
The Sophon
Ship
Biots
Big 12
Core
the Blight
Churt
Hypotheticals
One Esk
Robots
Skaffen
Sleeper
Nanobots
Murderbot
Sisela
Station
Ganesh
Council
John of Us
Mike
Shal
Wintermute
Cyclops
Bartho
Sigfrid von Shrink
Neuromancer
Supervisor
Davy
Hangman
Kit
Johnny
Cobb
Dixie
Yod
Paul Durham
Aineko
Rabbit
Ralph
Tik-Tok
Severn
Art
Gender (male - female)
Year of Publishing
5.0
4.5
4.0
3.5
3.0
2.5
2.0
1.5
1.0
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
2010
2020

Servant-Gender Distribution





List of Books

Books

1954 They'd Rather Be Right, written by Clifton, Mark; Riley, Frank;

1964 Stand on Zanzibar, written by Brunner, John;

1966 The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress, written by Heinlein, Robert A.;

1973 Rendezvous with Rama, written by Clarke, Arthur C.;

Book Information

This list provides an overview of all registered books - up until now. If you think one book is missing, request access to the administrator backend and register the book by yourself.

Do you **more information**?
Do you want to **participate**?

Find the website here:
results.fictional-ai-database.org

Send me an email:
larissa@fictional-ai-database.org

Find me on Twitter:
@LuanaCasado