

# Drones in Sci-Fi Books, Films, Television Series, and Games

Book	Author	Blurb / comments	drone type	Links
Focussed on drones	Some drones	Little focus on drones		
Malak	Peter Watts	Short story written entirely from drone perspective. - have it free		<a href="http://riffers.com/real/shorts/PeterWatts_Malak.pdf">http://riffers.com/real/shorts/PeterWatts_Malak.pdf</a>
Honor Harrington(series)	David Weber			<a href="http://www.goodreads.com/series/40419-honor-harrington">http://www.goodreads.com/series/40419-honor-harrington</a>
Dune	Frank Herbert	hunter seeker'	drone hunter	
Leviathon	Scott Westerfeld	it has Central Powers (Clankers) using mechanized war machines opposed by Entente Powers(Darwinists) who fabricate living creatures genetically.	war drone	
Cloak of Anarchy	Larry Niven	<a href="http://www.technovelgy.com/ct/content.asp?Bnum=309">http://www.technovelgy.com/ct/content.asp?Bnum=309</a>		Website useful for finding other uses of drones too!
Watchbird	Robert Sheckley	<a href="http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/29579?msg=welcome_stranger">http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/29579?msg=welcome_stranger</a>		
Deep State	Walter Jon Williams	the contractors use off-the-shelf hardware to create camera drones and ad hoc networks so that scenes from the protests can be uploaded to the web.	activist drone	
Kill Decision	Daniel Suarez	Unmanned, remotely piloted combat drones already exist—they're widely used by the American military overseas. In Kill Decision, bestselling author Daniel Suarez takes the real technology behind autonomous drones to the next logical step.	war drone	<a href="http://thedaemon.com/killdecisionsynopsis.html">http://thedaemon.com/killdecisionsynopsis.html</a>
The Peripheral	William Gibson	One of the characters is a returning veteran who was in the militaries drone program.		
Vital Light	William Gibson	"Police drones armed with incapacitating capsaicin weapons flown from a remote location."	police drone	
Bridge Trilogy	William Gibson	"At the end of the Bridge Trilogy, hackers redirect automated cargo blimps carrying water to extinguish a fire."	firefighter drone	
A Deepness in the Sky	Vernor Vinge	" if you count passive, remote controlled drones (that are still awesome)"		
Revelation Space Trilogy	Alistair Reynolds	The main trilogy (also known as the Inhibitor trilogy) consists of 1) Revelation Space, 2) Redemption Ark and 3) Absolution Gap, and deals with humanity coming to the attention of the inhibitors and the resultant war between them. "The Inhibitors are an entire subspecies of swarming drones designed to kill all space faring life and there are also the most badass AI drone weapons ever on the triumvirate ship."	war drone	
The Synchronicity Wars		Drones - run by AI's. After almost a century of peaceful exploration and colonization of space, the United Earth Space Force stumbles across a shockingly xenophobic alien race that has more and better armed ships and refuses all attempts at contact. As the outgunned Space Force is driven back in battle after battle in what appears to be a war of extermination, one officer experiences precognitive visions that help him blunt the enemy onslaught but he can't control or predict when they occur.	war drone	
A Young Lady's Illustrated	Neal Stephenson			
The Beserker (series)	Fred Saberhagen			
The Orphanage (series)	Robert Buettner	"as drones that are linked to a human controller's brain. They are reconnaissance drones used by the military but only one drone, Jeeb, is part of the narrative of these books."	war drone	
Daemon	Daniel Suarez	Matthew Sobol is dead, but his final creation survives. It begins with a bizarre murder, where the only possible perpetrator happens to be dead. As more killings follow, the police are completely out of their depth. It falls to the unlikely partnership of Sebeck, a computer-illiterate cop, and Ross, an enigmatic hacker, to realise the scale of the imminent danger. The Daemon is seemingly unstoppable, and murder is the least of its capabilities. As it leaves a trail of death and destruction in its wake, Sebeck and Ross must face up to a terrifying possibility. Can they convince a disbelieving world to take drastic action, and shut down the Daemon before it is too late? Explosive, action-packed, terrifyingly relevant, Daemon redefines the high-concept thriller for the information age.		
Freedom	Daniel Suarez	In his phenomenal debut, Daemon, Daniel Suarez introduced a terrifying vision of an unstoppable computer program unleashed on our world by a hi-tech wunderkind. But now, our world is Daemon's world- unless someone stops the program once and for all...	apocalypse drone	

Kiln People	David Brin	Al Morris is a private investigator. Actually, he's lots of private investigators. For he lives in a world in which every person, every day, can be in any number of places at the same time. It's the world of dittos. It is our world. Welcome to the future. In a business where information is the currency, Al's dittos are loaded. And with a number of cases on the go at once, it is crucial that Al keeps track of what's going on. What he doesn't know is that he is about to be drawn into a plot that could throw this delicately balanced world into chaos. It seems that the technology has been developed for dittos to replicate themselves. It seems that real people may no longer be necessary. And, suddenly, it seems that mankind's dream of immortality could turn into a nightmare.		
Confederation(series)	Peter F Hamilton			<a href="https://www.goodreads.com/series/108562-confederation-universe">https://www.goodreads.com/series/108562-confederation-universe</a>
Ilium / Olympos Duology	Dan Simms	Features characters called Moravecs - Named after the roboticist Hans Moravec, they are autonomous, sentient, self-evolving biomechanical organisms that dwell on the Jovian moons. They were seeded throughout the outer Solar System by humans during the Lost Age. Most moravecs are self-described humanists and study Lost Age culture, including literature, television programs and movies.		
Marooned in Realtime	Vernor Vinge	Marooned in Realtime is a 1986 murder mystery and time-travel science fiction novel by American writer Vernor Vinge, about a small, time-displaced group of people who may be the only survivors of a technological singularity or alien invasion. It is the sequel to The Peace War (1984) and "The Ungoverned" (1985). Both novels and the novella were collected in Across Realtime.		
The Diamond Age	Neal Stephanson	has "nano vehicles"		
Snow Crash	Neal Stephanson	Enter the Metaverse - cyberspace home to avatars and software daemons, where anything and just about everything goes. Newly available on the Street - the Metaverse's main drag - is Snow Crash, a cyberdrug. Trouble is Snow Crash is also a computer virus - and something more. Because once taken it infects the person behind the avatar. Snow Crash bleeds into reality.		
Blood Music	Greg Bear	Vergil Ulam's breakthrough in genetic engineering is considered too dangerous for further research. Rather than destroy his work, he injects himself with his creation and walks out of his lab, unaware of just quite how his actions will change the world.		
Broken Angels	Richard K Morgan	A breakneck-paced crime thriller, ALTERED CARBON took its readers deep into the universe Morgan had so compellingly realised without ever letting them escape the onward rush of the plot. BROKEN ANGELS melds SF, the war novel and the spy thriller to take the reader below the surface of this future and lay bare the treacheries, betrayals and follies that leave man so ill-prepared for the legacy he has been given: the stars. This is SF at its dizzying best: superb, yet subtle, world-building; strong yet sensitive characterisation; awesome yet believable technology, thrilling yet profound writing. Richard Morgan is set to join the genre's world-wide elite.		
Blind Sight		Two months have past since a myriad of alien objects clenched about the Earth, screaming as they burned. The heavens have been silent since until a derelict space probe hears whispers from a distant comet. Something talks out there: but not to us. Who should we send to meet the alien, when the alien doesn't want to meet? Send a linguist with multiple - personality disorder and a biologist so spliced with machinery that he can't feel his own flesh. Send a pacifist warrior and a vampire recalled from the grave by the voodoo of paleogenetics. Send a man with half his mind gone since childhood. Send them to edge of the solar system, praying you can trust such freaks and monsters with the fate of a world. You fear they may be more alien than the thing they've been sent to find - but you'd give anything for that to be true, if you knew what was waiting for them...		
Life Artificial		Web stories		<a href="http://lifeartificial.com/">http://lifeartificial.com/</a>
Robopocalypse	Daniel H Wilson			
The Fifth Wave	Rick Yancy	16-year-old Cassie Sullivan tries to survive in a world devastated by the waves of an alien invasion that has already decimated the population and knocked mankind back to the Stone Age.		
The Two Faces of Tomorrow	James P Hogan	Midway through the 21st century, an integrated global computer network manages much of the world's affairs. A proposed major software upgrade - an artificial intelligence - will give the system an unprecedented degree of independent decision-making, but serious questions are raised in regard to how much control can safely be given to a non-human intelligence. In order to more fully assess the system, a new space-station habitat - a world in miniature - is developed for deployment of the fully operational system, named Spartacus. This mini-world can then be "attacked" in a series of escalating tests to assess the system's responses and capabilities. If Spartacus gets out of hand, the system can be shut down and the station destroyed... unless Spartacus decides to take matters into its own hands and take the fight to Earth.		
Polity (series)	Neil Asher	similar to cultre - could take a while to find anything		
Blind Lake	Robert Charles Wilson	military drones		

Film			
Title	Director	Blurb/Comments	Links
Oblivion	Joseph Kosinski	Jack Harper (Cruise) serves as a security repairman stationed on an evacuated Earth. Part of a massive operation to extract vital resources after decades of war with a terrifying alien threat who still scavenges what's left of our planet, Jack's mission is almost complete. In a matter of two weeks, he will join the remaining survivors on a lunar colony far from the war-torn world he has long called home. Living in and patrolling the breathtaking skies from thousands of feet above, Jack's soaring existence is brought crashing down after he rescues a beautiful stranger from a downed spacecraft. Drawn to Jack through a connection that transcends logic, her arrival triggers a chain of events that forces him to question everything he thought he knew. With a reality that is shattered as he discovers shocking truths that connect him to Earth of the past, Jack will be pushed to a heroism he didn't know he contained within. The fate of humanity now rests solely in the hands of a man who believed our world was soon to be lost forever. (c)Universal	
Sleep Dealer	Alex Rivera	Memo Cruz (Luis Fernando Peña) is a young man in near-future Mexico. When his family is victim of a misguided drone attack he finds himself with no option but to head north, towards the U.S./Mexico border. But migrant workers cannot cross this new world border – it's been sealed off. Instead, Memo ends up in a strange digital factory in Mexico where he connects his body to a robot in America.	
Prometheus	Ridley Scott	mapping drones	surveillance drone
Batteries Not Included	Matthew Robins	Apartment block tenants seek the aid of alien mechanical life-forms to save their building from demolition.	
Silent Running	Douglas Trumbull	In a future where all flora is extinct on Earth, an astronaut is given orders to destroy the last of Earth's botany, kept in a greenhouse aboard a spacecraft.	
Man of Steel	Zack Snyder	With the imminent destruction of Krypton, their home planet, Jor-El (Russell Crowe) and his wife seek to preserve their race by sending their infant son to Earth. The child's spacecraft lands at the farm of Jonathan (Kevin Costner) and Martha (Diane Lane) Kent, who name him Clark and raise him as their own son. Though his extraordinary abilities have led to the adult Clark (Henry Cavill) living on the fringe of society, he finds he must become a hero to save those he loves from a dire threat	
Moon	Duncan Jones	GERTY? Astronaut Sam Bell has a quintessentially personal encounter toward the end of his three-year stint on the Moon, where he, working alongside his computer, GERTY, sends back to Earth parcels of a resource that has helped diminish our planet's power problems.	
Minority Report	Stevan Spielberg	Spiders scene	
The Matrix	Andy Wachowski, Lana W	sentinals	
Terminator	James Cameron	giant flying H/K drones	war drones
Stealth	Rob Cohen	Navy fighter pilots Ben Gannon (Josh Lucas), Henry Purcell (Jamie Foxx) and Kara Wade (Jessica Biel) are tasked with training an unmanned plane to hit important overseas targets. Ben doesn't trust the artificial-intelligence technology, especially after the plane is hit by lightning and rewired. However, the Navy is determined to put the plane in the air -- even after it goes off on a mission of its own. Ben knows he has to stop the technology before it sparks a new world war.	
Runaway	Michael Crichton	lots of robots "featured stuff like robot/drone bots that could blow up cars on the freeway, spider bots, and guided bullets. Most can be seen in this trailer: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IA6ybohAVq8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IA6ybohAVq8</a> "	
Black Hole	Gary Nelson	A research vessel finds a missing ship, commanded by a mysterious scientist, on the edge of a black hole.	
Star Wars			
Short Circuit	John Badham	Number 5 of a group of experimental robots in a lab is electrocuted, suddenly becomes intelligent, and escapes.	
Wall-e	Andrew Stanton		
Television Series			
Title	Series / Episode	Blurb/Comments	Links

Agents of shield		"Fitz has a briefcase he carries around with him that contains several small drones he uses to examine crime scenes and other things. They seem to move around on their own and he collects data as they go."	data drones	
Almost Human	E3			
Rotor Dr1		Whole thing is based on drones! great!		
Stargate Universe		Suggested that in last season they are attacked by drones - they use them to send ahead of them through the wormhole I recall? They may just be robots...		
Stargate SG1	S4E2	"The other side had drones controlled by characters to fight a war as the main plot line."		MALP - use all the time is a drone?
Battlestar Gallactica		Cylons Reaper aircraft - autonomous but not fully sentient		
Babylon 5		reporters followed by camera drones		
Continuum				
Dark Angel		Dark Angel is an American biopunk/cyberpunk science fiction television series created by James Cameron. was canceled after two seasons. The series chronicles the life of Max Guevara (X5-452), a genetically-enhanced super-soldier who escapes from a covert government biotech/military facility as a child. In a post-apocalyptic Seattle, she tries to lead some semblance of a normal life, while eluding capture by government agents and searching for her genetically-enhanced brothers and sisters scattered in the aftermath of their escape.		
Lost in space				
<b>Game</b>				
eve online	Has drones available to play			