

# **The Rise of Speculative Fiction: Dystopia, Utopia, and the Present Crisis**

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**Abstract:** *This paper examines the emergence of speculative fiction in modern English literature, emphasizing dystopian and utopian themes. It looks at how various genres react to and represent the contemporary world challenges, such as socioeconomic inequality, political unrest, digital upheaval, and global warming. The research illustrates the manner in which speculative fiction provides an orientation to our existence and a way to reimagine potential futures through an examination of a few chosen texts and theorizing frameworks..*

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