

YA FICTION: 11 CYBERPUNK NOVELS YOU NEED TO READ

Never heard of cyberpunk? It's a subgenre of science fiction, a blending of "high tech" and "low life". Although it's not hot right now, cyberpunk and dystopias have a lot in common (think *The Hunger Games*, or *Kaimira: Sky Village*). But where dystopias are more general (what if the government took control? what if a plague wiped out half the population?), cyberpunk plays with scientific what-ifs within the context of a greater dystopic world. And although not specifically geared toward YA readers, many cyberpunk novels--like Neal Stephenson's *Snow Crash*--speak to the teen in all of us.

Some of these titles are marketed as straight out YA (marked with a *); the rest are considered adult lit, but are easily crossover.

1. SNOW CRASH, Neal Stephenson
2. HALTING STATE, Charles Stross
3. NEUROMANCER, William Gibson
4. DIASPORA, Greg Egan
5. THE SOFTWARE SERIES, PJ Haarsma *
6. KAIMIRA: THE SKY VILLAGE, Monk Ashland & Nigel Ashland *
7. THE DIFFERENCE ENGINE, William Gibson and Bruce Sterling
8. KILN PEOPLE, David Brin
9. SOFTWARE, Rudy Rucker
10. DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP? Philip K. Dick *
11. THE HUNGER GAMES, Suzanne Collins