

CYCLOPAEDIA 19 – ALIEN INVASION

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OVERVIEW

The alien invasion is a staple theme of science fiction cinema and fiction, and a popular topic for conspiracies. Extraterrestrials invade Earth with plans to exploit the Earth' resources, exterminate humanity, enslave humanity, harvest humanity, ignore humanity, or – in rare circumstances – befriend humanity.

Sometimes this theme is used as an allegory to comment on real life events and politics on earth, other times the theme is used to hide a social commentary or environmental agenda, and other times it is just a fun summer blockbuster where we root for the outmatched heroes!

H.G. Wells' *The War of the Worlds* is considered the seminal alien invasion story, and it set the stage for the genre today with the original novel and later radio program, movies, and TV show. There were other aliens on earth stories before this, but *The War of the Worlds* set the standard still followed today.

This Cyclopaedia focuses on alien invasions of Earth. Not wars with alien civilizations out in the universe, nor invasions of Earth colonies on other planets, nor Earthlings invading other planets. Space Wars will be a topic another day.

VARIOUS FORMS OF ALIEN INVASION

Earth experiences so many different types of alien invasions. While some are obvious with ships attacking our largest cities,

others are more subtle with microscopic organisms invading our bodies to secretly take over our world. Some of these invasions are not aggressive or even negative, but in fact are aliens who have come to live with us and share our planet.

- Alien Abduction
- Alien Infiltration
- Alien Friendship
- Alien Occupation
- Alien War

Following are sources of information pertaining to Alien Invasion to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

ARTICLES

Nevada's Extraterrestrial Highway and Area 51 : between dead cattle, sci-fi fans, and UFOs, the Nevada Department of Transportation road crew responsible for maintaining Highway 375 have their hands full

By Varhola, Michael J.

Source: Utility fleet management. Vol. 21, no. 10 (Oct. 2002) p. 20-24

The Truth Is Out There ...but in the isolated corner of Nevada known as Area 51, only a few have seen it fly. And they aren't talking.

By Scott, W B

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BOOKS

2001: A Space Odyssey

By Clarke, Arthur C.

The 5th Wave

By Yancy, Rick

All You Need Is Kill

By Sakurazaka, Hiroshi

The Andromeda Strain

By Crichton, Michael

Animorphs (series)

By Applegate, K. A.

Armada

By Cline, Ernest

Battlefield Earth: A Saga of the Year 3000

By Hubbard, L. Ron

Blackcollar

By Zahn, Timothy

Childhood's End

By Clarke, Arthur C.

The Course of Empire

By Flint, Eric and Wentworth, K.D.

The Day of the Triffids

By Wyndham, John

Ender's Game

By Card, Orson Scott

Evolution's Shore

By McDonald, Ian

Footfall

By Niven, Larry and Pournelle, Jerry

The Forge of God

By Bear, Greg

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

By Adams, Douglas

The Host

By Meyer, Stephanie

A Hymn Before Battle

By Ringo, John

I Am Number Four

By Lore, Pittacus

Invasion of the Body Snatchers

By Finney, Jack

A Matter for Men

By Gerrold, David

The Puppet Masters

By Heinlein, Robert A.

Remember to always be brave!

By Rodriguez, Daniel

Spin

By Wilson, Robert Charles

The True Meaning of Smekday

By Rex, Adam

The War of the Worlds

By Wells, H.G.

Worldwar: In the Balance

By Turtledove, Harry

GAMES

Alien Vs Predator: The Hunt Begins - Tabletop
Artemis Spaceship Bridge Simulator - Computer Game
City of Heroes - Computer Game
Conspiracy X - RPG
Crisis - Computer Game
Delta Green - RPG
Destroy All Humans! - Computer Game
Doctor Who Roleplaying Game - RPG
Doctor Who Time Class - Tabletop Game
Duke Nukem Forever - Computer Game
End of the World: Alien Invasion - RPG
Galaxy Defenders - Tabletop Game
Half-Life - Computer Game
Halo 2 - Computer Game
Invaders - Tabletop Game
Invasion: Target Earth - RPG
Legendary Encounters: Predator - Tabletop Game
Living Steel - RPG
Mars Attacks! - Tabletop Game
Mass Effect - Computer Game
Necessary Evil - RPG
Project: ELITE - Tabletop Game
Risk: The Dalek Invasion of Earth - Tabletop Game
Robotech: The Roleplaying Game - RPG
Space Invaders - Computer Game
XCOM - Computer Game
XCOM: The Board Game - Tabletop Game

CINEMA

2001: A Space Odyssey
The Abyss
Alien Nation
Alien Vs. Predator
The Andromeda Strain

Arrival
The Arrival
Attack the Block
Battlefield Earth
Battle: Los Angeles
Battleship
Ben 10 - Cartoon
The Blob
Close Encounters of the Third Kind
Cowboys & Aliens
Critters
Dark City
The Day the Earth Stood Still
The Day of the Triffids
Defiance - TV
Destroy All Monsters
District 9
Doctor Who - TV
Earth: Final Conflict - TV
Earth vs. The Flying Saucers
Edge of Tomorrow
Ender's Game
Evolution
The Faculty
Falling Skies - TV
The Fifth Element
I Come in Peace
Independence Day
Invaders From Mars
The Invasion
Invasion of the Body Snatchers
It Came From Outer Space
Killer Klowns from Outer Space
Little Shop of Horrors
Man of Steel
Mars Attacks!
Marvel's The Avengers
Men in Black
Monsters vs Aliens
The Mysterians
Neon Genesis Evangelion - Anime
Oblivion
Pacific Rim

Pixels
Plan 9 From Outer Space
Power Rangers - Movie/TV
Predator
Robotech/The Super Dimension Fortress
Macross - Anime
Roswell - TV
Signs
Slither
Space: Above and Beyond - TV
Space Jam
Sphere
Starblazers/Space Battleship Yamato - Anime
Stargate
Stargate SG-1 - TV
Star Trek: First Contact
Superman II
Taken
The Thing
The Thing From Another World
They Live
Torchwood - TV
Transformers
Ultraman
Under the Skin
V - TV
Village of the Damned
The War of the Worlds
War of the Worlds - TV
The World's End
The X-Files - TV

[Mill, New Jersey](#)

MUFON Symposium
<https://www.mufonsymposium.com/>

Roswell UFO Festival
<http://www.ufofestivalroswell.com/>

SETI Institute
<http://www.seti.org/>

Space Adventures
<http://www.spaceadventures.com/>

PEOPLE

Walter H. Andrus
Arthur C. Clarke
John Billingham
Frank Drake
Louis Friedman
Jan C. Harzan
Bruce Murray
Barney Oliver
Carl Sagan
John Schuessler
Allen Utke
H.G. Wells

LOCATIONS

Area 51
<http://visitarea51.com/>
http://lasvegastourism.com/area_51.htm

Grover's Mill, New Jersey
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grover%27s>