

Alternate Histories

What would life be like if...

[1632](#)

Series Title: [Assiti shards series](#)

by Flint, Eric

A mysterious accident in time causes twenty-first-century American democracy to collide head-on with the Thirty Years War in seventeenth-century Germany as Mike Stearn and a group of armed miners take on a gang of strangely attired invaders who are threatening peaceful Grantville, West Virginia.

[Darwinia](#)

by Wilson, Robert Charles

In 1912, in an incident known as "The Miracle," Europe disappears, and a new landmass called Darwinia, filled with alien flora and fauna, appears in its place.

[The Difference Engine](#)

by Gibson, William and Sterling, Bruce

A steam-driven calculator changes the face of the Victorian era, turning it into a strange, modernistic world complete with fast food and credit cards.

[Dinosaur Summer](#)

by Bear, Greg

Peter and his photojournalist father join an expedition to return the last surviving dinosaurs to their natural habitat in Venezuela.

[The Eyre Affair](#)

Series Title: [Thursday Next](#)

by Fforde, Jasper

In a world where one can literally get lost in literature, Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection, tries to stop the world's Third Most Wanted criminal from kidnapping characters, including Jane Eyre, from works of literature.

[The Great War: The American Front](#)

Series Title: [Great War](#)

by Turtledove, Harry

In an alternative history of America, a divided nation--the U.S. and the Confederate States of America--enters World War I on opposing sides.

[The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln](#)

by Carter, Stephen L.

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In an alternate history novel, Lincoln escapes assassination by John Wilkes Booth only to face impeachment, and Abigail Canner, a young black woman involved in his defense, helps investigate the murder of the president's counsel.

[In war times](#)

by Goonan, Kathleen Ann

In an alternate-universe depiction of World War II, Sam enlists in the military after his brother is killed at Pearl Harbor and receives plans for a mysterious device from one of his instructors that he spends the war constructing, with unexpected and bizarre results.

[Lion's Blood](#)

by Barnes, Steven

In a work of alternate history in which the peoples of Africa colonize the Americas, the fates of two families--one Islamic African aristocrats, the other Druidic Irish slaves--collide as two young men, one of each dynasty, confront their world and each other.

[Never Surrender](#)

Series Title: [David Garnett series](#)

by Egleton, Clive

An alternative London: a Russian missile has hit Britain, and the Russians have taken over the government. A resistance movement combats the usurpers, but for every act of opposition, the Russians exact a terrible price in human lives.

[Seventh Son](#)

Series Title: [Tales of Alvin Maker](#)

by Card, Orson Scott

An unforgettable story about young Alvin Maker: the seventh son of a seventh son. Born into an alternative frontier America where life is hard and folk magic is real, Alvin is gifted with the power. He must learn to use his gift wisely. But dark forces are arrayed against Alvin, and only a young girl with second sight can protect him.

[The Two Georges](#)

by Dreyfuss, Richard and Turtledove, Harry

A story of murder, intrigue, and a stolen painting portrays America as it might have been, had George Washington surrendered to George III.

[Weapons of Choice](#)

Series Title: [Axis of time series](#)

by Birmingham, John

America's World War II fleet is decimated by a multi-national task force sent back in time from the year 2021, forcing Admiral Nimitz and Rear Admiral Spruance to make the potentially consequential decision to fight their own possible descendants.

[West of Eden](#)

Series Title: [Eden trilogy](#)

by Harrison, Harry

In this alternate world the dinosaurs never died out. Instead, they developed their own civilization. Eventually, a conflict develops between this advanced dinosaur civilization and a more primitive human civilization.

[The years of rice and salt](#)

by Robinson, Kim Stanley

It is the fourteenth century and one of the most apocalyptic events in human history is set to occur--the coming of the Black Death. History teaches us that a third of Europe's population was destroyed. But what if? What if the plague killed 99 percent of the population instead? How would the world have changed?

[The Yiddish Policemen's Union](#)

by Chabon, Michael

In a world in which Alaska, rather than Israel, has become the homeland for the Jews following World War II, Detective Meyer Landsman and his half-Tlingit partner Berko investigate the death of a heroin-addicted chess prodigy.