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Science permeates contemporary culture, from the technology in our daily lives to our dreams of other worlds in fiction. Studying science in popular culture is essential to understanding how scientific ideas are utilized, explored, critiqued and sometimes exploited outside of their formal contexts and how popular audiences understand science. Popular fascination with science has even created a cultural niche of its own, giving rise to new engagements with scientific knowledge, practice, and technologies.

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