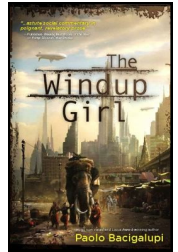


Steampunk

Steampunk is a sub-genre of Science Fiction & Fantasy which combines elements of future science & technology - such as robots and computers - with those of the past typified by the 19th Century, a time when steam power prevailed, and machines used gears and clockwork. Steampunk has evolved beyond a literary sub-genre and includes other elements of popular culture, such as movies, music and fashion.

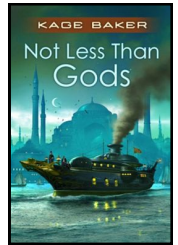
The Windup Girl by Paolo Bacigalupi

In a future of rising water levels, bioengineered plagues, global food shortages, and retro-technology, calories have become currency and the rediscovery of foods thought to be extinct leads to commercial success or spectacular failure. An encounter between Anderson Lake, AgriGen's "calorie man" in Bangkok, and Emiko, a genetically engineered member of the New People, sets off a cataclysmic chain of events. This debut novel provides a captivating look at a dystopian future where East meets West in a clash of cultures that seems all too possible.



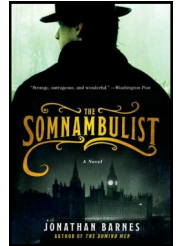
Not Less Than Gods by Kage Baker

A novel set in a secret steampunk Victorian England charts the rise of Edward Fairfax--a man created for hidden purposes, with superhuman powers of strength, cognition and charisma. An illegitimate child of British nobility, Fairfax grows up among ice-cold tutors and doting servants, little noticing that he is bigger and smarter than other children. After a disastrous stint in the navy, where his idealism conflicts with military orders, he is recruited as a member of a secret society interested in making the world a better place regardless of politics and laws. This is a spin off of *The Company* series, which starts with In the Garden of Iden.



The Somnambulist by Jonathan Barnes (Adult Fiction)

A tale set in Victorian London introduces the characters of stage magician and detective Edward Moon and his silent sidekick, the titular somnambulist, whose fiendish plot to re-create the apocalyptic prophecies of Samuel Taylor Coleridge threaten the British Empire.



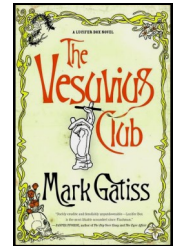
Soulless by Gail Carriger

Alexia Tarabotti is laboring under a great many social tribulations. First, she has no soul. Second, she's a spinster whose father is both Italian and dead. Third, she was rudely attacked by a vampire, breaking all standards of social etiquette. Where to go from there? From bad to worse apparently, for Alexia accidentally kills the vampire -- and then the appalling Lord Maccon (loud, messy, gorgeous, and werewolf) is sent by Queen Victoria to investigate. The Parasol Protectorate series is a comedy of manners set in Victorian London: full of werewolves, vampires, dirigibles, and tea-drinking. The next book in the series is Changeless.



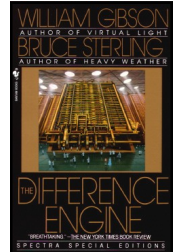
The Vesuvius Club by Mark Gatiss (Adult Fiction)

Hiding his identity as the king's most daring secret agent in his public role as a dandy and rake, Lucifer Box investigates a series of prominent scientist murders, a case that takes him from Edwardian London into the heart of a secret sex club near the ruined city of Pompeii.



The Difference Engine by William Gibson

1855: The Industrial Revolution is in full and inexorable swing, powered by steam-driven cybernetic Engines. Charles Babbage perfects his Analytical Engine and the computer age arrives a century ahead of its time. And three extraordinary characters race toward a rendezvous with history - and the future: Sybil Gerard - fallen woman, politicians' tart, daughter of a Luddite agitator; Edward "Leviathan" Mallory - explorer and paleontologist. Laurence Oliphant - diplomat, mystic, and spy. Their adventure begins with the discovery of a box of punched Engine cards of unknown origin and purpose. Cards someone wants badly enough to kill for...



Thunderer by Felix Gilman

Arjun arrives in Ararat just as a magnificent winged creature sails over the city. It is the day of the return of the long-awaited, mystical great Bird. As it soars across the land, as the city's mapless streets are transformed, as the great river changes its course, as the territories of the city's avian life are redrawn, crowds cheer and guns salute. Then comes the time for the Bird's power to be trapped—within the hull of the floating warship Thunderer, now a temple to the Bird, and a terrible new weapon to be used, allegedly, in the interests of Ararat. Also try Gears of the City.



The Greyfriar by Clay & Susan Griffith

In 1870, monsters rise up and conquer the northern lands, As great cities are swallowed up by carnage and disease, landowners and other elite flee south to escape their blood-thirsty wrath. One hundred fifty years later, the great divide still exists; fangs on one side of the border, worried defenders on the other. This fragile equilibrium is threatened, then crumbles after a single young princess becomes almost hopelessly lost in the hostile territory. At first, she has only one defender: a mysterious Greyfriar who roams freely in dangerous vampire regions.



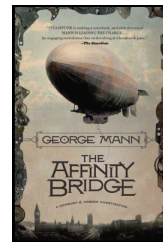
Mainspring by Jay Lake

The world is a giant clockwork mechanism powered by hidden gears and moving along a track through the sky. When the Archangel Gabriel visits apprentice clockmaker Hethor, instructing him to take the Key Perilous and use it to rewind the Mainspring of the Earth lest the world come to an end, Hethor embarks on a journey that takes him to unexplored lands and sets him against many in high places who believe him to be deluded or heretical.



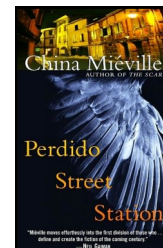
The Affinity Bridge: a Newbury & Hobbes Investigation by George Mann

Sir Maurice Newbury and Miss Veronica Hobbes, agents of Queen Victoria, battle both physical and supernatural enemies of the crown. They are called in to investigate the wreckage of a crashed airship and its missing automaton pilot while dealing with a zombie plague in the slums of the capital and attempting to solve a string of strangulations credited to a mysterious glowing policeman.



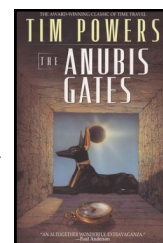
Perdido Street Station by China Mieville

In the sprawling, gothic city of New Crobuzon, a stranger has come to request the services of Isaac, an overweight and slightly eccentric scientist. But it is an impossible request – that of flight – and in the end Isaac's attempts will only succeed in unleashing a dark force upon the city. Merge Dickensian London with the L.A. of Blade Runner, add the characters of Lewis Carroll, and you will begin to get an idea of the hypnotic quality of *Perdido Street Station*. Mieville's other *New Crobuzon* novels include: [The Scar](#) and [Iron Council](#).



The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen by Alan Moore (Graphic Novels)

In this Graphic Novel Acclaimed comics author Moore has combined his love of 19th-century adventure literature with an imaginative mastery of its 20th-century corollary, the superhero comic book. This delightful work features a grand collection of signature 19th-century fictional adventurers, covertly brought together to defend the empire. Also try [The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: Volume 2](#).



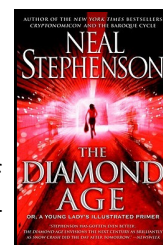
The Anubis Gates by Tim Powers

Powers' book stands as one of the pillars upon which the current steampunk trend sits. Essentially a time-travel story, the book's plot centers around the titular gates, which are used by a group of modern-day Londoners to travel back in time to attend a lecture by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. The trip goes awry, and one of the travelers, professor Brendan Doyle, is captured by Egyptian magicians.



Boneshaker by Cherie Priest

Inventor Leviticus Blue creates a machine that accidentally decimates Seattle's banking district and uncovers a vein of Blight Gas that turns everyone who breathes it into the living dead. Sixteen years later Briar, Blue's widow, lives in the poor neighborhood outside the wall that's been built around the uninhabitable city. Life is tough with a ruined reputation, but she and her teenage son Ezekiel are surviving--until Zeke impetuously decides that he must reclaim his father's name from the clutches of history. Also try [Dreadnought](#).



Steampunk'd edited by Jean Rabe and Martin Greenberg

Rabe & Greenberg oversee this collection of 14 original stories of what might have been if steam tech took different paths in the Victorian era. Includes tales by Jody L. Nye, Stephen D. Sullivan, Paul Genesse, Marc Tassin, and others.

The Diamond Age by Neal Stephenson

Stephenson looks at a future ruled by Neo-Victorian thought, and the brilliant technologist who publishes an illegal primer designed to encourage girls to think for themselves. Set in twenty-first century Shanghai, it is the story of what happens when this state-of-the-art interactive device falls in the hands of a street urchin named Nell. Her life—and the entire future of humanity—is about to be decoded and reprogrammed...



The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

In this, H. G. Wells's first novel, he tells a tale of Darwinian evolution taken to its extreme. Its hero, a young scientist in the Victorian age, travels 800,000 years into the future and discovers a dying earth populated by two strange humanoid species: the brutal Morlocks and the gentle but nearly helpless Eloi. Also try [The War of the Worlds](#) and [The Island of Doctor Moreau](#).

* Note: Also see *Young Adult* authors, such as: [Frank Beddor](#), [Kenneth Oppel](#), [Philip Pullman](#) & [Philip Reeve](#).