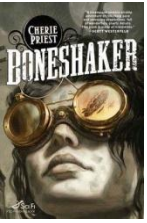


# What If? Alternate History in Fiction



## **BONESHAKER** | Cherie Priest *FIC*

In an alternate 1880s America, Seattle has been decimated by a bizarre accident that unleashed a deadly toxin that turns all who breathe it into zombies. Zeke Wilkes is determined to prove that his father didn't cause the accident and his mother Briar is just as determined to keep her son alive.



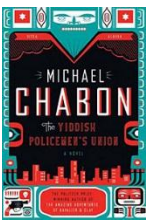
## **1942** | Robert Conroy *FIC*

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese invade and occupy the vulnerable Hawaiian Islands launching a campaign of terror against the islands. U.S. Army captain Jack Novacek and military survivors join forces with guerrillas and the islanders to take back Hawaii.



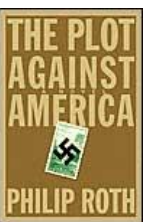
## **AFFINITY BRIDGE** | George Mann *M*

Sir Maurice Newbury and his assistant, Miss Veronica Hobbes, are called to investigate the wreckage of a crashed airship and its missing pilot while dealing with a zombie plague in the slums of 1901 London where steam-powered taxicabs fill the streets and brass automatons have begun to replace human labor.



## **YIDDISH POLICEMEN'S UNION** | Michael Chabon *M, CASS, CD*

Chabon imagines 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.



## **THE PLOT AGAINST AMERICA** | Philip Roth *FIC, LP, CASS, CD*

In Roth's alternate history, President Charles A. Lindbergh defeats Franklin Roosevelt in the 1940 presidential election. President Lindbergh's friendship with Fuhrer Adolf Hitler spells a much different future for Americans, particularly young Philip Roth, a Jewish native of Newark, New Jersey and his family."



## **THE MAN WITH THE IRON HEART** | Harry Turtledove *FIC*

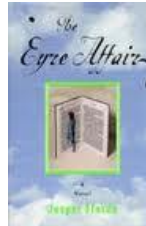
After surviving a failed assassination attempt in 1942, Reinhard Heydrich, the number two man in the SS and an architect of the Holocaust, lives to plan and lead an underground resistance movement after the Allied victory and occupation in Germany.

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## **THE STRANGE AFFAIR OF SPRING HEELED JACK** | Mark Hodder *FIC*

This alternate, steampunk, mid-19<sup>th</sup> century London is besieged by werewolves. A strange apparition resembling the horrific mythical creature Spring-Heeled Jack rampages through the city. The famous explorer, Sir Richard Burton is commissioned as a special agent to investigate and uncovers a frightening conspiracy.



## **THE EYRE AFFAIR** | Jasper Fforde *SF, YA, CD*

In Great Britain circa 1985, time travel is routine and cloning is reality. Literature is taken very, very seriously i.e. forging Byronic verse is a punishable offense. When someone begins murdering literary characters and kidnaps Jane Eyre, special operative Thursday Next of the literary detective unit is called in.



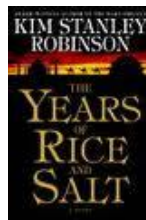
## **RESISTANCE: A NOVEL** | Owen Sheers *FIC*

In late 1944, half of the British empire is occupied by Germans. In a remote Welsh village, Sarah Lewis wakes to find her husband and all the other men have disappeared. After a German patrol arrives on a mysterious mission, as a harsh winter sets in, both groups must rely on each other to survive.



## **BLONDE ROOTS** | Bernardine Evaristo *FIC*

What would the world be like if Africans had enslaved Europeans instead of vice versa? Evaristo brings such a world to life in this speculative historical fiction told through the eyes of Doris renamed Omorenomwara. She had been stolen as a child from her home in Britain and sold into slavery.



## **THE YEARS OF RICE AND SALT** | Kim Stanley Robinson *SF*

In a centuries-spanning novel, the Black Death has killed 99% of the European population. India and China grow to be superpowers of the world and Robinson follows several characters through various reincarnations in a world dominated by Islam, Buddhism and Eastern philosophies.

