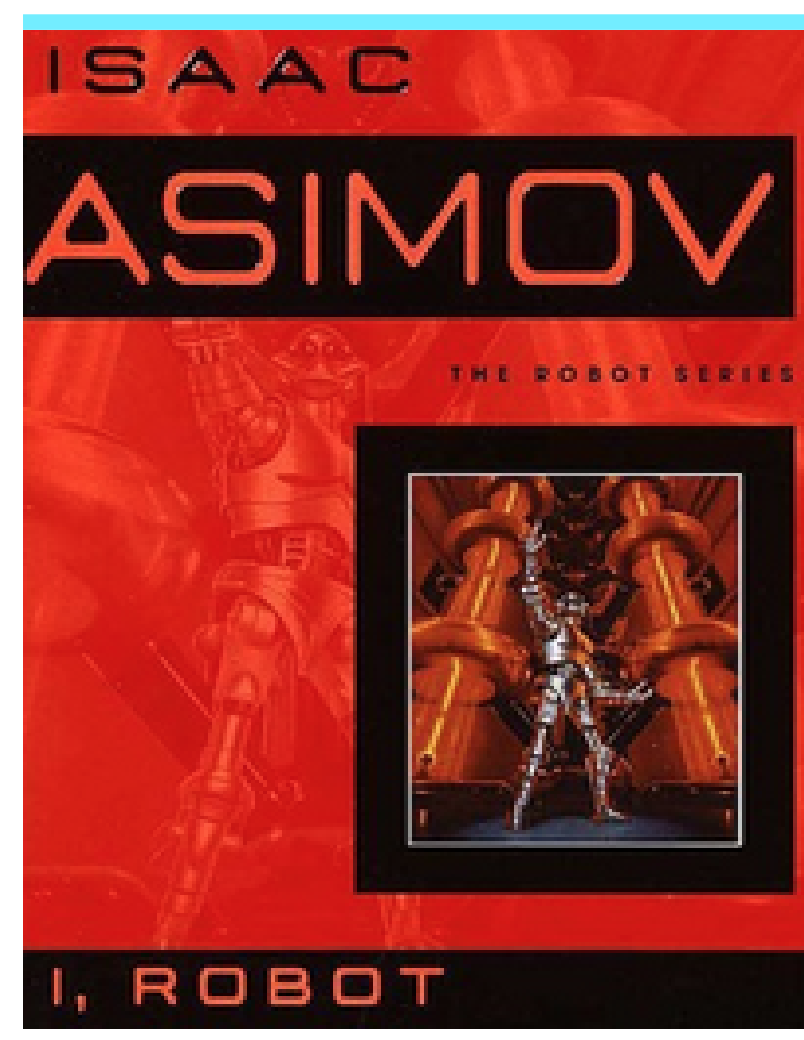


Essential fiction (and AI) books

I, Robot

1950

Author: **Isaac Asimov**



Why is it interesting?

In this book, Asimov establishes the rules or laws of robotics, addressing the possibilities and risks of AI for society. Asimov's laws of robotics state that:

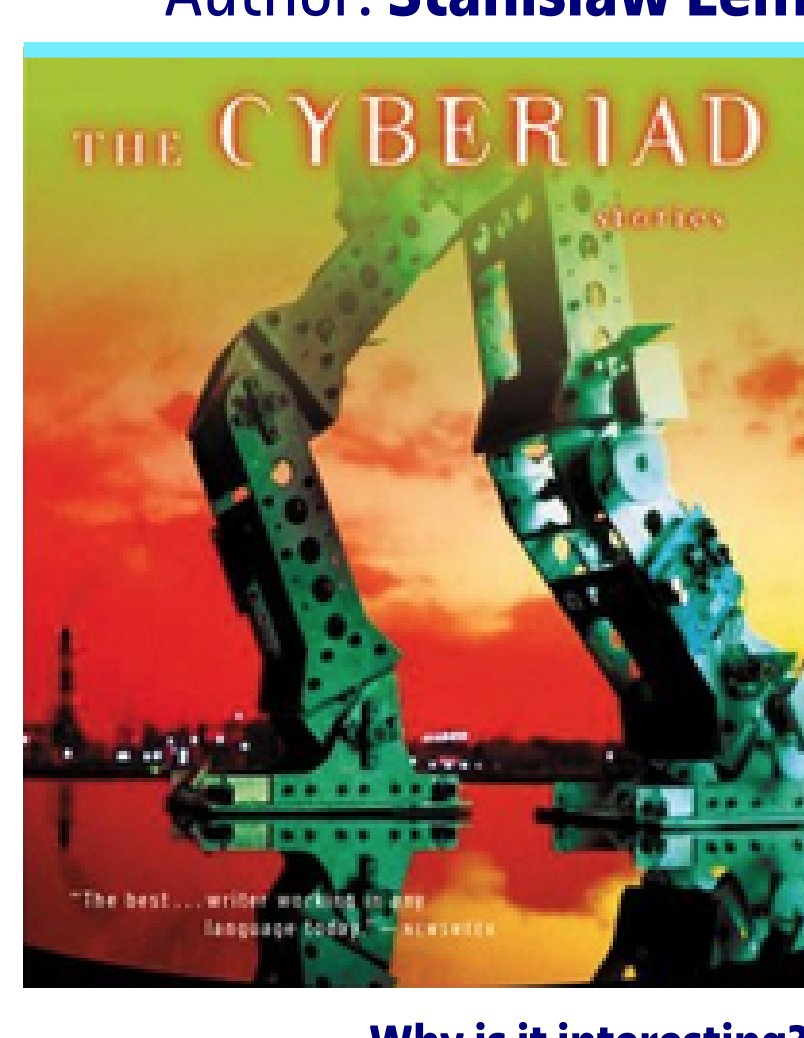
- A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.
- A robot must obey orders given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.
 - A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.

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The Cyberiad

1965

Author: **Stanisław Lem**



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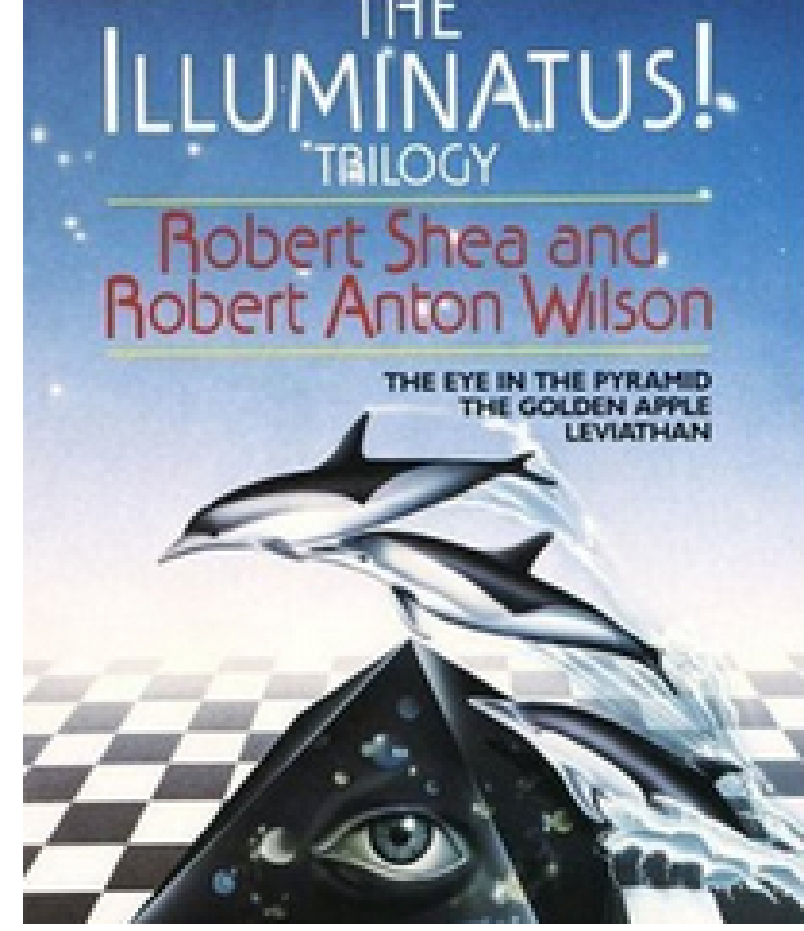
This collection of short stories focuses on the application of AI in different types of devices, from the simplest to the most sophisticated, highlighting the moral dilemmas they give rise to and the role of inventors and scientists.

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Illuminatus!

1975

Authors: **Robert Shea & Robert Anton Wilson**



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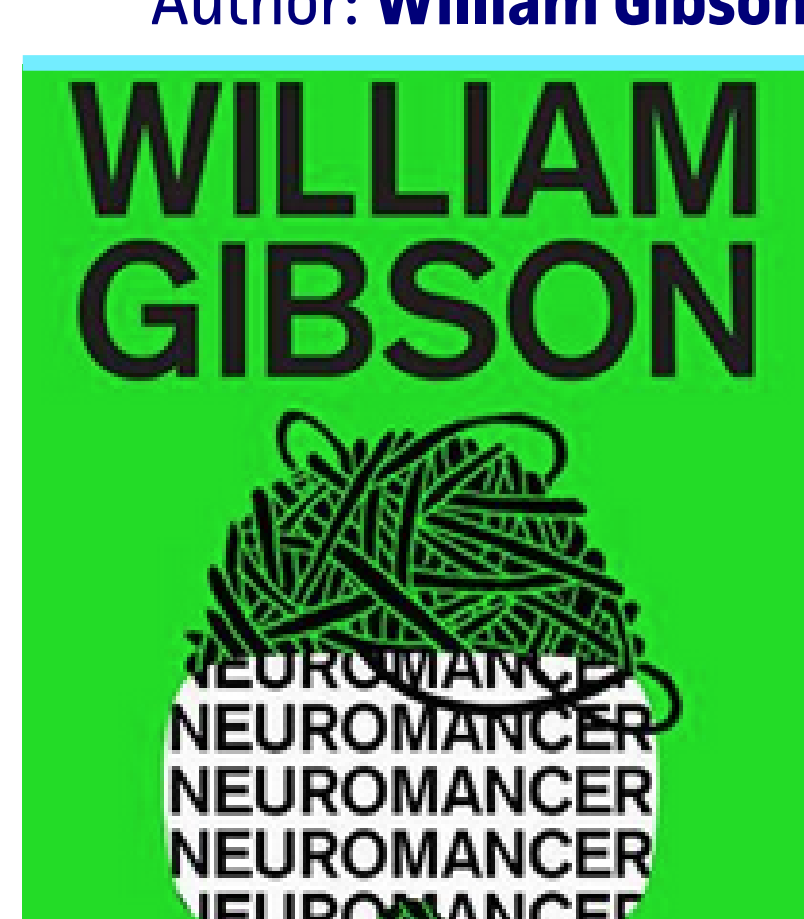
The protagonist's computer mixes probability models with a kind of artificial intelligence to the point of being able to predict future events.

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Neuromancer

1984

Author: **William Gibson**



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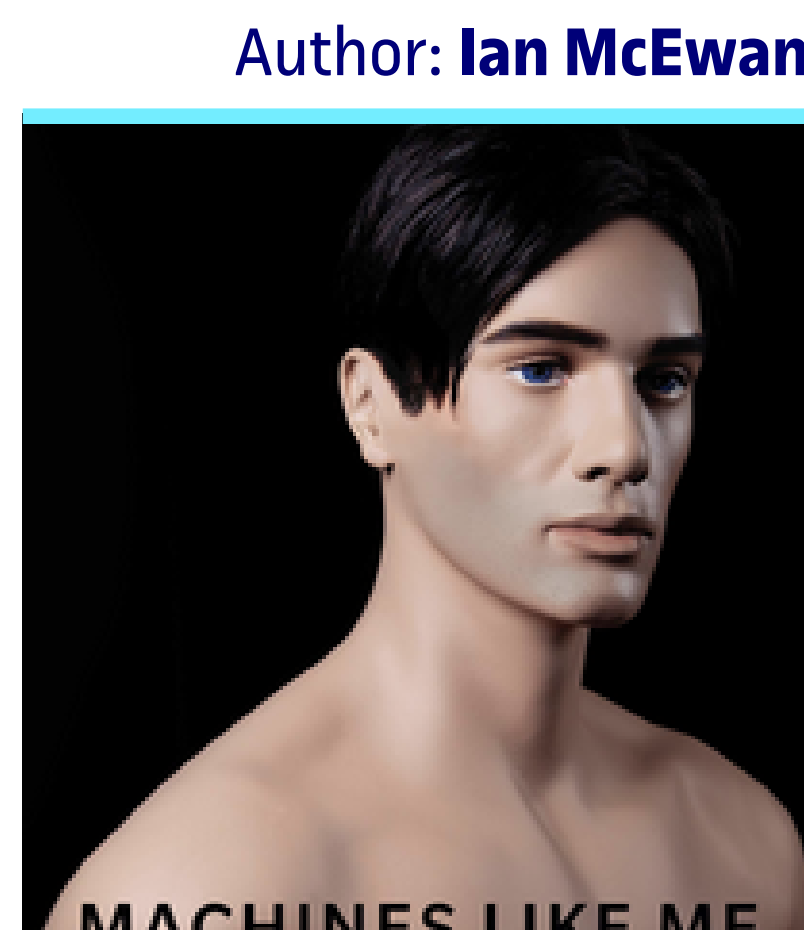
This was a groundbreaking novel in many ways, with concepts such as the matrix, which are now commonplace. It introduces a powerful AI that makes us question whether the concept of consciousness is only applicable to humans alongside dilemmas such as the representation of the world in cyberspace.

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Machines Like Me

2019

Author: **Ian McEwan**



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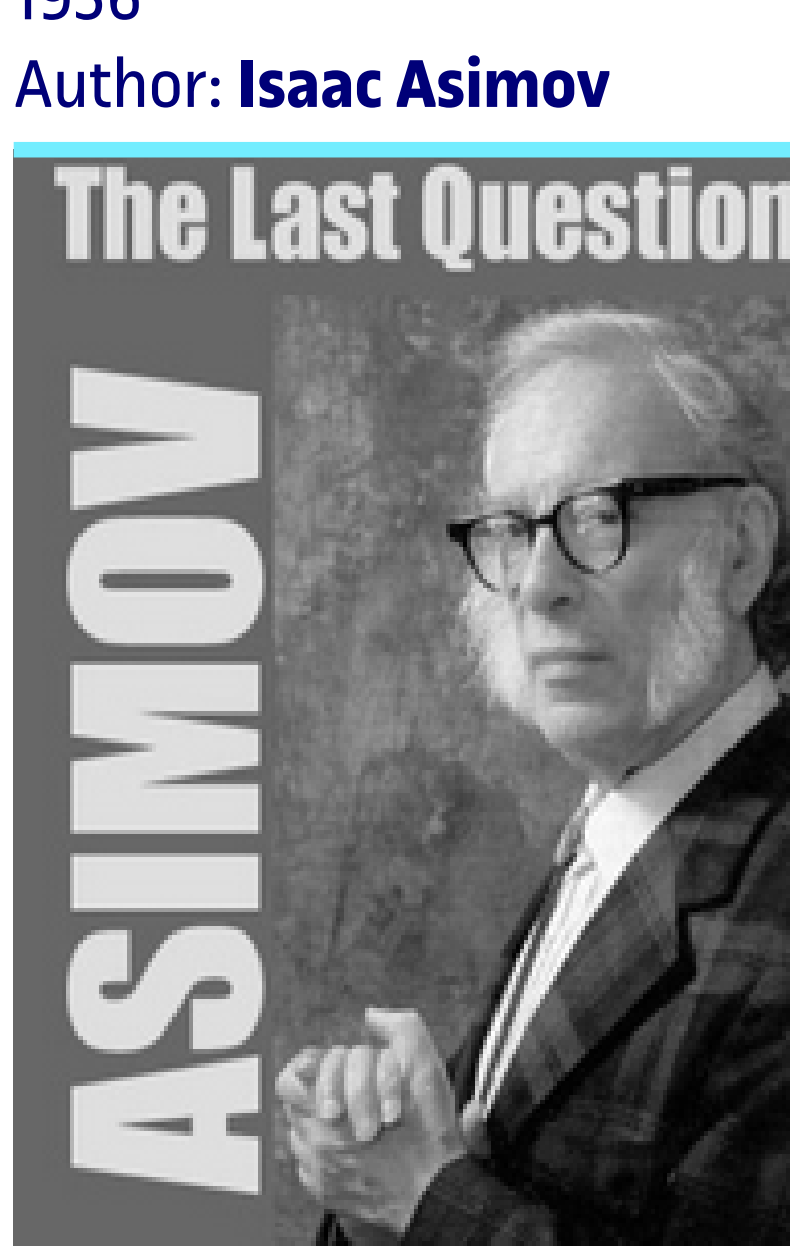
Ian McEwan imagines an alternative 1980s London in which Alan Turing has achieved a breakthrough in artificial intelligence. Artificial humans have become a reality. The first thing Charlie does after coming into some money he was not expecting is to buy one of the first artificial humans, Adam.

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The last question

1956

Author: **Isaac Asimov**



Why is it interesting?

This short story is a reflection on how an AI called Multivac evolves throughout the eons of the existence of the universe to respond to a recurring (and hard to answer) prompt it is given by the various generations of humans it interacts with. The book anticipates the importance of prompting for AI, among other questions about the influence of AI on the development of human civilization.

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Do androids dream of electric sheep?

1968

Author: **Philip K. Dick**



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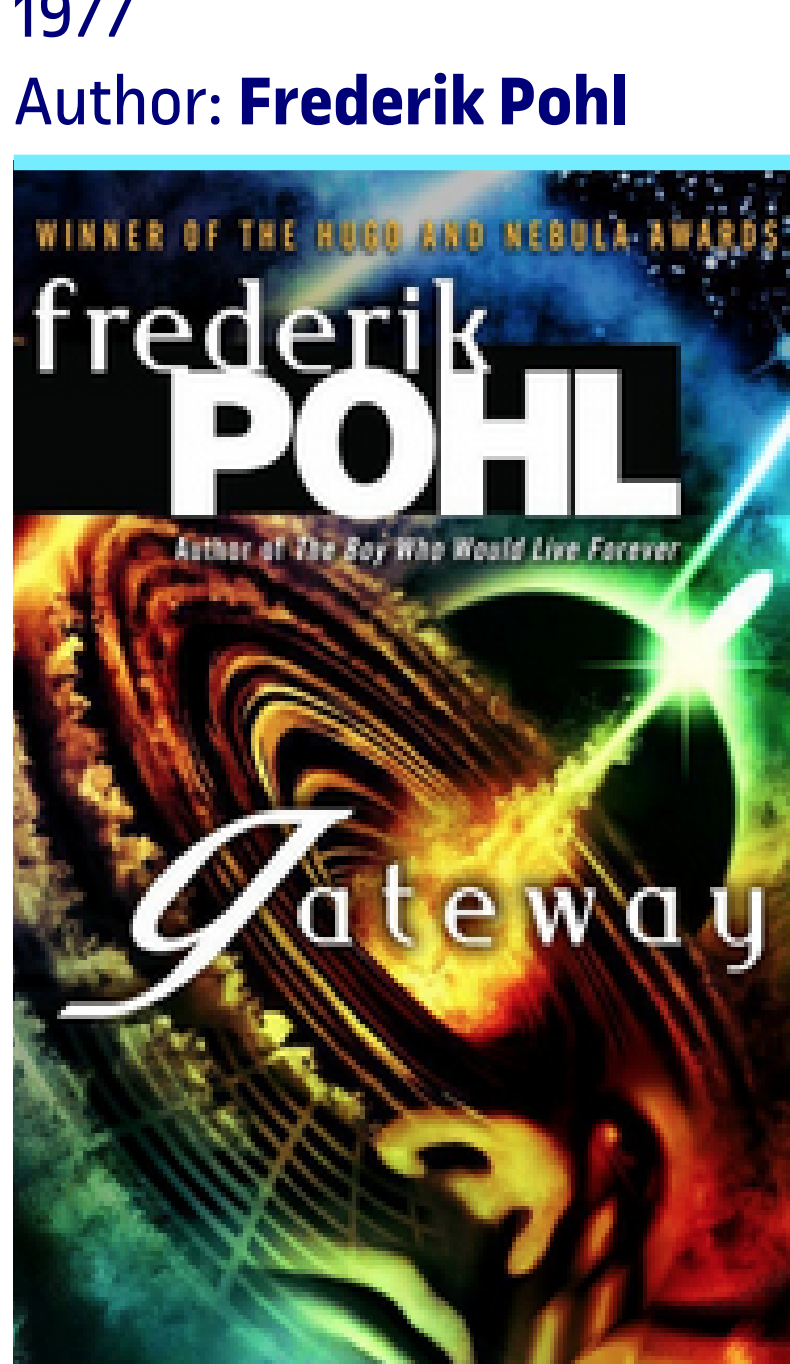
One of the greatest dilemmas raised by this work is the idea of "withdrawing" a being that looks and acts as a human, and the risk of making a mistake.

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Gateway

1977

Author: **Frederik Pohl**



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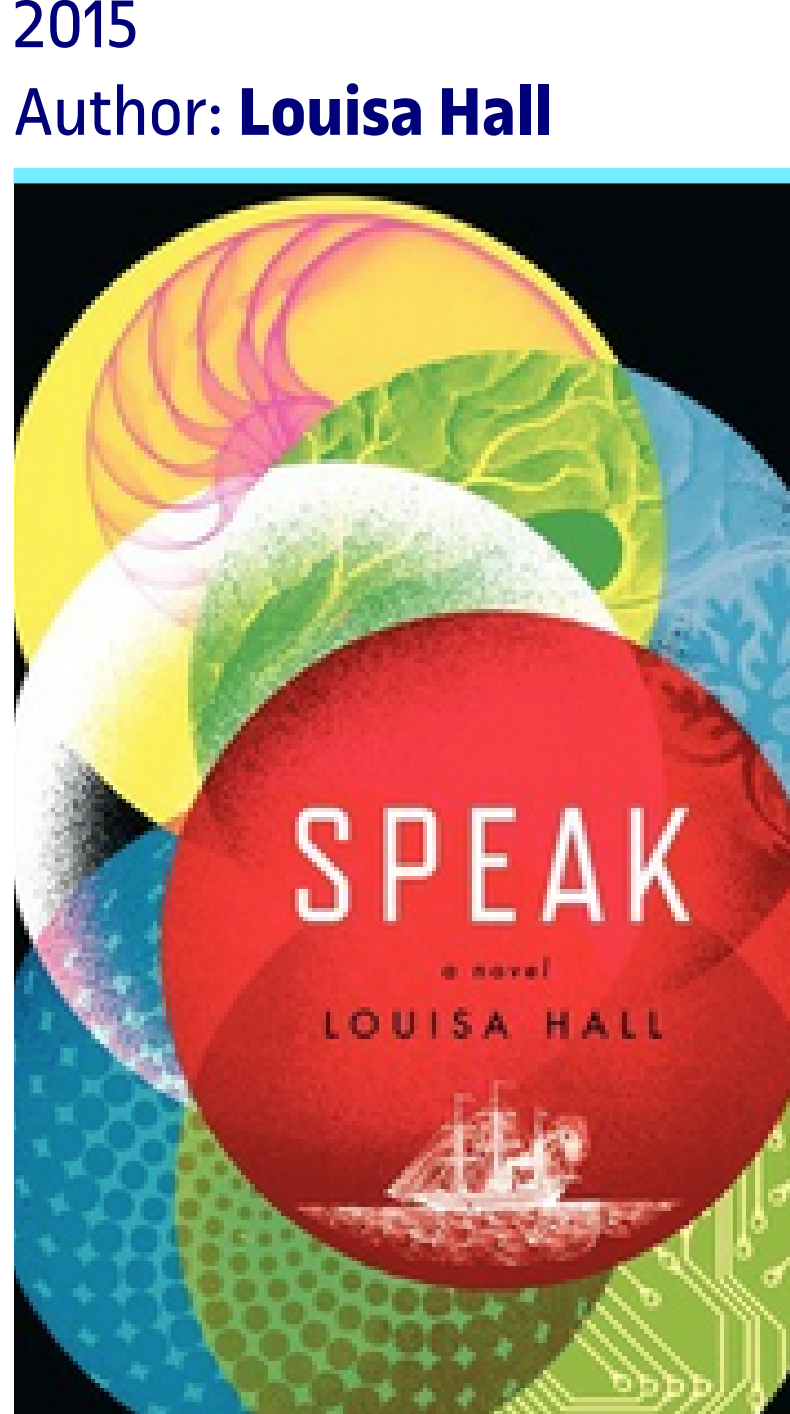
The computer Sigfrid acts as a psychologist in one of the first manifestations of AI as an emotional assistant to humans, just as some current applications are trying to do.

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Speak

2015

Author: **Louisa Hall**



Why is it interesting?

This novel explores the creation of artificial intelligence and imagines a world in which AI has essentially replaced the need for human interaction. The novel carefully examines the human need for connection, communication and understanding.

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