...here are some books that contained some spooky predictions created at that centre.” With this in mind...

A look at books that got the future right

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**Best of honour**

BY TOM CLANCY

The 1994 novel, featuring a character flying his Boeing 747 into the US capital, was around a fictional conflict between IS and the US. The book, *Debt of Honour*, was written by Tom Clancy and published in 1994. It is the third book in the Jack Ryan series and features the character Jack Ryan, who is a fictional CIA agent and later becomes the President of the United States. The novel is set in the aftermath of the Gulf War and deals with the conflict between the US and Iraq. The story follows Ryan as he tries to stop a group of terrorists from carrying out a massive attack on the US capital.

**Feed**

BY MY AMERIND

Written in 2002, the award-winning book imagined a dystopian future in which people have chips implanted in their brains that enable them to access digital networks, called “neurite” where they “interface” with each other whose consciousness can be filmed and highly personalized advertising. Just like the modern day Facebook. Spooked yet?

**War of the Worlds**

BY H.G. WELLS

The 1898 novel, *War of the Worlds*, tells the story of a Martian invasion of Earth. The story is set in the late 19th century and follows the adventures of a young journalist who is one of the first to report on the invasion. The book is known for its depiction of the Martian troops, which are described as being made of metal and having six legs. The novel is also notable for its description of the impact of the invasion on society, including the breakdown of civilization and the spread of panic.

**The Great Influenza**

BY JOHN M. KIRKPATRICK

The book, *The Great Influenza*, was written by John M. Kirkpatrick and published in 2006. It is a history of the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic, which is considered to be the worst pandemic in recorded history. The book is based on primary sources and provides a detailed account of the origins of the pandemic, its spread, and its impact on society.

**The Sufferings of Young Winterton**

BY JOSEPH CONRAD

The book, *The Sufferings of Young Winterton*, was written by Joseph Conrad and published in 1902. It is a novel set in the late 19th century and tells the story of a young man named Araby. The novel deals with themes of idealism, disillusionment, and the harsh realities of life.

**A Million Mutations**

BY ALASTAIR REYNOLDS

The book, *A Million Mutations*, was written by Alastair Reynolds and published in 2014. It is a novel set in a dystopian future where humanity has spread throughout the galaxy. The story follows a young woman named Freya as she tries to uncover the truth about her origins and the fate of humanity.

**TF THE FUTURE**

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