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Moon landing	Jules Verne	From the Earth to the Moon	Novel	1865	1969	104	https://futurism.com/	https://www.history.co.uk	Verne predicted many aspects of the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing, such as launching astronauts from a Florida site and the use of an aluminum capsule.
Debit card	Edward Bellamy	Looking Backward	Novel	1888	1958	70	https://futurism.com/	https://www.britannica.com	Bellamy came up with something called 'universal credit' which allowed people to access their funds from anywhere on earth
Taser gun	Victor Appleton	Thomas A Swift's Electric Rifle	Novel	1911	1969	58	https://www.independent.co.uk/news/obituaries/		The taser was named after a story by the science-fiction writer Victor Appleton called "Tom Swift and his Electric Rifle", about a boy who invented a rifle that fired bolts of electricity. The acronym TSER however was too much of a mouthful, so an "a" was added.
Video chat	Hugo Gernsback	Ralph 124c 41+	Novel	1911	1968	57	https://futurism.com/	https://www.vyondia.co	Gernsback described a device called the 'telepho' that allowed people to have eye contact while speaking across vast distances
Antidepressants	Aldous Huxley	Brave New World	Novel	1931	1982	51	https://www.sciencealot.com/theses-15-wild/	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov	Aldous Huxley's Brave New World features a mood-altering pill called Soma that acts as an antidepressant hallucinogen.
Smart watch	Hanna-Barbera	The Jetsons	TV Series	1962	2013	51	https://www.sciencealot.com/theses-15-wild/	https://www.ign.com	The Jetsons in 1962 featured a high-tech watch that could stream videos in colour. While modern smartwatches don't have this feature, the Jetsons watch had a similar design to what we see today.
Augmented reality	Phillip K Dick	Minority Report	Short story	1956	2005	49	https://www.bloopar.com/blog/2018/06/08/hia/		In 'Minority Report' the PreCrime division sources future info from specially harvested humans. These 'PreCogs' possess extrasensory perception.
Earbud headphones	Ray Bradbury	Fahrenheit 451	Novel	1953	2001	48	https://futurism.com/	https://www.nytimes.com	Bradbury described 'nimble radios' that brought an 'electronic ocean of sound, of music and talk and music and talk'
Audio-translating app	Douglas Adams	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Novel	1979	2013	34	https://www.businessinsider.com/books-prg/		In 'The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy', one of the things they witness is real-time audio translations with the universal translator, now a reality 34 years later thanks to translation apps.
Radio	Jules Verne	In the Year 2889	Novel	1889	1920	31	https://www.sciencealot.com/theses-15-wild/		Verne predicted that people would one day listen to news instead of just reading the newspaper
Atomic bomb	H.G. Wells	The World Set Free	Novel	1914	1945	31	https://www.sciencealot.com/theses-15-wild/		The World Set Free mentions a hand grenade of uranium that "would continue to explode indefinitely"
Submarine	Jules Verne	Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Novel	1870	1900	30	https://www.sciencealot.com/theses-15-wild/	https://www.britannica.com	Verne predicted a submarine fully powered by electricity. At the time, only mechanically powered submarines were in use.
iPad	Arthur C Clarke	2001: A Space Odyssey	Novel	1968	1993	25	https://www.businessinsider.com/books-prg/	https://www.businessinsider.com/books-prg/	Clarke predicted electronic papers or the "newspap" that people read
Flip mobile phone	Gene Roddenberry	Star Trek	TV Series	1966	1989	23	https://www.sciencealot.com/theses-15-wild/		The iconic Communicator device on "Star Trek," first shown in 1966, looked a lot like a flip phone.
Bionic limbs	Martin Caidin	Cyborg	Novel	1972	1993	21	https://futurism.com/	http://www.guinness.com	Caidin describes a man who is given bionic legs that can propel him at great speeds, an arm that gives him amazing strength and a removable eye that houses a camera.