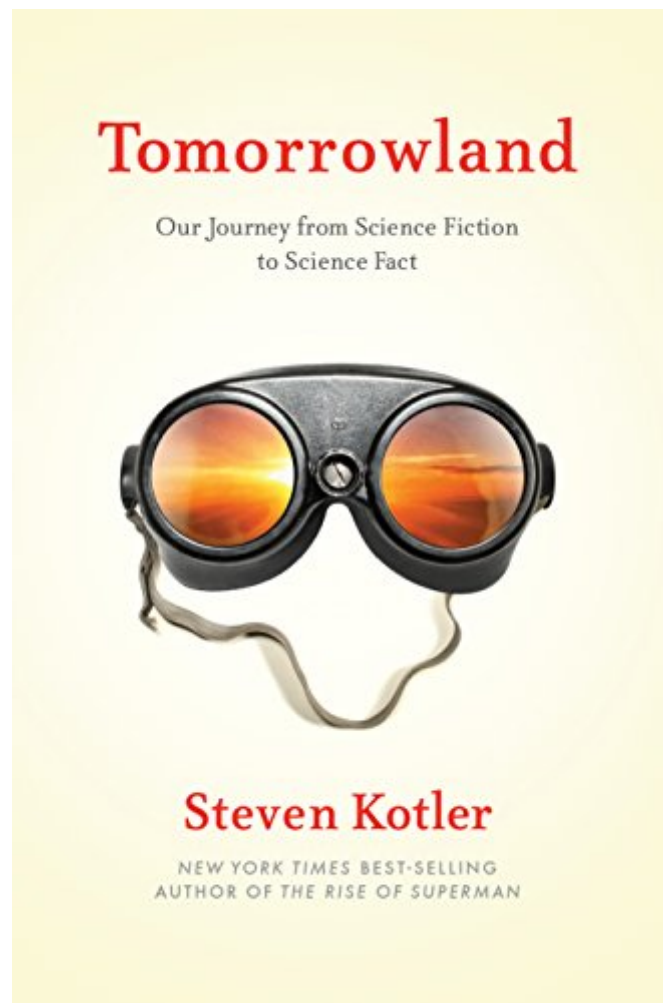




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New York Times, Wired, Atlantic Monthly, Discover bestselling author Steven Kotler has written extensively about those pivotal moments when science fiction became science fact and fundamentally reshaped the world. Now he gathers the best of his best, updated and expanded upon, to guide readers on a mind-bending tour of the far frontier, and how these advances are radically transforming our lives. From the ways science and technology are fundamentally altering our bodies and our world (the world's first bionic soldier, the future of evolution) to those explosive collisions between science and culture (life extension and bioweapons), we're crossing moral and ethical lines we've never faced before. As Kotler writes, "Life is tricky sport" and that's the emotional core of this story, the real reason we can't put Pandora back in the box. When you strip everything else away, technology is nothing more than the promise of an easier tomorrow. It's the promise of hope. And how do you stop hope? Join Kotler in this fascinating exploration of our incredible next: a deep dive into those future technologies happening now and what it means to be a part of this brave new world.

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When I was a child, it looked like the future was almost here. Things that were once only found in science fiction books were becoming real. Men were flying rocket belts across stadiums and rocket ships into space. Giant electronic brains were being built. Nuclear power was revolutionizing the grid. New drugs were said to be cures for mental illness. The President promised we'd go to the moon before the end of the decade. Soon, I thought, we'd all be taking our personal jet packs and autogyros to the local spaceport, where we'd ride a rocket to a space station and spend our holidays exploring the solar system... Jump ahead to 2015: Diseases are still the bane of human kind, nuclear power gave us TMI and Chernobyl, and we're still stuck in low Earth orbit, and no one's set foot on the moon in 43 years. What happened? What happened,, says Steven Kotler, is that we have come a very long way since then. It's just that we took a slightly different route. Private space flight is a reality. Prosthetics are becoming more and more sophisticated, so that the day of the Six Million Dollar Man is closer than we may think. People are seriously talking about mining asteroids. And nuclear power is due for a renaissance, with new designs that are self-limiting, generate almost zero waste, and would have been here decades ago if not for some very mistaken policies. The idea that we're now living in the world that science fiction predicted is the theme that holds together the essays in Tomorrowland, although for many of the pieces it's perhaps a bit of a stretch. The book consists of a series of magazine articles written over a period of close to two decades, covering stories at the leading edge, and sometimes the bizarre fringe, of science, medicine, and technology.

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