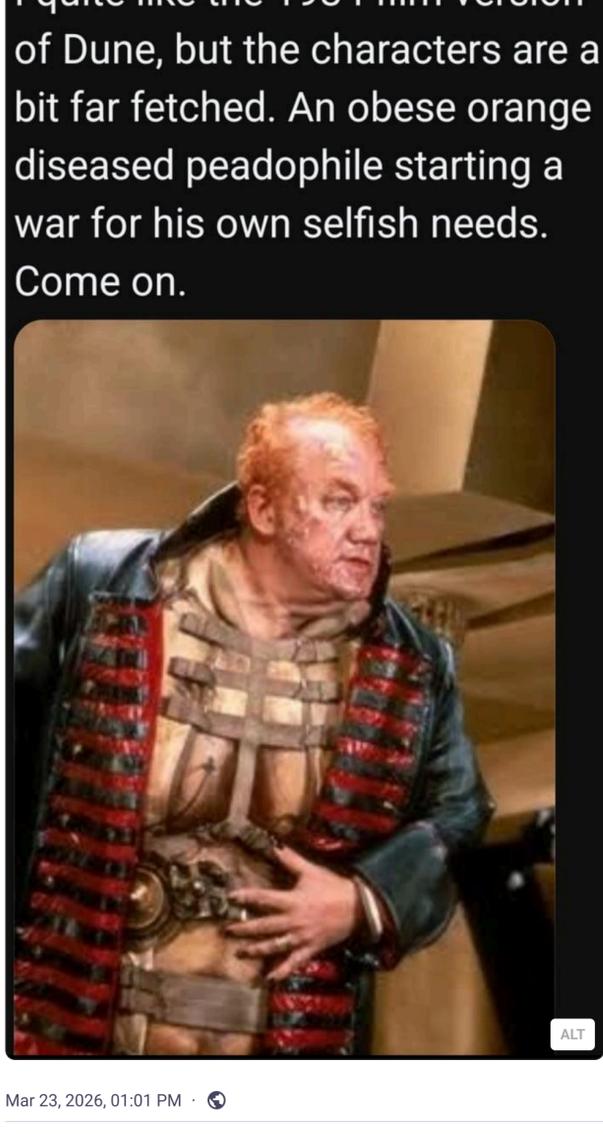


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I know some people say they don't read speculative fiction because it's "not realistic" well guess what 🤔😏

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Diplomjodler @Diplomjodler3@lemmy.world 1h
Frank Herbert totally invented all of this stuff out of thin air and didn't have any historical precedent to work with at all.

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Nick East (Indie Writer) @NickEast\_IndieWriter 1h
@Diplomjodler3 Just like no writer has ever taken any inspiration from anything that has ever happened 🤔

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Andrew @cranachan@universeodon.com 57m
@Diplomjodler3 @NickEast\_IndieWriter not true, the inspiration was clearly rooted in Middle Eastern culture, Islam and for "spice" read oil.

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Nick East (Indie Writer) @NickEast\_IndieWriter 52m
@cranachan Would it help if we added #Sarcasm 🤔

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Ray McCarthy @raymccarthy@mastodon.ie 2h
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Actually most popular fiction isn't very realistic:
Romance
Detective / Mystery
Spy
Thrillers / Adventure
Westerns (not popular now).
Non SF & F horror.
Robinsonades
A novel need not be one genre, that's a publisher/marketing thing.
There is a spectrum between SF - fantasy - paranormal etc.
Dune and especially the early Pern novels are far more Fantasy than SF.
Even a lot of autobiographies are fiction or fantasy!

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@raymccarthy That is true, but I think a lot of people consider realistic to mean it takes place in "the real world" where things happen that they could imagine happening in "the real world", the fact that it's all imagination doesn't come into consideration 🤔

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Ray McCarthy @raymccarthy@mastodon.ie 1h
@NickEast\_IndieWriter
Sherlock Holmes isn't set in the real world. He's a fantasy detective.
Swallows and Amazons isn't in the real Lake District.
People that object to SF & F are either having a preconceived idea of it, or basing their idea of it on movies or have read either stuff that doesn't suit or poor stuff.
I read SF & F (but not "horror" sub-genres) and as well as stuff I really love there is stuff I hate.
Same applies to other genres, except I don't like erotic, horror or porn at all.

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Nick East (Indie Writer) @NickEast\_IndieWriter 1h
@raymccarthy Of course no fictional narrative is "the real world" that's why I put it in "quotes" 🤔

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lemonhead2 @lemonhead2@lemmy.world 2h
in dune all space travel relies on spice which is only found on a desert planet inhabited by fremen who start a holy war.
how far away from that are we?

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Ray McCarthy @raymccarthy@mastodon.ie 2h
@lemonhead2 @NickEast\_IndieWriter
That was deliberately based on Arabs and oil.

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Nick East (Indie Writer) @NickEast\_IndieWriter 1h
@raymccarthy I'm still waiting for the Butlerian Jihad part where we rise up and destroy the thinking machines 🤔

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Ray McCarthy @raymccarthy@mastodon.ie 1h
@NickEast\_IndieWriter
There are no thinking machines yet. Just marketing hype.
Some major players in tech would do well to consider the French Revolution.
Even the Luddites only attacked machines to indirectly attack greedy capitalists making x100 profit and paying less, yet offering poor conditions. See also McD servers, Amazon warehouse workers etc.

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Nick East (Indie Writer) @NickEast\_IndieWriter 1h
@raymccarthy Okay, but can't we just call them thinking machines and start the Butlerian Jihad now? 🤔

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