

**READ THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE ABOUT THE SCI-FI GENRE AND ANSWER:**



In any futuristic sci-fi book, predictions are made regarding our existence, with some of them turning out to be eerily accurate. Take John Brunner, for example. He is primarily remembered for his 1968 sci-fi novel *Stand on Zanzibar* which managed to accurately predict all manners of things. For example, he foresaw the European Union and the decline of Detroit. He also predicted that the global population would reach 7 billion in 2010, which was the same figure that was announced by the United Nations in 2011. Brunner lived in a time when the term "wireless" was used to refer to the radio, television was fairly new, and computers were not yet being used in people's home. And

yet, as well as social media, he was able to predict the concept of computer viruses, hacking, mobile entertainment systems, video calls and wearable technology.

Thirty years earlier, as a child, Brunner had been inspired by the creative works of writer HG Wells, a man who himself had anticipated inventions such as rockets and mobile phones among many other things. Sci-fi was a genre which Brunner was devoted to, and for his reason he took his predictions very seriously.

He spent three years researching ideas from *Stand on Zanzibar*, thinking careful about different aspects of life in the 60s and how they might develop as time went on. Of course, he was not always right. Miners have never been employed to dig in mines underseas, and no one lives on the moon. Nevertheless, his insights were impressive.

**WHICH EVENTS BRUNNER PREDICTED?**

**HOW DO YOU THINK FUTURE WOULD BE?**

**FOR WHAT WIRELESS TERM WAS USED?**

**MAKE AN UNKNOWN WORDS GLOSSARY**

**WHY BRUNNER SOMETIMES DID NOT ACCURATE?**