



Information or Entertainment?

SCIENCE IN FICTION

QUESTIONS WE'LL ANSWER...

- ✘ How are scientists & science represented in fiction:
 - + Television?
 - + Movies?
 - + On stage?
 - + Novels?
- ✘ Is the science in fiction “smuggled” or is it “didactic”?

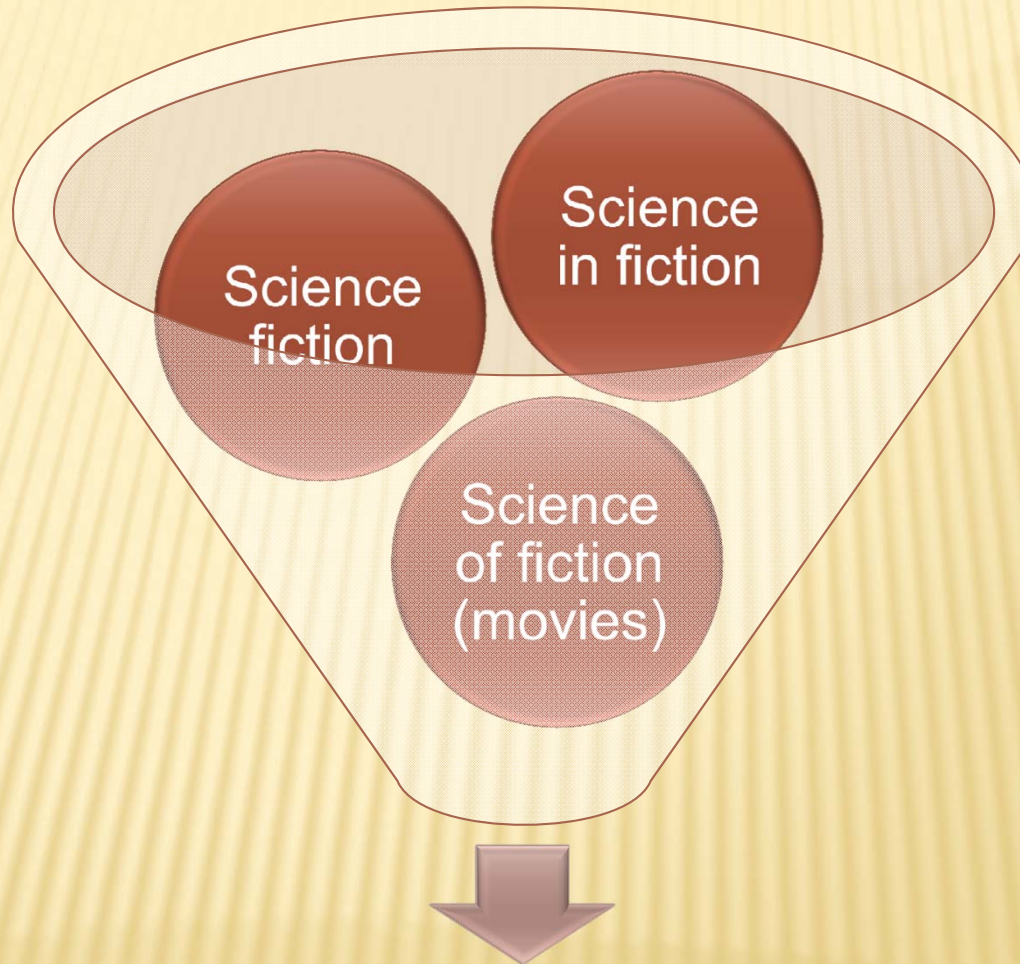
EXPLORATIONS...

- × Copenhagen
- × LabLit
- × Science & novels 
- × Science fiction/science fact 

✘ I don't think scientists are hesitant to speak to the press. I just don't think they're good at it. But in fairness it is difficult to talk about cellular processes to people who [sometimes] don't know their bodies are made out of cells...

- **Richard Ransohoff**, quoted in *The Scientist*

ARE THERE DIFFERENCES?



Communicating science?

THE ROLE OF “HERO WORSHIP” IN FICTION

- ✘ What is a hero?
- ✘ What about life or death?

“Good fiction points towards the truth, which is, after all, only where the scientist is trying to go.”

Author, Simon Mawer