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Science Fiction dystopianism and the Left Behind series of novels. The aim of this collection of essays is to examine the influence of apocalyptic texts on popular cultural products, focusing on the timelessness and malleability of their themes to audiences. Chapters will focus on the influence of such texts within the areas of film, music, literature and the internet.