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With the upcoming end of the Mayan calendar ahead of us there has been a growing interest in movies and books dealing with the end of the world aka the apocalypse. Two recent movies that have hit theaters concerning this topic are 2012 and The Road. There was also a movie back in 2004 called After the Apocalypse that is also based on this phenomenon. While the movie 2012 was simply based off of the belief that once the Mayan calendar ends, it will be the end of the world, the other two movies specifically focus on life after the apocalypse. The Road, based off of the book by Cormac McCarthy focuses on a father and son as they travel throughout a destroyed land for several months in an attempt to get to the warmer south in hopes of finding a better life there. Throughout the story the two must avoid the cannibalistic groups and survive the harsh weather with only a pistol and the clothes on their back. <http://search.barnesandnoble.com/The-Road/Cormac-McCarthy/e/9780307267450/?itm=1&USRI=the+road>

Another movie that deals with the extinction of mankind and life after the apocalypse would be Resident Evil: Extinction. Although it is an unlikely scenario for the future of mankind, hopefully, this movie takes place after an infectious virus, the T-virus, spreads across the globe and turns humans into flesh eating zombies. The world is a total wasteland, where zombies rule the land. The few survivors that are left struggle to survive in the world as they move from place to place. Because staying in one place leads to death or worst turning into a zombie. The movie follows a woman named Alice, who is immune to the T-virus, and her journey to take down the Umbrella corporation, the company that created the virus and caused the almost extinction of mankind. Alice runs into a group of survivors under attack by killer crows, crows that have been eating zombie flesh, and saves them. They group together and discover there is a chance Alaska is not contaminated with the virus and may be a safe haven. However they need to get fuel and supplies. The only way to refuel is to go to a major city filled with zombies. Throughout the rest of this story they battle herds of zombies in hope of getting to that destination. Life after the apocalyptic event is rough. There is no food, water, or civilization anywhere. Plus theres the fear of turning into a zombie. Once major cities have turned into deserts.

The Book of Eli is another movie that follows this theme. Warning: if you have not seen the movie, there may be somethings given away in this description. In The Book of Eli there are scattered people across the U.S. that have survived "the flash". Trust is a major lacking virtue. There are bands of raiders readily willing to kill for small things that we take for granted today, such as shampoo. Water is also a major necessity as the countryside has been transformed into an enormous dust bowl. While the movie follows a lone traveler, it shows what life could be like in the apocalypse. People are ruthless and will do anything to survive. While there are some forms of civilization, such as a few towns, for the most part people are wanderers and raiders, doing what they can to scavenge and survive. While the movie shows the savagery that may come to grip the majority of people, it also shows signs of hope for a new beginning.


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Gollum is the fictional character created in J.R.R Tolkien's Lord of the Rings series. Gollum's first appearance in the series is made in the prequel to the series, The Hobbit. Gollum is originally known as Smeagol, a stoor hobbit but his possession of the One Ring caused him to have a split personality. Smeagol is a nice, friendly person who is eager to please, while Gollum is evil and vicious and who's only desire is to possess the One Ring. Gollum is evil looking and has had an extremely long life span due his possession of the One Ring. Gollum plays a major role not only throughout the series, but also in the prequel. Gollum is the possessor of the ring before he loses it to Bilbo Baggins. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gollum>



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