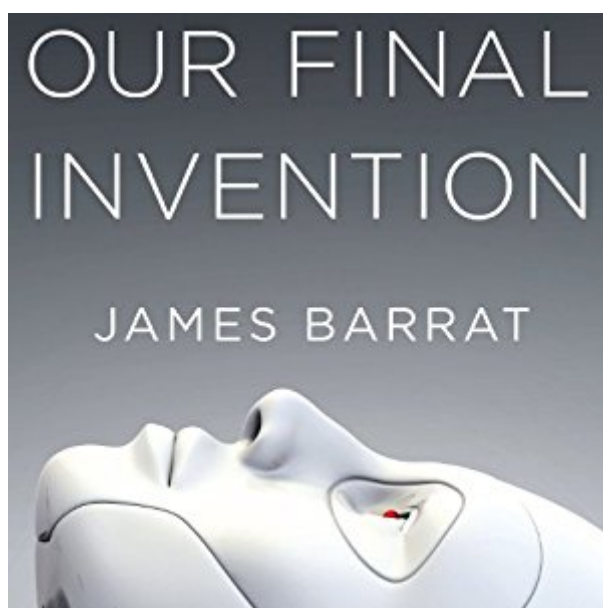


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# Our Final Invention: Artificial Intelligence And The End Of The Human Era



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## Customer Reviews

Chapter by chapter the author dives in into the most talked about AI ideas, from AI to ASI it kept me induced into every single page. Few grammar errors, like the spelling of some company names like Northrop Grumman which je spelled wrong, but everything else is great! Highly recommend it if you are into AI and our upcoming amazing future.

This is a very interesting book from a very interesting author. I first saw James Barrat on a podcast (with Leo Laporte) and just had to get the book for a more detailed view of his research and thoughts. I recommend it highly...

James Barrat takes a deep dive into the potential dangers of AI while most books on the subject focus on the obvious positives it will bring to society. He introduces the reader to notable authorities on the topic as well as the many institutions and universities involved in AI research.

Interesting and fascinating. I've never read a documentary before so I was taken aback by how much the author pushes his own opinion, sometimes in direct disagreement with experts in the field. And, as one reviewer mentioned, I agree that the book is probably twice as long as it needs to be since the author appears to repeat the same statements multiple times over throughout the book. Reminds me of when we were kids and would write book reports with repetitive phrases just to meet the word/page count directed by the teacher. Still, it's an important topic and deserves a read.

Very good viewpoint. Civil to everyone in this field and I do agree with him

James Barrat really is afraid of superintelligent machines. And you know what - he could be totally right about this. This guy has done a thoroughful research (not just for this book, but it seems this is an interesting topic for him in general) so I will recommend this definately.

This "science-fact" book foretells a genuinely frightening future for mankind. How ironic that the pinnacle of man's intellect and aspirations may likely lead to our eventual downfall. We might just create smart machines and in the process outsmart ourselves. Move over humans. HAL is here. He is even more intelligent than we estimated...and he does not need us.

Well written exploration of the precipice that we are approaching .. humanities obituary .. the author looks at the issue of AI from many sides , interviewing those intimately involved in the evolution of AI .. the only thing lacking is a way out

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