

We are often asked as to what books and movies we like—and so we've decided to compile a list of our favourites so that we don't have to wrinkle our foreheads trying not to forget anything good each time the question arises. The list could have been longer, of course; it doesn't include nearly enough. Still, it's a good place to start if you want to learn more about our non-gaming tastes.

Books

Nikolay Dybowski, Creative Lead

Paul Gallico, Jennie

Thornton Wilder: everything

Ray Bradbury, The Martian Chronicles

G. K. Chesterton, The Napoleon of Notting Hill; The Man Who Was Thursday

Ayrat Zakirov, CTO

Mikhail Sholokhov, And Quiet Flows the Don

Leo Tolstoy, War and Peace

Andrei Platonov, The Foundation Pit

Arkady and Boris Strugatsky, Roadside Picnic

Ray Bradbury, Dandelion Wine

Peter Potapov, Chief of 3D

Read everything! Ray Bradbury, Arkady and Boris Strugatsky, Stephen King, Isaac Asimov, Clifford Simak, Terry Pratchett, Robert Sheckley, Harry Harrison, Neil Gaiman. Tired of sci-fi? Try Tolstoy (all of them), Ivan Bunin, Mikhail Bulgakov, Alexander Pushkin, Mikhail Lermontov, Mikhail Sholokhov, Chinghiz Aitmatov, Isaac Babel. Want something non-Russian? How about Iain Banks, J. D. Salinger, John Fowles. There's a lot of good literature!

Ivan Slovtsov, Game Designer

Douglas Adams, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Fedor Dostoyevsky, Crime and Punishment

Chuck Palahniuk, Fight Club

Alexandra "Alphyna" Golubeva, Chief of Translation/Writer

Tom Stoppard, Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead

Umberto Eco, The Name of the Rose

Yevgeny Zamyatin, We

Fedor Dostoyevsky, The Brothers Karamazov

Arkady and Boris Strugatsky, The Doomed City

Anna Orlova, Concept Artist

Stephen King, The Dark Tower; The Stand

Dan Simmons, Hyperion Cantos

Neil Gaiman, The Sandman

Victor Pelevin, Generation P; Omon Ra

Igor Zinovyev, Tools Programmer

Lyudmila Ulitskaya, Kukotsky's Case

Stanisław Lem, Solaris; Cyberiada

Arkady and Boris Strugatsky, Prisoners of Power; The Kid from Hell

Dmitry Zhebynev, Engine Programmer

Simon R. Green, Deathstalker

Vassily Golvachev, The Black Man

Roman Zlotnikov, Swrods above the Stars

Sophia Vasilenko, Maintenance person

Hermann Hesse, Narcissus and Goldmund

Clifford D. Simak, Target Generation

Michel de Montaigne, Essais

Sergey Lukyanenko, Spectrum; Almost Spring

Arkady and Boris Strugatsky, One Billion Years before the End of the World; Hard to be a God

Boris Strugatsky, Search for Destiny or the Twenty Seventh Theorem of Ethics

Mikhail Bulgakov, The Master and Margarita

Movies

Nikolay Dybowski, Creative Lead

Henry Selick, The Nightmare Before Christmas

Aleksei German: everything

Peter Weir, Picnic at Hanging Rock; Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World

Ayrat Zakirov, CTO

Neil Neill Blomkamp, District #9

Cristopher Nolan, The Dark Knight

Karen Shakhnazarov, Courier

Andrew Niccol, In Time (the movie is awful, but the premise is great)

M. Night Shyamalan, The Sixth Sense

Ivan Slovtsov, Game Designer

Garth Jennings, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Julian Jarold, Crime and Punishment

David Fincher, Fight Club

Alexandra "Alphyna" Golubeva, Chief of Translation/Writer

David Lynch, Mulholland Drive

Armando Iannucci, In the Loop

Terry Gilliam, Brazil

Andrey Tarkovsky, The Mirror

Sergey Loban, Shapito Show

Shane Carruth, Primer

Anna Orlova, Concept Artist

Gabriele Salvatores, Nirvana

Alfonso Cuarón, Children of Men

Richard Kelly, Donnie Darko

Enki Bilal, Immortel (Ad Vitam)

David Lynch and Mark Frost, Twin Peaks

Jim Jarmusch, Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai

Igor Zinovyev, Tools Programmer

James Cameron, Terminator 2: Judgement Day

Frank Darabont, The Green Mile; The Mist

Jean-Baptiste Andrea and Fabrice Canepa, Dead End

Dmitry Zhebynev

Edward Zwick, The Last Samurai

Guy Ritchie, Revolver

Sophia Vasilenko

Vincent Ward, What Dreams May Come

Cristopher Nolan, Inception

Lars von Trier, Dogville

Nikita Mikhalkov, Twelve