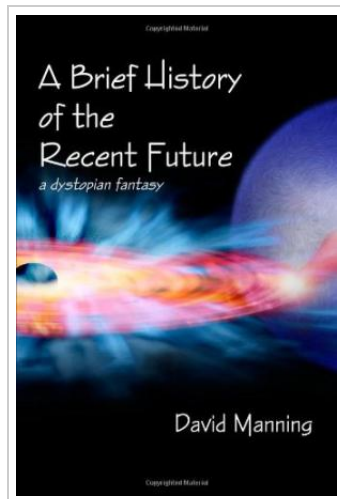




## A Brief History of the Recent Future (Paperback)

By David Manning

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