“Five books” that influenced me, Dale A. Woodside, PhD (limited to one page):

The Foundation Trilogy by Isaac Asimov. This trilogy was the basis of what became known as the “Foundation Series” which would overlap with the Asimov “Robot Series” and “Empire Series”, and would thus grow the trilogy to 15 books and many short stories. The Foundation Series is a really amazing portrayal (based on “mathematical sociology” predictions within the context of the storyline) of the growth and upheavals of civilization in the galaxy. For several books of the series, the story revolves around a behind the scenes player, a humanoid robot who can shape peoples minds and has obtained immortality, but who manages to keep his identity secret over tens of thousands of years and countless identities. See this link for more info: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foundation_series


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