

Science Fiction for Teens

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy [series]

Douglas Adams (YA ADAMS)

Join Arthur Dent as he travels the galaxy with his pal Ford Prefect, getting into horrible messes & generally wreaking havoc. (Grades 8-12)

Feed

M.T. Anderson (YA ANDERSON)

The Internet and television can be piped directly into your brain, and you can be carefully controlled. (Grades 8+)

I, Robot

Isaac Asimov (YA ASIMOV)

What are the "Three Laws of Robotics" that govern robot behavior, and how blurred is the line between robot and human? (Grades 9+)

The Handmaid's Tale

Margaret Atwood (YA ATWOOD)

In the near future where the United States used to stand, fertile women are strictly controlled and separated into social castes. (Grades 9+)

The Looking Glass Wars [Series]

Frank Beddor (YA BEDDOR)

It's "Alice in Wonderland," with all of the futuristic technology and weaponry that Lewis Carroll seems to have forgotten! (Grades 9+)

Exodus

Julie Bertagna (YA BERTAGNA)

Global Warming has taken its toll — cities are beneath the sea and humans are living primitively. The task of finding a brighter future rests on the shoulders of one girl. (Grades 8+)

The Compound

S.A. Bodeen (YA BODEEN)

Eli's family took shelter in an enormous bunker just before a nuclear war reduced the planet Earth to a smoldering, irradiated wasteland. (Grades 7+)

The Martian Chronicles

Ray Bradbury (YA BRADBURY)

Humans make contact with Mars. Will mankind find a brighter future, or will our behavior on Earth follow us into the new world? (Grades 8+)

Kindred

Octavia Butler (BUTLER)

When a 20th-century woman is transported back in time to 1815, she finds herself making tricky decisions that may alter the future. (Grades 9+)

Ender's Game [Series]

Orson Scott Card (YA CARD)

Earth's children are trained in battle to defeat invading aliens. Ender Wiggins, a child prodigy, finds himself torn between being a normal youth and fighting in the war. (Grades 6+)

The Hunger Games [Series]

Susanne Collins (YA COLLINS)

In Panem, each state is responsible for sending young "tributes" to compete in the sadistic 'Hunger Games,' a reality TV show where it's kill, or be killed. (Grades 7+)

Code Orange

Caroline B. Cooney (YA COONEY)

Mitty Blake is your average high school biology student—until he is accidentally exposed to smallpox. (Grades 6-9)

The Maze Runner [Series]

James Dashner (YA DASHNER)

Outside of the safety Glade lies an enormous maze, populated by nightmarish perversions of technology. (Grades 6-10)

For the Win

Cory Doctorow (YA DOCTOROW)

From Chinese gaming sweatshops to the basements of the United States, virtual world items are big business that some are even willing to kill for. (Grades 9+)

Little Brother

Corey Doctorow (YA DOCTOROW)

Following an attack in San Francisco, Homeland Security is rounding up "terrorists" and detaining them indefinitely. Marcus may be able to thwart them...with the help of his X-Box! (Grades 10+)

Books of Ember [Series]

Jeanne DuPrau (YA DUPRAU)

The only world they've ever known suddenly falls away when Lina & Doon make a startling discovery. (Grades 6-8)

The Ear, The Eye & The Arm

Nancy Farmer (YA FARMER)

In 2194, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped. Three mutant detectives must use their powers to search for them. (Grades 6-9)

The House of Scorpion

Nancy Farmer (YA FARMER)

A powerful Mexican drug lord has managed to live for over a century thanks to transplants from an army of clones... until Matt, his latest clone, enters the picture. (Grades 6+)

Incarceron [Series]

Catherine Fisher (YA FISHER)

Flinn has lived his entire life inside the gigantic prison known as 'Incarceron.' Escape seems impossible...until he meets Claudia, who is trapped in the 17th century by a computer. (Grades 8+)

Interworld

Neil Gaiman & Michael Reaves (YA GAIMAN)

The day started out normally...until Joey stumbled into that inter-dimensional portal to the Altiverse. (Grades 6-9)

The Line

Teri Hall (YA HALL)

"The Line" separates the United States from a radioactive wasteland and the mutants residing there. No one has ever crossed it. (Grades 6-8)

Carbon Diaries [Series]

Saci Lloyd (YA LLOYD)

The year is 2015, and Global Warming has finally taken its toll on the population of England. Now, even Carbon must be rationed. (Grades 8+)

The Giver [Series]

Lois Lowry (YA LOWRY)

How can a world with no poverty, crime or sickness be a nightmare? (Grades 6-9)

The Declaration [Series]

Gemma Malley (YA MALLEY)

A drug that grants immortality has one catch—the children of immortals are considered "surplus." (Grades 7+)

Airborn [Series]

Kenneth Oppel (YA OPPEL)

On an airship above the Earth to the furthest reaches of outer space, they were born to be pilots. (Grades 6-8)

Epitaph Road

David Patneaude (YA PATNEAUDE)

30 years ago, a virus wiped out most of the men on the planet. Kellen and his father are two of the few remaining. (Grades 9-12)

The Adoration of Jenna Fox

Mary E. Pearson (YA PEARSON)

Jenna wakes from a long coma. Why can't she seem to remember anything? More importantly, why doesn't she feel comfortable in her own body? (Grades 8+)

The Last Survivor [Series]

Susan Beth Pfeffer (YA PFEFFER)

Life is fine...until a meteor hits the moon, bringing nightmarish consequences to Earth. (Grades 6-8)

Larklight [Series]

Philip Reeve (YA REEVE)

Art & his irritating sister live with their father in a huge, rambling house...that just happens to be traveling through outer space. (Grades 6-10)

Unwind

Neal Shusterman (YA SHUSTERMAN)

Following the Second Civil War, humans can be separated from their bodies...and kept alive. (Grades 9+)

Snowcrash

Neal Stephenson (YA STEPHENSON)

The United States is split into franchises, and Hiro has a great job delivering pizzas for the Mafia. Everything changes when his friend fries his brain on a mysterious new online drug. (Grades 10+)

Numbers

Rachel Ward (YA WARD)

Rachel can't seem to look people in the eye, or make friends—she has the uncanny power to see the date that they will die. (Grades 8-10)

Leviathan

Scott Westerfeld (YA WESTERFELD)

What if World War I had been waged between the 'Darwinists' and their giant animals and the 'Clankers,' with their advanced machinery? (Grades 9+)

Bar Code Tattoo [Series]

Suzanne Weyn (YA WEYN)

Individuality vs. Conformity. Freedom vs. Control. When bar code tattoos cause suicides, something is very wrong. (Grades 6+)