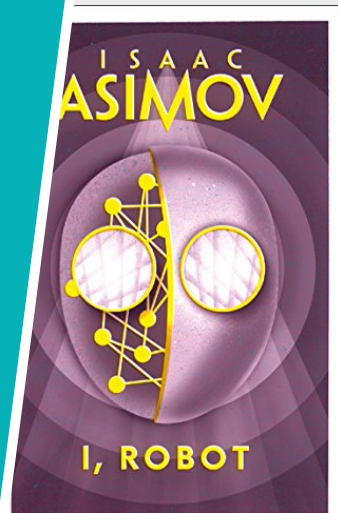
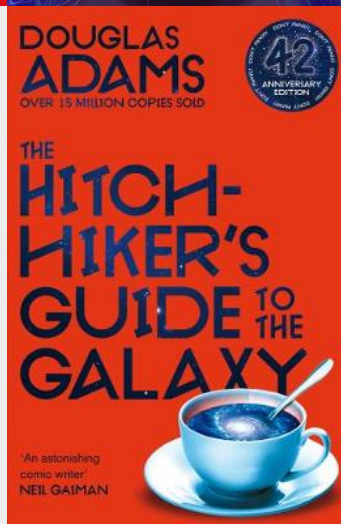
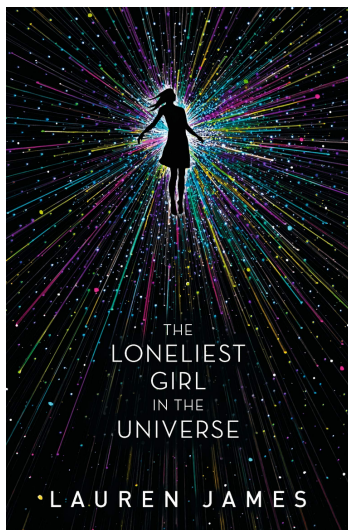


science fiction reading list

some of the best science
fiction writing, old and
new, selected by your
school librarians.





The Loneliest Girl in the Universe

Lauren James

Lowrie and Shen are the youngest people on the planet after a virus caused global infertility. Closeted in a pocket of London and doted upon by a small, ageing community, the pair spend their days looking for treasure - until a secret is uncovered.

Keywords:

LGBTQ+; Romance; Survival

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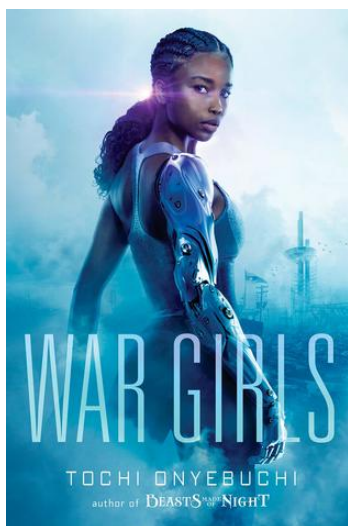


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War Girls

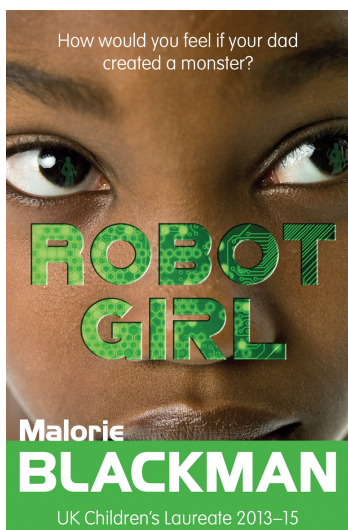
Tochi Onyebuchi

The year is 2172. Climate change and nuclear disasters have rendered much of earth unlivable. Only the lucky ones have escaped to space colonies in the sky. In a war-torn Nigeria, battles are fought using flying, deadly mechs and soldiers are outfitted with bionic limbs and artificial organs meant to protect them from the harsh, radiation-heavy climate. A Two sisters, Onyii and Ify, dream of more. They dream of peace, of hope, of a future together, and they're willing to fight an entire war to get it.

Keywords:

Adventure; Climate Change; War & Conflict; Nuclear Disasters; Sisterhood

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Robot Girl

Malorie Blackman

Claire's dad is an inventor and scientist. When he introduces Claire to his new invention, she's not proud or impressed. She's scared. He's created a monster!

Keywords:

Robots; AI; Mystery

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Want

Cindy Pon

The city of Taipei in Taiwan becomes so polluted that special suits must be worn to withstand the toxic environment. The rich hoard and buy these special suits so they can live longer, while everyone else suffers. But Jason Zhou is determined to change that.

Keywords:

Adventure; Climate Change; Inequality; Romance; Science-Fiction

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Legend

Marie Lu

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, 15-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover they have a common enemy.

Keywords:

Adventure; War & Conflict

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Warcross

Marie Lu

For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game - it's a way of life. Struggling to make ends meet, teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down players who bet on the game illegally. When Emika hacks into the game illegally, she's convinced she'll be arrested, but instead, the game's creator, Hideo Tanaka, makes a deal. He needs a spy on the inside of this year's tournament in order to uncover a security problem... and he wants Emika for the job.

Keywords:

Adventure; Gaming; Hacking; Thriller

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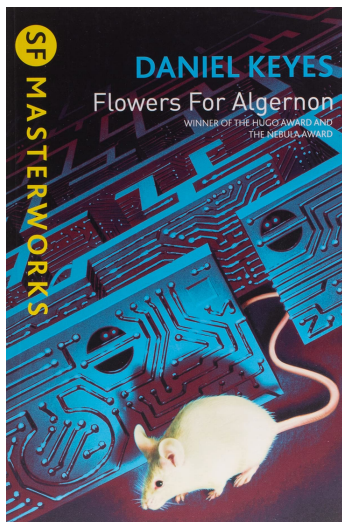


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Flowers for Algernon

Daniel Keyes

In diary entries, Charlie tells how a brain operation increases his IQ and changes his life. As the experimental procedure takes effect, Charlie's intelligence expands until it surpasses that of the doctors who engineered his metamorphosis. The experiment seems to be a scientific breakthrough of paramount importance until Algernon, the mouse experimented on before Charlie, starts to deteriorate suddenly. Will the same happen to Charlie.

Keywords:

Science Fiction Classic; Disability and Ableism

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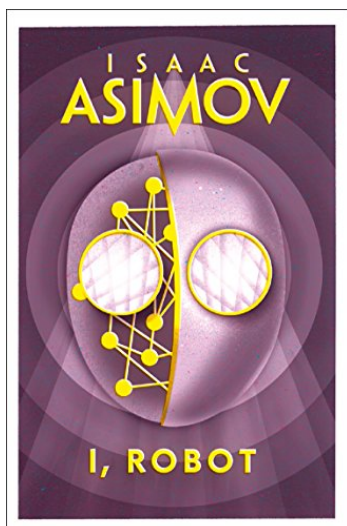


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I, Robot

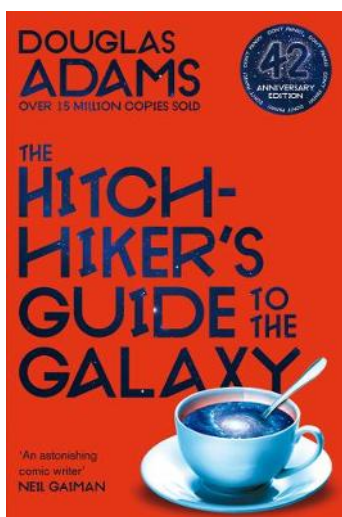
Isaac Asimov

As humans and robots struggle to survive together—and sometimes against each other—on earth and in space, the future of both hangs in the balance. Human men and women confront robots gone mad, telepathic robots, robot politicians, and vast robotic intelligences that may already secretly control the world. And both are asking the same questions: What is human? And is humanity obsolete?

Keywords:

AI; Robots; Adventure

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The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Douglas Adams

It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished, the Earth is then demolished to make way for the new hyperspace express route, and his best friends announces he's an alien.

Keywords:

Adventure; Comedy; Space Travel; Aliens

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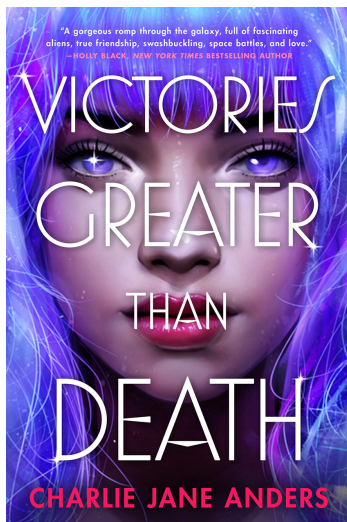


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Victories Greater Than Death

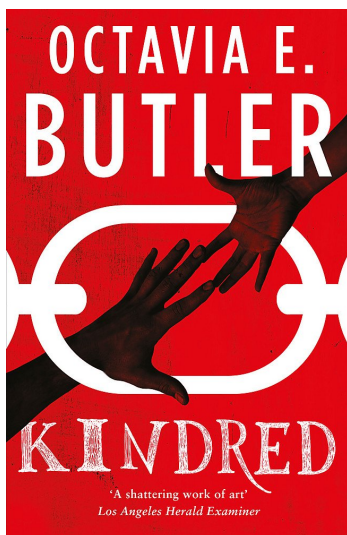
Charlie Jane Anders

Tina Mains is not an ordinary teenager. She is the keeper of an interplanetary rescue beacon, and one day soon, it's going to activate, and then her dreams of saving all the worlds and adventuring among the stars will finally be possible. Tina's legacy, after all, is intergalactic—she is the hidden clone of a famed alien hero, left on Earth disguised as a human to give the universe another chance to defeat a terrible evil.

Keywords:

Space Travel; LGBTQ+; Adventure

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Kindred

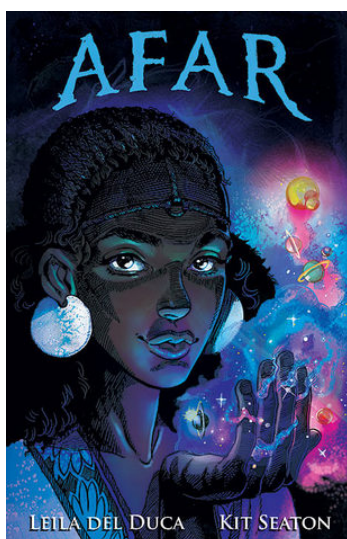
Octavia E. Butler

Having just celebrated her 26th birthday in 1976 California, Dana, an African-American woman, is suddenly and inexplicably wrenched through time into antebellum Maryland. After saving a drowning white boy there, she finds herself staring into the barrel of a shotgun and is transported back to the present just in time to save her life. During numerous such time-defying episodes with the same young man, she realizes the challenge she's been given...

Keywords:

Time Travel; CW: Slavery

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Afar

Leila del Duca and Kit Seaton (Illustrator)

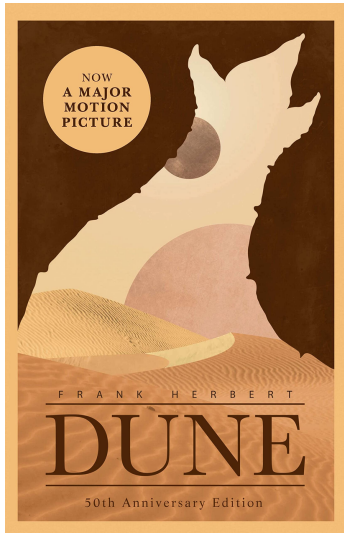
Boetema has developed the ability to astrally project to other worlds, unintentionally possessing the bodies of people light years away. Inotu, her inquisitive brother, finds himself on the run after he's caught eavesdropping on an illegal business deal. When Boetema accidentally hurts someone while in another girl's body, the siblings are forced to work together to solve the problems they've created on their planet and others

Keywords:

Space Travel; Adventure; Action;

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Dune

Frank Herbert

Set on the desert planet Arrakis, Dune is the story of the boy Paul Atreides, heir to a noble family tasked with ruling an inhospitable world where the only thing of value is the “spice” melange, a drug capable of extending life and enhancing consciousness. Coveted across the known universe, melange is a prize worth killing for...

Keywords:

Action; Adventure; Space Travel; War & Conflict

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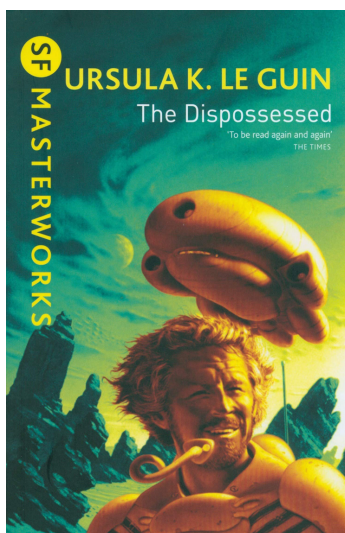


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The Dispossessed

Ursula K. Le Guin

Shevek is brilliant scientist who is attempting to find a new theory of time - but there are those who are jealous of his work, and will do anything to block him. So he leaves his homeland, hoping to find a place of more liberty and tolerance. Initially feted, Shevek soon finds himself being used as a pawn in a deadly political game.

Keywords:

Science Fiction Classic; Dystopian; Political Thriller

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I Hope You Get This Message

Farah Naz Rishi

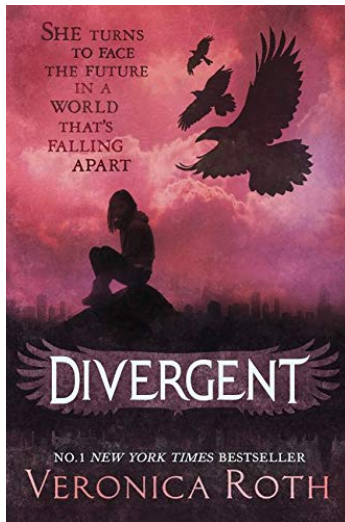
When news stations start reporting that Earth has been contacted by a planet named Alma, the world is abuzz with rumors that the alien entity is giving mankind only few days to live before they hit the kill switch on civilization. How would you spend those final days?

Keywords:

Apocalypse; Friendship & Relationships; LGBTQ+

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Divergent

Veronica Roth

In a future Chicago, 16-year-old Beatrice must choose among a faction, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is a does not fit into any one group. The plot contains graphic violence

Keywords:

Adventure; Social Class; Survival

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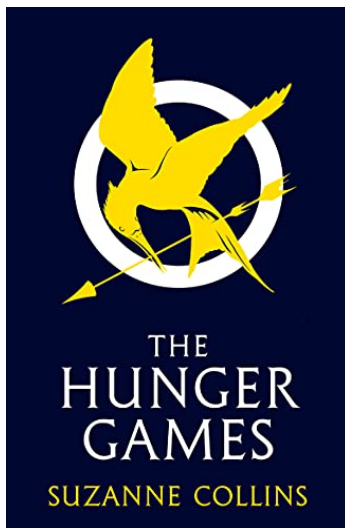


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Hunger Games

Suzanne Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. But Katniss has been close to death before - and survival, for her, is second nature.

Keywords:

Action; Adventure; Post-Apocalyptic; Thriller; Romance

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