



Science Fiction for Young Adults

Adams, Douglas. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. YA ADA

Chronicles the journeys, notions, and acquaintances of reluctant galactic traveler Arthur Dent, accompanied by never-before-published material from the late author's archives as well as commentary by famous fans.

Adlington, L.J. *Cherry Heaven*. YA ADL

Kat and Tanka J leave the war-torn city, move with their adoptive parents to the New Frontier, and are soon settled into a home called Cherry Heaven, but Luka, an escaped factory worker, confirms their suspicion that New Frontier is not the utopia it seems to be.

Anderson, M.T. *Feed*. YA AND

A brilliant new satire from the author of BURGER WUSS For Titus and his friends, it started out like any ordinary trip to the moon - a chance to party during spring break and play around with some stupid low-grav at the Ricochet Lounge. But that was before the crazy hacker caused all their feeds to malfunction, sending them to the hospital to lie around with nothing inside their heads for days. And it was before Titus met Violet, a beautiful, brainy teenage girl who knows something about what it's like to live without the feed-and about resisting its omnipresent ability to categorize human thoughts and desires.

Asimov, Isaac and Robert Silverberg. *Nightfall*. SF ASI

From *School Library Journal*-- Because of its six suns, the planet Kalgash is bathed in perpetual sunlight. However, once every 2,049 years all six suns are eclipsed, plunging the planet into total darkness and causing widespread madness that results in the civilization's complete destruction, thus allowing the cycle to begin again. Night fall, expanded from Asimov's 1941 award-winning short story, lets readers experience the cataclysmic event through the eyes and biases of a newspaperman, an astronomer, an archaeologist, a psychologist, and a religious fanatic. This novel improves upon the original through the use of better developed characters and an expanded, more textured story that results in an absorbing, richer tale.

Bachorz, Pam. *Candor*. YA BAC

For a fee, "model teen" Oscar Banks has been secretly--and selectively-- sabotaging the subliminal messages that program the behavior of the residents of Candor, Florida, until his attraction to a rebellious new girl threatens to expose his subterfuge.

Bechard, Margaret. *Spacer and Rat*. YA BEC

Jack's predictable existence on Freedom space station is transformed when Kit, the Earthie rat, enters his life and enlists him and a sensitive robot in an effort to outwit the Company

Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*. YA BRA

"Fahrenheit 451--the temperature at which book paper catches fire, and burns..."

Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*. SUMMER READING CARD

In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers.

Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Shadow*. SF CARD

Life on the streets is tough. But if Bean has learned anything, it's how to survive. Not with his fists. Bean is way too small to fight. But with his brain. Like his colleague and rival Ender Wiggin, Bean has been chosen to enroll in Battle School. And like Ender, Bean will be called upon to perform an extraordinary service for humanity.

Chetwin, Grace. *Collidescope*. YA CHE

When his spaceship crashes to earth, a highly advanced alien interferes with the lives of two teenagers living on the island of Manhattan during different centuries.

Clements, Andrew. *Things Not Seen*. YA CLE

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

Cole, Steve. *Z Rex*. YA COL

From Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Edinburgh, Scotland, thirteen-year-old Adam Adlar must elude police while being hunted by a dinosaur come-to-life from a virtual reality game invented by his father, who has gone missing.

Colfer, Eoin. *The Supernaturalist*. YA COL

In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from his abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures, and together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans.

Collins, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander*. J PB COL/ J COL (Full Series Available)

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games*. YA COL (Also available in audiobook—YA CD COL)

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Collins, Suzanne. *Catching Fire*. YA COL (Sequel to *The Hunger Games*)

By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

Dick, Philip K. *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* SF DICK

Published in 1968, even today it is a masterpiece ahead of its time. By 2021, the World War had killed millions, driving entire species into extinction and sending mankind off-planet. Those who remained coveted any living creature and for people who couldn't afford one, companies built incredibly realistic horses, birds, cats, sheep. . . They even built humans. The inspiration for Blade Runner.

Enthoven, Sam. *Tim, Defender of the Earth!* YA ENT

When two gargantuan, human-made monsters clash over the future of the human race and the planet, fourteen-year-old Anna Mallahide has a hard time convincing her classmate, Chris Pitman, that he must play any role in the outcome of their epic battle.

Farmer, Nancy. *The House of the Scorpion*. YA FAR

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Goodman, Alison. *Singing the Dogstar Blues*. YA GOO

In a future Australia, the saucy eighteen-year-old daughter of a famous newscaster and a sperm donor teams up with a hermaphrodite from the planet Choria in a time travel adventure that may significantly change both of their lives.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Hidden*. YA HAD

From *School Library Journal*: Born third at a time when having more than two children per family is illegal and subject to seizure and punishment by the Population Police, Luke has spent all of his 12 years in hiding. His parents disobeyed once by having him and are determined not to do anything unlawful again. At first the woods around his family's farm are thick enough to conceal him when he plays and works outdoors, but when the government develops some of that land for housing, his world narrows to just the attic. Gazing through an air vent at new homes, he spies a child's face at a window after the family of four has already left for the day. Is it possible that he is not the

only hidden child? Answering this question brings Luke greater danger than he has ever faced before, but also greater possibilities for some kind of life outside of the attic. This is a near future of shortages and deprivation where widespread famines have led to a totalitarian government that controls all aspects of its citizens' lives. When the boy secretly ventures outside the attic and meets the girl in the neighboring house, he learns that expressing divergent opinions openly can lead to tragedy. **See additional series titles below!**

Shadow Children Series (It is recommended that this series be read in order.)

Imagine a world where families are allowed only two children. Illegal third children -- shadow children -- must living in hiding. For if they are discovered, there is only one punishment: Death.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Hidden*. YA HAD

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Imposters*. YA HAD

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Betrayed*. YA HAD

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Barons*. YA HAD

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Brave*. YA HAD

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Enemy*. YA HAD

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Free*. YA HAD

Henderson, J.A. *Bunker 10*. YA HEN

Something is going terribly wrong at the top secret Pinewood Military Installation, and the teenage geniuses who study and work there are about to discover a horrible truth as they lead a small military force trying to retrieve data and escape before the compound self-destructs.

Jinks, Catherine. *Evil Genius*. YA JIN

Child prodigy Cadell Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

Jinks, Catherine. *Genius Squad*. YA JIN

After the Axis Institute is blown up, fifteen-year-old Cadell Piggot is unhappily stuck in foster care with constant police surveillance to protect him from the evil Prosper English until he gets an offer to join a mysterious group called Genius Squad.

Jolley, Dan. *Alex Unlimited: The Vosarak Code*. YA JOL

Able to summon parallel-dimension versions of herself equipped to handle any task, eighteen-year-old Alex Benno, herself a plain and very average girl, resents these idealized women and the fact that she never gets any credit for the spectacular feats they accomplish while working for a secret government spy agency.

Klass, David. *Stuck on Earth*. YA KLA

On a secret mission to evaluate whether the human race should be annihilated, a space alien inhabits the body of a bullied fourteen-year-old boy.

Kostick, Conor. *Saga*. YA KOS

On Saga, a world based on a video role-playing game, fifteen-year-old Ghost lives to break rules, but the Dark Queen who controls Saga plans to enslave its people and those of New Earth, and Ghost and her airboarding friends, along with Erik and his friends from Epic, try to stop her.

L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time*. J LEN

One stormy night a strange visitor comes to the Murry house and beckons Meg, her brother, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe on a most dangerous and fantastic journeya journey that will threaten their lives and our universe.

L'Engle, Madeleine. *The Young Unicorns*. YA LEN

A seventeen-year-old boy, a former member of a tough New York gang, a blind and talented twelve-year-old musician, the Austin family, and Canon Tallis are among the key characters who become involved in a frightening and evil scheme relying on the ability of a refined laser to give complete power over people's mind.

Lowry, Lois. *Gathering Blue*. J LOW

Lame and suddenly orphaned, Kira is mysteriously removed from her squalid village to live in the palatial Council Edifice, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver to do the bidding of the all-powerful Guardians.

Lowry, Lois. *The Giver*. J LOW

Twelve-year-old Jonas lives in a seemingly ideal world. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver does he begin to understand the dark secrets behind this fragile community.

McNaughton, Janet Elizabeth. *The Secret Under My Skin*. YA MCN

In the year 2368, humans exist under dire environmental conditions and one young woman, rescued from a workcamp and chosen for a special duty, uses her love of learning to discover the truth about the planet's future and her own dark past.

Orwell, George. *Animal Farm*. FIC ORW

Animal Farm was George Orwell's satirical shot at the then-new totalitarianism of the left. It is so accurate that no one has been able to do it better or more effectively, or even come close. Who can forget "All Animals Are Created Equal, But Some Are More Equal Than Others." By putting wisdom in the mouths of animals, Orwell uses an age-old artifice and proves again how the pen can be mightier than the sword.

Osterlund, Anne. *Academy 7*. YA OST

Aerin Renning and Dane Madousin struggle as incoming students at the most exclusive academy in the Universe, both hiding secrets that are too painful to reveal, not realizing that those very secrets link them together.

Patterson, James. *The Dangerous Days of Daniel X*. FIC PATTERSON

Fifteen-year-old Daniel has followed in his parents' footsteps as the Alien Hunter, exterminating beings on The List of Alien Outlaws on Terra Firma, but when he faces his first of the top ten outlaws, the very existence Earth and another planet are at stake.

Patterson, James and Ned Rust. *Daniel X: Watch the Skies*. YA PAT

LIGHTS: All's quiet in the small town of Holliswood. Television sets, computers, and portable devices are aglow in every home, classroom, and store. Yet not all is perfect. Evil is lurking, just out of sight, behind the screen.

CAMERA: Residing in this sleepy town is a villain with more ambition than the world can withstand. Twisted beyond reason, he is dead set on throwing Holliswood into chaos and documenting the destruction of every person in it, including Daniel X. **EXTERMINATION:** The only person who can stop this made-for-TV tyrant, Daniel must use his extraordinary power to save the town. But this devilish director has assembled an all-star team of his own creation and vows to stage the most spectacular finale the world has ever seen. Can Daniel X stop this deranged outlaw--or will he find himself on the cutting room floor?

Patterson, James. *School's Out—Forever*. YA PAT

After a short stay with an FBI agent who gives them a chance to attend school and live a normal life, the six genetically-altered, winged youths head toward Florida and Max's ultimate destiny--to save the world, whether she wants to or not.

Patterson, James. *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment*. YA PAT (Series)

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Paulsen, Gary. *The Time Hackers*. YA PAU

When someone uses futuristic technology to play pranks on twelve-year-old Dorso Clayman, he and his best friend set off on a supposedly impossible journey through space and time trying to stop the gamesters who are endangering the universe.

Pearson, Mary. *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*. YA PEA

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. *Life as We Knew It*. YA PFE

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. (Former winner of YA One Book New Jersey)

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. *The Dead and the Gone*. YA PFE

After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.

Popescu, Petru. *Footprints in Time*. YA POP

While Jack is visiting his father, a research scientist in Tanzania, their plane goes down over the savanna, killing everyone but Jack, who meets a mysterious creature who helps him survive.

Reed, Kit. *Thinner Than Thou*. FIC REED

Tomorrow, today's cult of the body, which says we must be thin, young, and perfect, has become the only religion. Reverend Earl preaches the heaven of the Afterfat and promises to personally supervise the fat congregants at his luxurious spa, Sylphania. Health clubs have replaced houses of worship. "Convents" hold anorexic, bulimic, and obese teens who are learning the "right" ways to eat--and think. Middle-aged Jeremy succumbs to Sylphania's siren song, only to discover that the glamorous brochures conceal a concentration camp. Annie, an anorexic, and her massive friend vow to escape from their convent-prison. Annie's twin siblings and her boyfriend search for her through a bizarre landscape of obese strippers, competitive eating contests, and an underground railroad of religions that remember when people worshipped gods instead of flesh.

Reeve, Philip. *Mortal Engines: A Novel*. YA REE

In the distant future, when cities move about and consume smaller towns, a fifteen-year-old apprentice is pushed out of London by the man he most admires and must seek answers in the perilous Out-Country, aided by one girl and the memory of another.

Reeve, Philip. *A Darkling Plain: A Novel*. YA REE

While dealing with people from their past and treachery from unexpected sources, Tom, Hester, and Wren return to save the world.

Singer, Nicky. *Gem X*. YA SIN

Sixteen-year-old Maxo Strang, the most perfect human ever made, suddenly discovers a "crack" in his face, which leads him to expose his community's dark underworld of secret scientific research and the city's corrupt supreme leader.

Stephens, J.B. *The Big Empty*. YA STE

After half of the world's population is killed by a plague, seven teenagers seek a better life in a nightmarish future by deciphering coded messages and trying to avoid the Slashers.

Sutherland, Tui T. *So This Is How It Ends*. YA SUT

During an earthquake in the year 2012 five teens are transported seventy-five years into the future, where the end of the world is imminent, and are drawn together by a mysterious force.

Vonnegut, Kurt. *Cat's Cradle*. FIC VONNEGUT

A satirical commentary on modern man and his madness. An apocalyptic tale of this planet's ultimate fate, it features a complete, original theology created by a calypso singer, and a vision of the future that is at once blackly fatalistic and hilariously funny.

Wasserman, Robin. *Skinned*. YA WAS

To save her from dying in a horrible accident, Lia's wealthy parents transplant her brain into a mechanical body.

Werlin, Nancy. *Double Helix*. YA WERLIN

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Blue Noon*. YA WES

The five midnighters from Bixby discover that the secret hour is starting to invade the daylight world, and if they cannot stop it, the darklings will soon be free to hunt again.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Midnighters: The Secret Hour*. YA WES

Upon moving to Bixby, Oklahoma, fifteen-year-old Jessica Day learns that she is one of a group of people who have special abilities that help them fight ancient creatures living in an hour hidden at midnight; creatures that seem determined to destroy Jess.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Midnighters: Touching Darkness*. YA WES

As they continue to battle evil creatures living in an hour hidden at midnight, Jessica and her new friends learn about Bixby, Oklahoma's shadowy past and uncover a deadly conspiracy that reaches beyond the secret hour.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Uglies*. YA WES

In a world in which everyone is transformed into a stunning beauty at age 16, Tally has doubts. *Pretties*, *Specials*, and *Extras* complete this series.

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