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Science Fiction Book List

Adams, Douglas

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (1979)

After Earth is demolished to make way for a new hyperspatial expressway, Arthur Dent begins to hitch-hike through space. (*Humor*) JK

Bacigalupi, Paolo

The Windup Girl (2009)

What happens when bio-terrorism becomes a tool for corporate profits? And what happens when this forces humanity to the cusp of post-human evolution? This is a tale of Bangkok struggling for survival in a post-oil era of rising sea levels and out-of-control mutation. (*Dystopia*) AS

Baggott, Julianna

Pure (2012)

In a post-apocalyptic world, Pressia, a sixteen-year-old survivor with a doll's head fused onto her left hand meets Partridge, a "Pure" dome-dweller who is searching for his mother, sure that she has survived the cataclysm. (*Dystopia; Young Adult*) BM

Crichton, Michael

Jurassic Park (1990)

A wealthy entrepreneur secretly creates a theme park featuring living dinosaurs drawn from prehistoric DNA. Before opening the attraction to the public, he invites some scientists to experience the park and help calm anxious investors; but, during the visit, the security system breaks down and prehistoric creatures break out. (*Hard SF*) MR

Dick, Philip K.

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? (1968)

Rick Deckard is an officially sanctioned bounty hunter tasked to find six rogue androids. They are machines, but look, sound and think just like humans—clever, and most of all, dangerous humans. (*Sci-Fi Noir; Dystopian Fiction; Classics*) JFS

Doescher, Ian

William Shakespeare's Star Wars: Verily, a New Hope (2013)

Return once more to a galaxy far, far away with this sublime retelling of George Lucas's epic *Star Wars* in the style of the immortal Bard of Avon. The saga of a wise (Jedi) knight and an evil (Sith) lord, of a beautiful princess held captive and a young hero coming of age, *Star Wars* abounds with all the valor and villainy of Shakespeare's greatest plays. 'Tis a tale told by fretful droids, full of faithful Wookiees and fearstome Stormtroopers, signifying...pretty much everything. (*Humor; Poetry*) JK

Haldeman, Joe

The Forever War (1974)

Drafted into the ranks of Earth's interstellar warriors, private William Mandella finds his fight against the Taurans secondary to the side-effects of faster-than-light space travel, which affects the rate at which he ages. (*Military SF; Time Travel*) MR

Landers, Melissa

Alienated (2014)

Handpicked to look after the first-ever L'eihr exchange student, Cara isn't sure what to think when she meets Aelyx. Humans and L'eihrs have nearly identical DNA, but cold, infuriatingly brilliant Aelyx couldn't seem more alien. But when Cara's classmates get swept up by anti-L'eihr paranoia, Midtown High School suddenly isn't safe anymore. Cara finds support in the last person she expected. She realizes that Aelyx isn't just her only friend; she's fallen hard for him. But Aelyx has been hiding the truth about the purpose of his exchange and its potentially deadly consequences. (*Aliens and alien invasions; Romance; Young Adult*) BM

Le Guin, Ursula

The Lathe of Heaven (1971)

George Orr is a man who discovers he has the peculiar ability to dream things into being -- for better or for worse. In desperation, he consults a psychotherapist who promises to help him -- but who, it soon becomes clear, has his own plans for George and his dreams. (*Oregon Author; Classics*) JFS

Levin, Ira

The Stepford Wives (2004)

All the beautiful people live in the idyllic village of Stepford, Connecticut, an affluent suburban Eden populated with successful, satisfied hubbys and their beautiful, dutiful wives. For Joanna Eberhart, a recent arrival with her husband and two children, it all seems too perfect to be true -- from the sweet, accommodating Welcome Wagon lady to all those cheerful, friendly faces in the supermarket checkout lines. But just beneath the town's flawless surface, something is sordid and wrong -- something abominable with roots in the local Men's Association. And it may already be too late for Joanna to save herself from being devoured by Stepford's hideous perfection. (*Feminist SF; Dystopia*) JK

McCaffrey, Anne and Elizabeth Ann Scarborough

Powers That Be (1993)

Strange things were happening on the icy planet called Petaybee. Unauthorized genetically engineered species had been spotted, while some people were simply disappearing. None of the locals were talking to the company, so the company sent disabled combat veteran Yanaba Maddock to spy. But a strange thing happened. With her relocation to the arctic planet came a return of Yana's health and strength. And the more she got to know the people of Petaybee, the more determined she became to protect her new home.... (*Space Opera*) BM

McDonald, Ian

Planesrunner (2011)

When 14-year-old Everett Singh's scientist father is kidnapped from the streets of London, he leaves a mysterious app on Everett's computer giving him access to the Infundibulum--a map of parallel earths--which is being sought by technologically advanced dark powers that Everett must somehow elude while he tries to rescue his father. (*Parallel Realities; Young Adult*) BM

Meyer, Marissa

Cinder (2012)

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story. (*Young Adult*) BM

Sandler, Karen

Tankborn (2011)

Kayla and Mishalla, two genetically engineered non-human slaves (GENs), fall in love with higher-status boys, discover deep secrets about the creation of GENs, and in the process find out what it means to be human. (*SF Romance; Young Adult*) BM

Scalzi, John

Redshirts (2012)

Enjoying his assignment with the xenobiology lab on board the prestigious Intrepid, ensign Andrew Dahl worries about casualties suffered by low-ranking officers during away missions before making a shocking discovery about the starship's actual purpose. (*Space Opera; Humor*) BM

Shelley, Mary

Frankenstein (1818)

One freezing morning, a lone man wandering across the arctic ice caps is rescued from starvation by a ship's captain. As he is nursed back to health, Victor Frankenstein recounts his story of ambition, murder, and revenge. As a young scientist Frankenstein pushed moral boundaries in order to cross the final scientific frontier and create life itself. But his creation is a monster stitched together from grave-robbled body parts who has no place in the world, and whose life can only lead to tragedy. (*SF Horror; Classics*) MR

Stephenson, Neal

Snow Crash (1992)

With the strange new designer drug, Snow Crash, making zombies of nearly everyone and a deadly computer virus striking down hackers, Hiro Protagonist, the last of the free-lance hackers, comes to the rescue. (*Cyberpunk*) JFS

Walton, Jo

Title (2014)

It's 2015, and Patricia Cowan is very old. "Confused today," read the notes clipped to the end of her bed. She forgets things she should know-what year it is, major events in the lives of her children. But she remembers things that don't seem possible. She remembers marrying Mark and having four children. And she remembers not marrying Mark and raising three children with Bee instead. She remembers the bomb that killed President Kennedy in 1963, and she remembers Kennedy in 1964, declining to run again after the nuclear exchange that took out Miami and Kiev. Her childhood, her years at Oxford during the Second World War, those were solid things. But after that, did she marry Mark or not? Did her friends all call her Trish, or Pat? Had she been a housewife who escaped a terrible marriage after her children were grown, or a successful travel writer with homes in Britain and Italy? And the moon outside her window: does it host a benign research station, or a command post bristling with nuclear missiles? (*Alternate History*) BM

Westerfield, Scott

Leviathan (2009)

In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts. (*Steampunk*) AS

Willis, Connie

To Say Nothing of the Dog (1997)

A time traveler in need of rest is assigned the task of finding 'the bishop's bird stump' and to help rebuild a destroyed cathedral. He finds himself temporarily stranded in Victorian England, where he and a fellow time traveler must correct a break in the time stream, organize a church jumble sale, and play croquet. (*Alternate History; Time Travel*) BM