

# Science Fiction

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Alexander, William. *Ambassador*. When Gabe Fuentes inadvertently finds himself Earth's ambassador to an alien race, he also learns of plot to destroy his home planet!

Angleberger, Tom and Paul Dellinger. *Fuzzy*. Seventh grader Max loves robots and is super excited that her school is about to get the first robot student.

Balthazaar, Armand. *Timeless: Diego and the Rangers of the Vastatlantic* (series). In a world where past, present, and future have collided, Diego and his friends must rescue Diego's father from an evil group of renegades.

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. *The Firefly Code* (series). Mori lives in a utopian community where every kid is genetically engineered to be better and smarter, but questions arise when a strangely perfect new girl moves in.

Boyce, Frank Cottrell. *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth*.\* Prez Mellows meets Sputnik, a small alien in a kilt and goggles who can read his mind and communicate telepathically with him, but who appears as a dog to everyone else.

Brown, Peter. *The Wild Robot* (series).\* When Roz, a robot, wakes up in the forest with no memory, she must learn how to survive in the outdoors without any help.

Buckingham, Will. *Lucy and the Rocket Dog*.\* Lucy builds her own spaceship, which her dog Laika accidentally launches without her. Lucy grows up and becomes an astronomer, always watching the night sky for her dog. Laika is on a space-time adventure, traveling through wormholes!

Buckley, Michael. *Finn and the Intergalactic Lunchbox* (series).\* When Earth is threatened by an invading race of bugs called the Hunger, 11-year-old Finn, his arch-nemesis Lincoln, his crush Julep, and one pink unicorn lunchbox become Earth's last best hope against destruction

Bunker, Lisa. *Felix Yz*. When he was three, a freak accident left Felix fused with a fourth-dimensional being. Now ten years old, Felix is preparing for an experiment in which they are to be separated.

Burt, Jake. *Cleo Porter and the Body Electric*.\* In a future forever changed by a pandemic, a Cleo and her family survive in total isolation. Now a woman is dying and Cleo has her medicine... and no way to deliver it.

Cuevas, Michelle. *The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole*.\* Stella stumbles on a sentient black hole, adopts it, and feeds it the memories and objects she never wants to see again.

Edge, Christopher. *The Jamie Drake Equation*.\* Everyone is talking about Jamie's heroic astronaut father, but Jamie feels left out and is missing his dad. While exploring an abandoned observatory near his home, he accidentally downloads something mysterious and uses it to become a hero himself.

Emerson, Kevin. *Last Day on Mars* (series).\* The sun is going supernova and soon Mars will be consumed. Liam is supposed to be on the last starliner out of the solar system, but on the very last day, he and his friends stumble into a mystery that threatens all life everywhere.

Ford, Martyn. *The Imagination Box* (series). Tom meets a professor who has invented a machine that can turn your wishes into reality, like Tom's desire for a wisecracking sidekick monkey! When the professor goes missing, Tom and his new friends set out to find him.

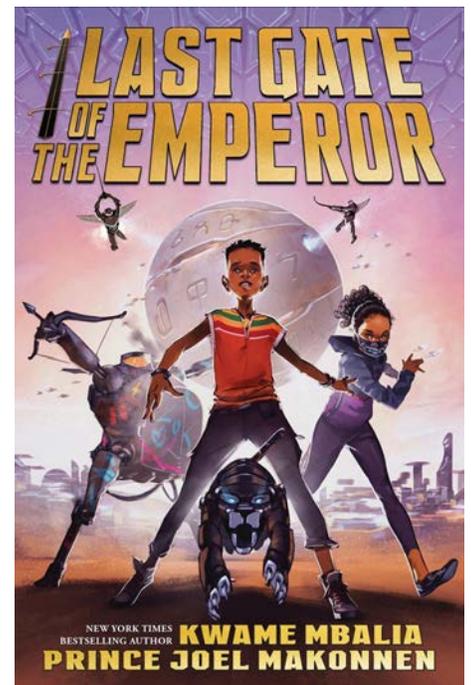
Fry, Jason. *Hunt for the Hydra* (series). A family of space privateers becomes embroiled in a solar system-wide conspiracy, all while the three siblings compete to determine who will become the next captain of the ship when their mother steps down.

Gaiman, Neil. *Fortunately the Milk*. While picking up milk for his children, a father is abducted by aliens and thrust into an adventure through time and space.

Gibbs, Stuart. *Space Case* (series).\* Living on the moon sounds cool, but Dash is just bored. But when the head scientist on the base dies under mysterious circumstances, Dash doesn't believe it's an accident.

Giles, Lamar. *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* (series). Cousins Otto and Sheed are enjoying summer and their job as local sleuths. When a stranger with the ability to stop time appears in their small town, they get sucked into a high-stakes time war that could stop time forever!

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Greystone Secrets: The Strangers* (series).\* Three siblings must solve a coded message and pursue their mother through a strange alternate reality if they hope to save her and themselves.



Hautman, Pete. *The Flinkwater Factor: A Novel in Five Thrilling Episodes*. Thirteen-year-old Ginger investigates a series of weird events, beginning with people falling into comas while using their computers.

Hernandez, Carlos. *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* (series).\* Sal is a normal middle schooler, with one exception—he has the ability to rip a hole through the universe to reach across worlds and retrieve items.

Holm, Jennifer. *The Lion of Mars*. Bell has spent his whole life—all eleven years of it—on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid—he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the colony are keeping. When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help.

King, A.S. *Me and Marvin Gardens*.\* Obe Devlin spends a lot of his time cleaning up a creek and worrying about pollution from nearby new development. One day he finds a strange creature that eats plastic, and soon the animal he calls Marvin Gardens becomes his personal secret to protect.

\*Eleanor Cameron Notable Books (for ages 7-11) Containing more science fiction than fantasy, the main characters are problem solvers and science users rather than someone who must be rescued. This list is named for Eleanor Cameron, author of the Mushroom Planet series. ([sfnotables.org](http://sfnotables.org))

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L'Engle, Madeline. *A Wrinkle in Time* (series). Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Lee, Yoon Ha. *Dragon Pearl*. Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.

Levy, Joshua S. *Seventh Grade vs. the Galaxy*.\* Jack is a normal seventh grader attending Public School Spaceship 118 in orbit around Ganymede. He's just trying to make it to the end of the school year when his school is mysteriously attacked and transported to a strange new part of the galaxy.

Lowry, Lois. *The Giver* (series) Living in a "perfect" world without social ills, a boy approaches the time when he will receive a life assignment from the Elders. His selection leads him to a mysterious man known as the Giver, who reveals the dark secrets behind the utopian facade.

Mancusi, Mari. *Dragon Ops* (series).\* Twelve-year-old Ian is thrilled to beta test the mixed-reality version of his favorite game, but unless he, his sister Lilli, and their cousin Derek defeat the dragon, it will be game over.

Marciano, Johnny and Emily Chenoweth. *Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat* (series).\* The great feline emperor Wyss Kuzz, exiled from the Planet Lytterboks, is renamed Klawde and taken up as a housecat by new kid Raj Banjeree.

Martin, Laura. *Glitch*.\* Regan Fitz and Elliot Mason have been enemies since they started training to become Glitchers—people who travel through time to preserve important historical events. But everything changes when they find a letter from Regan's future self, warning them about an impending disaster that threatens them and everyone they know.

Mbalia, Kwame. *Last Gate of the Emperor*. Enduring an isolated existence in hardscrabble Addis Prime, a star underground augmented reality gamer finds his family targeted by city-raiding monsters waging a galaxy-wide war.

McCulloch, Amy. *Jinxed* (series). After fourteen-year-old Lacey Chu repairs a highly advanced smartphone/robotic pet companion, or baku, called Jinx, the baku gets her into her dream school, where she is exposed to dangerous secrets.

McIntosh, Will. *Watchdog*.\* Vick is the practical and responsible brother, and Tara is the autistic mechanical whizz of a sister, both trying to survive in a gritty, post-apocalyptic Chicago. When Tara scavenges a powerful AI chip, they use it to create a hyper intelligent robotic dog named Daisy.

Miller, Darcy. *Margo and Mateo Save the World*.\* When Margot Blumenthal removes a bright blue slug alien attached to Mateo Flores's back, they know it's definitely not going to be a regular day at middle school.

Oppel, Kenneth. *Bloom* (series). \* The invasion begins—but not as you'd expect. It begins with rain that carries seeds that sprout new plants that take over crop fields, release toxic pollens, form Venus flytrap-like pods that swallow animals and people. They bloom—everywhere, unstoppable. Or are they? Three kids on a remote island seem immune to the toxic plants. They each have strange allergies—and yet not to these plants. What's their secret? Can they somehow be the key to beating back this invasion?

Rodkey, Geoff. *The Story Pirates Present: Stuck in the Stone Age*.\* An accident with a time machine plunges a janitor with scientific aspirations and a shy, socially awkward scientist back to prehistoric times.

Rodkey, Geoff. *We're Not From Here*.\* Earth has been destroyed by nuclear war and only 2000 people survive. They've traveled as refugees to a new planet, but the alien government has decided that they don't want them there. It's up to one family and one kid to convince the aliens to accept the humans.

Sage, Angie. *Maximillian Fly*.\* Maximillian Fly, created from a genetic experiment, lives in a dark world where he is viewed as evil. He lives alone, a gentle soul inside his tough carapace, until two children hide in his home. When he offers them protection, he is drawn into an adventure that will change his life forever.

Sanderson, Brandon. *Skyward*.\* As the remnants of humanity struggle to survive underground on the planet Detritus, sixteen-year-old Spensa Nightshade is determined to enter pilot training and help kill aliens.

Sappingfield, Eliot. *A Problematic Paradox* (Tween Fiction, series).\* Nikola's father has been kidnapped by aliens and she's thrust into a school for geniuses. As Nikola attempts to unravel the aliens' plot and locate her father, she must also achieve the impossible: use her wits and her friends' help to defeat an indestructible monster.

Searles, Rachel. *The Lost Planet* (series). Chase Garrety wakes up on the planet Trucon with a mysterious head wound and no memory of how he came to be there.

Smith, Ronald L. *The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away*.\* Simon is an ordinary kid living with his parents on a series of military bases, but the more he learns about alien abductions, the surer he becomes that he himself was abducted in the past.

Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me*. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on a TV game show, a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Stohl, Margaret. *Cats vs. Robots: This is War* (series). The longstanding and galaxy-spanning war between cats and robots escalates when each learns of inventions designed to extend their lives, and the potential of the devices is revealed when two kittens come into the lives of twin siblings on Earth.

Swiedler, Christopher. *In the Red*.\* Michael Prasad knows he shouldn't go out on the Mars surface alone. It's dangerous. His parents have forbidden it. And the anxiety he feels almost every time he puts on a spacesuit makes it nearly impossible for him to leave the safety of the colony. But when his best friend, Lilith, suggests they sneak out one night, he can't resist the chance to prove everyone—including himself—wrong.

Valentine, Nicole. *A Time Traveler's Theory of Relativity*. Finn believes in science, and what is true. What is true: his twin sister died when they were three, and a few months ago, his mom left without warning. But when his grandmother tells him a spectacular truth—the women in his family are time travelers—Finn sets out to see if he can save his mom from being stuck in a time loop!

Van Eekhout, Greg. *Cog*.\* Cog, a boy, is this year's creation by robotics expert Gina. She gives him curiosity, and when Cog goes outside on his own (as a curious boy might), they are separated. Cog must now befriend other robots to escape from a sinister corporation and its evil leader.

Van Eekhout, Greg. *Voyage of the Dogs*.\* When the Barkonauts wake up from stasis, they find a hole in their ship and the human crew missing. The canines must figure out how to fix the ship, find the crew, and complete their mission, all without thumbs.

Vaughan, M.M. *Friendroid*.\* Told through journal entries, twelve-year-old Danny and his best friend Slick recount how their friendship begins and when they discover Slick's true identity and ultimate fate.

Welford, Ross. *Time Traveling with a Hamster*. Al Chaudhury gets a letter and a hamster from his deceased father. What's more, the letter tells him to find his father's time travel machine and go back to avert a disaster.