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Adodo, Edudzi. **Children of Stardust**. After stumbling upon a strange pyramid that imbues him with a legendary power, Zero is recruited to take part in a dangerous, intergalactic quest to track down the infamous mask of the Shaman King.

Anderson, John David. **Stowaway** (series). When his father, a scientist protecting a precious resource, is attacked, Leo stows away on a strange ship of mercenary space pirates and must decide who to trust—human or alien—to stay alive.

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.

Bacon, Lee. **The Last Human**. Following the extinction of humans, twelve-year-old robot XR 935A confronts its prejudices about humans after discovering and befriendng a twelve-year-old human girl.

Bradford, K. Tempest. **Ruby Finley vs. the Interstellar Invasion**. Eleven-year-old Ruby accidentally captures an alien bug. When it escapes and starts wreaking havoc, Ruby and her friends race to find it before the feds do.

Brooks, Nick. **Nothing Interesting Ever Happens to Ethan Fairmont** (series). Sixth-grader and self-proclaimed genius inventor, Ethan Fairmont, along with his ex-best friend Kareem, and new-kid Juan Carlos stumble across an extraterrestrial visitor they name Cheese, who is stuck on Earth in need of serious repairs, spicy snacks, and total secrecy.

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.

Caprara, Rebecca. **Mission Multiverse** (series). During a school field trip to NASA, middle school band geeks Dev, Austin, Tessa, Isaiah, and Meryl are accidentally sent to an alternate universe where they learn that their own universe's destruction is imminent.

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.

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. **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.

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.

Higuera, Donna Barba. **Alebríjes**. When Leandro takes the fall for his sister and is exiled into an ancient drone, he encounters mutant monsters, wasteland pirates, and fellow outcasts as he tries to save his sister from the oppressive regime.

Holm, Jennifer. **The Lion of Mars**. Bell has spent his whole life n Mars. But he's still just a regular kid who 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.

^{*}Eleanor Cameron Notable Books (for ages 7-11): The main characters are problem solvers and science users. This list is named for the author of the Mushroom Planet series. (sfnotables.org)



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.

Khouri, Jessica. **The Ruby Code**.^{*} While exploring a new video game, Ash meets a seemingly humble shopkeeper character named Ruby. When Ruby begins developing powerful abilities that can rewrite the very code of the game, they realize she is far more than a pre-programmed side character.

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** (series). 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.

Liu, Sylvia. **Hana Hsu and the Ghost Crab Nation**. In a near future where most adults are connected to the multiweb through neural implants, a twelve-year-old uncovers a corporate plot to genetically manipulate her classmates, and her scientist mother may be involved in the conspiracy.

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

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Lucas, Chad. **Let the Monster Out.*** When things in their town keep getting stranger and stranger, Bones Malone and Kyle Specks team up to solve this mystery, which forces them to face their worst nightmares as they search for the truth.

Lyall, Casey. **Gnome Is Where Your Heart Is.*** Eleven-year-old Lemon Peabody is certain that aliens visited her grandfather thirty years ago, but she is running out of time to prove it before Grandpa Walt's memory fades.

Macx, Logan. **Cyberspies** (series). When their families mysteriously disappear, Swift and Hawk, teen experts in AI and robotics, are recruited by the secretive Mobius Program to crack an unbreakable code. Swift and Hawk will be pushed to the limit as they follow a trail that leads straight into the hands of a dark and chilling enemy.

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.

McNicholl, Elle. **Show Us Who You Are.** An autistic twelve-year-old girl is shown an amazing new technology that gives her another chance to talk to the best friend she lost. But she soon discovers the corporation behind the science hides dark secrets that only she can expose.

Morrell, Christyne. **Trex.** A mystery following Trex, a boy with an experimental implant, Mellie, a reclusive girl training to be a spy, and their adventures together against bullies, their own parents, and an evil, brain-hacking corporation.

Murray, James S. **Alien Summer** (series). On the first day of summer vacation twelve-year-old Viv Harlow just wants to relax, but when a whole race of aliens escape from the famous Area 51 where her mom works, Viv and her friends will have to gear up, work together, and save their parents from alien abduction.

Oppel, Kenneth. **Bloom** (series). * The invasion begins—but not as you'd expect. It begins with new plants that take over crop fields, release toxic pollens, form Venus flytrap-like pods that swallow animals and people. Three kids on a remote island seem immune to the toxic plants. Can they somehow be the key to beating back this invasion?

Rodkey, Geoff. **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.

Questlove with S.A. Crosby. **The Rhythm of Time.*** After accidentally traveling back in time and rewriting the future, twelve-year-old best friends Rahim and Kasia must work together to restore their timeline.

Simpson, Kate S. **The Paper Museum.** In a world where paper is obsolete and holograms assist everyone, twelve-year-old Lydia must solve the disappearance of her parents, save her home and the Paper Museum, and repair her relationship with her best friend before her town descends into chaos and everything is lost.

Slangerup, Erik Jon. **Molly and the Machine** (series). In the summer of 1983, kids of Far Flung Falls are disappearing one by one into the mouth of a ten foot robot, including Molly's brother. Aided by a crew of unusually determined pets, Molly sets off to find her brother and discover who the mastermind is behind the abductions.

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.

Swiedler, Christopher. **In the Red.*** Michael Prasad knows he shouldn't go out on the Mars surface alone. It's dangerous 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.

Van Eekhout, Greg. **Weird Kid.** Jake Foster, a shapeshifting alien of goo disguised as a human, and his spunky friend Agnes investigate the mysterious takeover of their neighbors by "imblobsters" and uncover the reason Jake is losing control of his ability to keep his human shape.

Warga, Jasmine. **Rover's Story.** Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name. Res quickly discovers that Mars is a dangerous place filled with dust storms and giant cliffs. As millions of people back on Earth follow his progress, will Res have the determination, courage, and resilience, to succeed and survive?

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.

Graphic Novels

Barnett, Mac. **The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza** (series). Something terrible is happening in the skies! Rats are eating the MOON! There's only ONE hero for the job, a bold and fearsome beast bioengineered in a secret lab to be the moon's savior and Earth's last hope! And that hero is ... a cat.

Grine, Chris. **Animorphs** (series). Sometimes weird things happen. Like the night Jake and his friends saw a strange light in the sky that seemed to be heading right for them. That night they learned that humanity is under a silent attack—and were given the power to fight back.

Kniivila, Irma. **Every Day Hero Machine Boy.** When Machine Boy falls from the sky into a domed city, he leaves a wake of destruction in his path, until Karate Grandpa is able to turn on his heart. Now, Machine Boy wants nothing more than to become a hero!

Mercado, Yehudi. **Kick It Off** (series). In 1980s Brooklyn, a young mix-master scratches the perfect beat and accidentally summons a UFO that transports his family, best friend, and current crush to the robot-dominated planet of Discopia. Now Wax and his crew must master the intergalactic musical martial art of Sci-Fu to fight the power and save Earth.

Tuma, Refe. **Frances and the Monster** (series). Frances was just trying to prove her scientific worth to her parents—instead, she reawakened her great-grandfather's secret and most terrible invention. Facing angry locals, she heads out on its trail before the city is doomed forever.

Walsh, Liam Francis. **Red Scare.** Peggy's small 1950s hometown is rife with anti-Communist hysteria, but she has bigger problems. Taunted by her classmates, she's struggling to recover from polio and finds a mysterious object that gives her the power to fly. Both the American and Soviet governments want it and Peggy finds herself smack in the middle of the Cold War arms race.