

Recommended Science Fiction, Fiction with Science Links, Science Memoirs & Biographies

Some of the books on this list were written for adults and are more suitable for Years 10-13 than for younger children. I have indicated which books are written for young people using the following key:

* = book written for children

** = book written for teens/young adults

^ = Memoir, biography or non-fiction

A Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

The Meg by Steve Alten

Darwin's Radio by Greg Bear

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman *

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce*

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

The Diary of Curious Cuthbert by Jack Challoner *

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

Chromosome Six, Coma, Pandemic by Robin Cook

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

Breathe by Sarah Crossan**

The Knowledge: How to Rebuild Our World After an Apocalypse by Lewis Dartnell ^

Mortality Doctrine: Eye of the Minds (& series) by James Dashner**

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep by Philip Dick

Mortal Chaos by Matt Dickinson** (non-fiction support: ***Chaos: Making a New Science*** by James Gleick ^)

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep (Bladerunner) or collected short stories by Philip Dick

Eva by Peter Dickinson **

Patient H.M.: A Story of Memory, Madness and Family Secrets by Luke Dittrich ^

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd *

The City of Ember (& sequels) by Jeanne DuPrau *

The Many Worlds of Albie Bright, The Jamie Drake Equation, The Infinite

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Lives of Maisie Day by Christopher Edge *

For Love of Insects by Thomas Eisner ^

Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Evans**

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science by John Fleischman ^ **

We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Fowler

The Smell of Burning: A Memoir of Epilepsy by Colin Grant ^

George's Secret Key to the Universe by Lucy & Stephen Hawking *

Rocket Boys & October Sky by Homer Hickham ^

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes *

Brave New World by Aldus Huxley

The Matilda Effect by Ellie Irving*

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

The Loneliest Girl in the Universe & The Quiet At the End of the World by Lauren James **

Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson*

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba ^

Illuminae (& sequels) by Amie Kaufmann **

Hold Back the Stars by Katie Khan**

Origin by Jessica Khoury **

Flight Behaviour by Barbara Kingsolver

The Calculating Stars (Lady Astronaut book 1) & sequels by Mary Kowal

World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky ^ **

A Wrinkle in Time (& sequels) by Madeline L'Engle

Beetle Boy by MG Leonard *

The Dispossessed by Ursula Le Guin

Carbon Diaries 2015 (& sequel) by Saci Loyd **

The Giver by Lois Lowry **

Mars Evacuees & Space Hostages by Sophie McDougall*

Stargazing for Beginners by Jenny McLachlan **

The Infinity Drake series by John McNally *

Itch: The Explosive Adventures of an Element Hunter by Simon Mayo *

The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore

The Radium Girls: They paid with their lives. Their final fight was justice by Kate Moore ^

Cinder by Marissa Meyer**

Bloom by Kenneth Oppel**

The Same Stuff as Stars by Katherine Paterson *

The Next Pandemic by William Patrick & Ali Khan

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The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary Pearson **

Life As We Knew It (& sequels) by Susan Beth Pfeffer **

Starters by Lissa Price **

The Science of Discworld by Terry Pratchett, Ian Stewart and Jack Cohen

Railhead (& sequels) or ***Fever Crumb*** by Philip Reeve *

Across the Universe by Beth Revis **

Red Mars by Kim Stanley Robinson

Outbreak by Chris Ryan **

Contact by Carl Sagan

Phoenix by SF Said*

Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – The World’s Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin ^ **

Hidden Figures: The Untold Story of the African-American Women Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly^ (also a young readers’ edition*)

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot ^

Door into Ocean by Joan Slonczewski

The Time and Space of Uncle Albert by Russell Stannard *

Contagion (& sequels) or ***Slated*** (& sequels) by Teri Terry

Children of Time by Adrian Tschaikevsky

The Kids Who Came From Space by Ross Welford*

The Martian by Andy Weir

The Time Machine by HG Wells

Day of the Triffids, Midwich Cuckoos & Trouble with Lichen by John Wyndham

The 5th Wave & sequels by Rick Yancey

