

Juvenile Science Fiction

Aliens and Space

Stowaway (series: book 1) Anderson, John David (Gr 5+)

To save his father, a Coalition scientist protecting a precious resource, after their ship 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.

Disney/Pixar Lightyear Izzy Hawthorne: Destiny Awaits Baptiste, Bethany (Gr 4-6)

Based on Disney and Pixar's film *Lightyear*. This middle grade novel is a sci-fi, space adventure following the events of the film from the unique perspective of one of Buzz's new friends.

Finn and the Intergalactic Lunchbox (series: book 1) Buckley, Michael (Gr 4-7)

Finn Foley's pink unicorn lunchbox opens a wormhole that allows him to move across space and time. It's awesome, aside from the otherworldly creatures now desperate to catch Finn and steal his space-traveling technology.

Attack of the Drones Dahl, Michael (Gr 4-8)

When Zak, a human teenager from Earth Base Zeta, and his Furling friend, Erro, stowed away on a military spacecraft they thought they were going to see a space battle--instead they ended up on the prison planet, Alcatraz, and now they are being pursued by the prison's killer drones.

Space Case (Alpha Moon Base series: book 1) Gibbs, Stuart (Gr 3-7)

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.

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Crash! (The Kid from Planet Z series: book 1) Krulik, Nancy (Gr 2-3)

Zeke Zander wants everyone to think he is a typical second-grader. He just has to keep his talking cat, antennae, and ability to make himself invisible a secret. That's because Zeke is actually an alien...

Dragon Pearl Lee, Yoon Ha (Gr 4-8)

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.

Seventh Grade vs. the Galaxy Levy, Joshua (Gr 4-7)

In 2299, seventh-grader Jack and his classmates find themselves in hostile alien territory after Jack accidentally launches their rickety public schoolship light years away from home.

Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat series Marciano, Johnny (Gr 3-6)

As the High Commander of the planet Lyttyrboks, Klawde has an entire world of warlike cats at his command. But when he is stripped of his feline throne, he is sentenced to the worst possible punishment- exile to a small planet in a quiet corner of the universe . . . named Earth.

Last Gate of the Emperor Mbalia, Kwame (Gr 4-8)

Yared lives in a broken down tech city with his Uncle Moti and a bionic lioness called Besa. While Yared is playing an underground augmented reality game, an attack on the city is triggered, and suddenly Yared must find a way to save his uncle... and find answers to his place in a forgotten, galaxy-spanning war.

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***Perijee and Me* Montgomery, Ross (Gr 3-6)**

Caitlin, the only young person living on Middle Island, finds Perijee, a tiny alien, on the beach and he becomes her secret friend, but Perijee's rapid growth is a big problem.

***We're Not from Here* Rodkey, Geoff (Gr 3-7)**

After a year on Mars, a young boy and his family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom, the Zhuri, who look like giant mosquitoes, don't really like humans. So it's up to the boy and his family to change their minds if they hope to survive.

***A Problematic Paradox* Sappingfield, Eliot (Gr 4-6)**

Nikola Kross's world is turned upside down when her father is abducted by aliens and she is suddenly transported to a special boarding school for geniuses, but things get even stranger when she realizes she has certain abilities that put her entire school in grave danger.

***The Truth about Martians* Savage, Melissa (Gr 4-7)**

When a flying saucer crash-lands next to Mylo's ranch in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, he and his friends Dibs and Gracie set out to find and help the Martians.

***The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away* Smith, Ronald (Gr 5-7)**

After something strange happens during a camping trip, twelve-year-old alien-obsessed Simon suspects he has been abducted, but was it real or just his overactive imagination?

Creatures/Cryptids

The Cryptid Catcher (series: book 1) Fisher, Lija (Gr 4-7)

Thirteen-year-old Clivo Wren learns that his recently deceased father was not an archaeologist as he was told, but rather a cryptid catcher, known for finding elusive mythological creatures, and now Clivo must pick up where his father left off.

Dystopia (*Dystopia literally translates as “not a good place.” Dystopian books usually take place in the future and feature an environmental disaster or a government that controls all parts of daily life.*)

The Middler Applebaum, Kirsty (Gr 4-6)

Eleven-year-old Maggie, a middle-born child where only the eldest are valued, has her world turned upside-down by forbidden friendship with Una, a wanderer girl from outside the boundaries of Fennis Wick.

R is for Rebel Coats, J. Anderson (Gr 5-8)

After her parents are jailed for a failed resistance movement, Malley is sent to reform school, where she plans some resistance of her own.

Cleo Porter and the Body Electric Burt, Jake (Gr 4-6)

A woman is dying. Cleo Porter has her medicine. And no way to deliver it. Like everyone else, Cleo and her parents are sealed in an apartment without windows or doors. Safe from the disease that nearly wiped humans from the earth. When they receive a package clearly meant for someone else--a package critical for a stranger's survival--Cleo is stuck. As a surgeon-in-training, she knows the clock is ticking. But people don't leave their units. Until now.

Dystopia cont.

***Eventown* Haydu, Corey Ann (Gr 5-7)**

To 11-year-old Elodee, things seem a little too perfect in Eventown when she moves there with her parents and identical twin, Naomi, especially since forgetting the past is so highly valued...

***Among the Hidden* (Shadow Children series: book 1) Haddix, Margaret Peterson (Gr 5-8)**

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

***The Last Cuentista* Higuera, Donna Barba (Gr 5+)**

In 2061, with Earth about to be destroyed, 12-year-old Petra and her scientist parents and younger brother are barely aboard the ship that will take them to the planet Sagan when a group of zealots called the Collective, wanting absolute equality at the expense of any diversity, take over. Almost 400 years later, Petra is one of the last "sleepers" revived, and the only one who retains her memories of Earth. Can she use the stories her family shared to save the others?

***The Giver* Lowry, Lois (Gr 4-8)**

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

***The Unwanteds* (series: book 1) McMann, Lisa (Gr 5-8)**

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic.

Dystopia cont.

Flood City Older, Daniel Jose (Gr 4-8)

Flood City is the only habitable place left on the drowned Earth, but it is also a battleground between the Star Guard and the Chemical Barons, who want it back and are now preparing to destroy it. The future will depend on Max, his sister Yala, and Ato, a young Chemical Baron who just wants to keep his twin brother alive...

The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne Stroud, Jonathan (Gr 6+)

Scarlett McCain is a shoot-first ask-questions-later kind of outlaw. She's on the run from her latest crime when she comes across Albert Browne. He's the sole survivor of a horrific accident, and against her better judgment, Scarlett agrees to guide him to safety. This is a mistake..

Minecraft: The Crash Baptiste, Tracey (other Minecraft books available) (Gr 4-8)

Bianca Cooper escapes into the world of Minecraft after getting into a terrible car accident. Soon, however, she realizes she is trapped inside the game, and the in-game characters who have been attacking her resemble figures from her real life.

The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day Edge, Christopher (Gr 4-6)

On her tenth birthday, super-smart Maisie wakes to a shifted reality and must work within the laws of the universe and trust the love of her family to set the world right.

Blue Window Gewirtz, Adina (Gr 7+)

Five siblings fall through time and space into a strange, unkind world and land in the center of an epic civil struggle in a country where many citizens have given themselves over to their primal fears and animal passions at the urging of a power-hungry leader.

Other Worlds cont.

***Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* (series: book 1) Hernandez, Carlos (Gr4-8)**

In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things--and people--from other universes.

Robots

***The Wild Robot* (series: book 1) Brown, Peter (Gr 3-7)**

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

***Awesome Dog 5000* (series: book 1) Dean, Justin (Gr 3-5)**

After moving to a new town, fifth-grader Marty worries about fitting in and must go up against a scientist out for revenge when he discovers a robotic dog in his new house.

***Tin Kenny, Pdraig* (Gr 5-8)**

Christopher is 'Proper': a real boy with a real soul, orphaned in a fire. He works for an engineer, a maker of the eccentric, totally individual mechanicals who are Christopher's best friends. But after a devastating accident, a secret is revealed and Christopher's world is changed forever...

***Monstrous Devices* Love, Damien (Gr 4-8)**

Alex, nearly thirteen, flees with his grandfather across snowy Europe to escape the human and mechanical assassins that pursue them, trying to retrieve a powerful object.

Robots (cont.)

House of Robots (series: book 1) Patterson, James (Gr 4-6)

Fifth-grader Sammy Hayes-Rodriguez struggles to fit in when his inventor mother requires him to take her latest creation, a robotic 'brother,' to school with him to learn to become a student.

Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor (series: book 1) Scieszka, Jon (Gr 3-5)

Kid-genius Frank Einstein loves creating household contraptions. And one day an uneventful experiment in his garage-lab, a lightning storm, and a flash of electricity bring Frank's latest inventions--the robots Klink and Klank--to life!

Friendroid Vaughan, M.M. (Gr 5-8)

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.

Steampunk

Cogheart (series: book 1) Bunzl, Peter (Gr 5-8)

With the help of a clockmaker's son, Robert, and her mech-animal fox, Malkin, Lily escapes London in search of the one person who might know something about her inventor father's disappearance-and what he left behind.

The Kidnap Plot Butler, Dave (Gr 4-7)

When young Charlie Pondicherry sets out to rescue his inventor-father from kidnappers, he uncovers a dastardly plan that he must help to foil, and discovers a great truth about himself.

Steampunk cont.

***The League of Seven* (series: book 1) Gratz, Alan (Gr 4-6)**

When an alternate 1875 steam-driven America rediscovers electricity, the lifeblood of the Mangleborn monsters, and the secret society to protect humanity from the Mangleborn is compromised, twelve-year-old Archie must assemble a team of seven young heroes to save the world.

***A Dastardly Plot* (Perilous Journey of Danger and Mayhem series: book 1) Healy, Christopher (Gr 4-6)**

In 1883 New York, while trying to introduce her mother's flying machine to the men-only Inventors' Guild, twelve-year-old Molly uncovers a plot to destroy the World's Fair.

Technology

***The Unexplainable Disappearances of Mars Patel* Chari, Sheela (Gr 3-7)**

Mars Patel's friend Aurora has disappeared! His teachers are clueless. But Mars refuses to give up--after all, his own dad disappeared when Mars was a toddler. Luckily, Mars has a group of loyal friends eager to help--smart Toothpick, strong and stylish JP, and maybe-telepathic Caddie. The clues seem to point toward eccentric tech genius (and Mars's hero) Oliver Pruitt, whose popular podcast now seems to be commenting on their quest..

***Nikki Tesla and the Ferret-Proof Death Ray* (Elements of Genius series: book 1) Keating, Jess (Gr 4-6)**

Nikki Tesla invents things, but most of her inventions have lethal potential (like the death ray which just blew a hole in her floor). So she and her ferret are hustled off to the Genius Academy -but soon her death ray disappears...

***Crash Course!* (Project Terra series: book 1) Walker, Landry (Gr 4-6)**

For eleven-year-old Elara, life at the Academy of Terraforming Arts is a lot tougher-and stranger-than she expected. Her latest experiment accidentally blew up the moon. But if the greatest Planetary Designers in the galaxy made it through their first year, then so can she.

Time Travel

***The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* (series: book 1) Giles, Lamar**

When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as much fun as they expected.

***The Portal* (series: book 1) Lasky, Kathryn (Gr 4-7)**

A newly orphaned girl named Rose finds herself time-traveling between the present day and the court of the two most memorable English princesses in history.

***Time Villains* (series: book 1) Pineiro, Victor (Gr 4-6)**

Every year at Finistere, students must complete the same dinner party assignment: "If you could invite any three people, living or dead, who would you invite?" This year, Javi isn't sure whom to include, so he recruits his best friend Wiki to help choose the perfect guests. But when Javi, his sister Brady, and Wiki accidentally wield a magic table's summoning powers and let the pirate Blackbeard loose in their world, they must race to send him back before he can enact his evil plans.

***Glitch* Martin, Laura (Gr 4-6)**

In a future where time traveling is real, the privilege is reserved for those born with a "Glitch" gene, who must also pass testing at the Academy. When Regan, the Commander's daughter, and Elliot, an Academy urchin, encounter a contraband time-travel letter sent from the future to warn them, they must overcome their feud in order to salvage everything--and everyone--they treasure.

***Stealing the Sword* (Time Jumpers series: book 1) Mass, Wendy (Gr 3-5)**

At the flea market Chase and his younger sister Ava acquire an old suitcase filled strange objects, and when they touch a dragon-headed doorknob they find themselves in King Arthur's castle, on a mission to save the King.

***Rescue on the Oregon Trail* (Ranger in Time series: book 1) Messner, Kate (Gr 4-6)**

Ranger, a golden retriever, unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850 where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail.

***Stuck in the Stone Age* Rodkey, Geoff (Gr 4-7)**

A glitchy time machine strands a bumbling janitor and a brilliant scientist in the distant past, and they must find their way home before they're attacked by angry cavemen or eaten alive by a saber-toothed tiger.