

# *Science Fiction Classics*



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This is a highly selective list of books generally recognized as “classics” in our collection. All of the authors included have written other books that were not listed; check CountyCat for additional titles. This is by no means a complete listing of all the great science fiction literature – it’s just a launching pad for your journey into out-of-this-world reading!

# Old School Science Fiction

## The Founders of Sci Fi Who Wrote the Classics

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan – *The Professor Challenger Stories*

Haggard, H. Rider – *She & King Solomon's Mines*

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft - *Frankenstein*

Stevenson, Robert Louis – *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*

Twain, Mark – *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*

Verne, Jules –

*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

*From the Earth to the Moon*

*A Journey to the Centre of the Earth*

*The Mysterious Island*

Wells, H.G. –

*The Island of Dr. Moreau*

*The Invisible Man*

*The Time Machine*

*The War of the Worlds*

## Alternative Histories

Allbeury, Ted A. – *Cold Tactics*

Coburn, Andrew – *Birthright*

Card, Orson Scott – *Pastwatch: The Redemption of Christopher Columbus*

Flint, Eric – *Fortune's Stroke*

Harrison, Harry – *Stars & Stripes Forever*

Herbert, James – *'48*

Means, Howard B. – *C.S.A. – Confederate States of America*

Turtledove, Harry – *He has made a career out of alternative history stories and has a large numbers of novels in our collection.*

**SF books available in a way  
that was once science fiction  
(i.e., via NetLibrary over the computer)**

Abbott, Edwin – *Flatland*

Bellamy, Edward – *Looking Backward from 2000 to 1887*

Burroughs, Edgar Rice – *A Princess of Mars*

Delany, Samuel R. - *Triton*

London, Jack – *Before Adam*

Merritt, Abraham – *The Moon Pool*

Vonnegut, Kurt – *Slaughterhouse Five*

Wells, H.G. – *The First Men in the Moon*

**Female Science Fiction Authors**

Bradley, Marion Zimmer – *Heritage of Hastur*

Erskine, Barbara – *Lady of Hay*

Millheiser, Marlys – *The Mirror*

Russell, Mary Doria – *The Sparrow*

Tepper, Sheri – *Grass*

Willis, Connie – *Passage*

**Award Winners**  
**The Hugo is awarded by SF fans,**  
**and the Nebula is awarded by SF professionals**

Gaiman, Neil – *American Gods* (Hugo & Nebula, 2002)

Rowling, J.K. – *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (Hugo, 2001)

Vinge, Vernor – *A Deepness in the Sky* (Hugo, 2000)

Bear, Greg – *Darwin's Radio* - (Nebula, 2000)

Willis, Connie – *To Say Nothing of the Dog* (Hugo, 1999)

Butler, Octavia – *Parable of the Talents* (Nebula, 1999)

McIntyre, Vonda N. – *The Moon and the Sea* (Nebula, 1997)

Stephenson, Neal – *The Diamond Age* (Hugo, 1996)

Simmons, Dan – *Hyperion* (Hugo, 1990)

Scarborough, Elizabeth Ann – *The Healer's War* (Nebula, 1989)

Card, Orson Scott – *Speaker for the Dead* (Hugo, 1987 & Nebula, 1986)

Card, Orson Scott – *Ender's Game* (Hugo, 1986 & Nebula, 1985)

Gibson, William – *Neuromancer* (Hugo, 1985 & Nebula, 1984)

Asimov, Isaac – *Foundation's Edge* (Hugo, 1983)

Pohl, Frederik – *Gateway* (Hugo, 1978 & Nebula, 1977)

Clarke, Arthur C. – *Rendezvous with Rama* (Hugo, 1974 & Nebula, 1973)

Asimov, Isaac – *The Gods Themselves* (Hugo, 1973 & Nebula, 1972)

Niven, Larry – *Ringworld* (Hugo, 1972 & Nebula, 1970)

LeGuin, Ursula K. – *The Left Hand of Darkness* (Hugo, 1970  
& Nebula, 1969)

Brunner, John – *Stand on Zanzibar* (Hugo, 1969)

Heinlein, Robert A. – *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* (Hugo, 1967)

Herbert, Frank – *Dune* (Hugo, 1966 & Nebula, 1965)

Keyes, Daniel – *Flowers for Algernon* (Nebula, 1966)

Heinlein, Robert A. – *Stranger in a Strange Land* (Hugo, 1962)

Miller, Walter M., Jr. – *A Canticle for Leibowitz* (Hugo, 1961)

Heinlein, Robert A. – *Starship Troopers* (Hugo, 1960)



## Other Science Fiction Books You Just *Have* to Read

Adams, Douglas – *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

**NOTE:** There are four other books in the “Hitchhiker's Trilogy.”)

Bear, Greg – *Eon*

Clarke, Arthur C. – *2001: A Space Odyssey*

Crichton, Michael – *The Andromeda Strain*

Dick, Philip K. – *Flow My Tears the Policeman Said*

***There are also dozens of  
original stories and novelizations of***

Star Trek

Star Wars

The X-Files



## **Anthologies/Short Story Collections**

*2041: Twelve Stories about the Future by Top Science Fiction Writers*

*Best of C.M. Kornbluth*

*Best of Damon Knight*

*The Collected Stories of Arthur C. Clarke*

*Departures*

*A Fisherman of the Inland Sea: Science Fiction Stories*

*Future on Ice*

*The Hugo Winners*

*The Mammoth Book of Science Fiction*

*Skirmish: The Great Short Fiction of Clifford D. Simak*

*A Treasury of Great Science Fiction, Vol. 1 and 2*

*Voyagers in Time – 12 Stories of Science Fiction*

*World Turned Upside Down*

# Representative Themes in Science Fiction

## **Quest for lost civilization/knowledge**

Asimov, Isaac – *The Foundation Series*

## **Man playing God, tampering with nature**

Crichton, Michael – *Jurassic Park*

## **Immortality**

Gunn, James – *The Immortals*

## **Dystopias (the dark future)**

Bradbury, Ray – *Fahrenheit 451*

Burgess, Anthony – *A Clockwork Orange*

Huxley, Aldous – *Brave New World*

Orwell, George - *1984*

Silverberg, Robert - *Nightwings*

## **Post Apocalypse**

Brin, David – *The Postman*

Shute, Nevil – *On the Beach*

## **Mars**

Bova, Ben – *Mars*

Bradbury, Ray – *The Martian Chronicles*

## **Time Travel**

Card, Orson Scott – *Enchantment*

Crichton, Michael – *Timeline*

Dickson, Gordon R. – *The Dragon and the Fair Maid of Kent*

Dreyfuss, Richard and Harry Turtledove – *The Two Georges*

Grimwood, Ken – *Replay*

# Science Fiction Books for Children

Byars, Betsy – *The Computer Nut*

Christopher, John –  
*The City of Gold and Lead*  
*The Pool of Fire*  
*The White Mountains*  
*When the Tripods Came*

Etra, Johnathan, and Stephanie Spinner – *Aliens for Breakfast*

Haddix, Margaret P. – *Among the Hidden*

Kaye, Marilyn – *Amy, Number Seven*

Korman, Gordon – *Nose Picker from Outer Space*

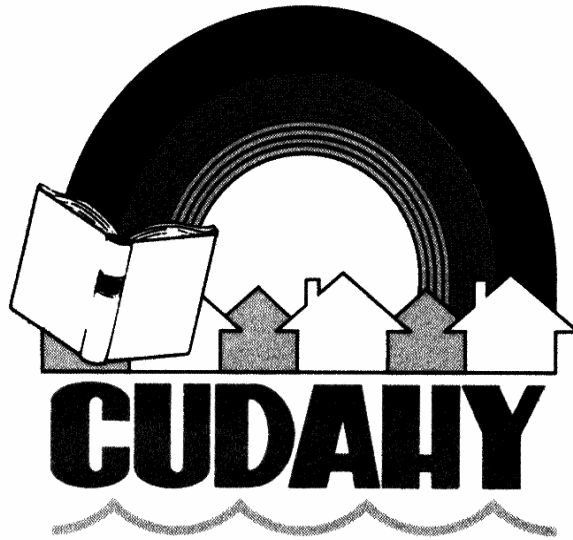
L'Engle, Madeleine – *A Wrinkle in Time*

Scieszka, Jon – *Time Warp Trio books:*  
*Knights of the Kitchen Table*  
*The Good, The Bad, and the Goofy*  
*Your Mother was a Neanderthal*  
*2095*  
*Summer Reading is Killing Me*  
*See You Later, Gladiator*

Slote, Alfred – *My Robot Buddy*

Walsh, Jill Paton – *The Green Book*

Waugh, Sylvia – *Space Race*



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