

## The Big Empty

J.B. Stephens

After half of the world's population is killed by a plague, seven teenagers seek a better life in a nightmarish future by deciphering coded messages and trying to avoid the Slashers. Check out the sequel *Paradise City*.

## The Secret Hour: Midnighters #1

Scott Westerfeld

For one hour every evening, the world freezes and time stops on the planet for everyone but the Midnighters, but after having come to accept their unique gifts, this group of teenagers realizes that a great change is on the way when a new Midnighiter comes to town and the hidden elements in the shadows begin to show themselves. Sequels: *Touching Darkness*; *Blue Noon*.

## Uglies

Scott Westerfeld

In Tally's world, everyone gets to be transformed from ugly to gorgeous on their 16th birthday, but Tally's friend Shay would rather risk life on the outside than be operated on, and when she runs away, the authorities make Tally find her friend and turn her in. Sequels: *Pretties*; *Specials*.

## The Bar Code Tattoo

Suzanne Weyn

The bar code tattoo. Everybody's getting it. It will make your life easier. What if you don't want to become a code. For Kayla, this one choice changes everything. She becomes an outcast in high school. Dangerous things happen to her family. There's no option but to run for her life.

## Storm Thief

Chris Wooding

With the help of a golem, two teenaged thieves try to survive on the city island of Orokos, where unpredictable probability storms continually change both the landscape and the inhabitants.

# OUT OF THE ORDINARY: OUTSTANDING SCIENCE FICTION



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## The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Douglas Adams

Arthur Dent and Ford Prefect escape from the Earth moments before its destruction and join forces with Zaphod Beeblebrox on board the Heart of Gold and search for the ultimate question.

## The Diary of Pelly D

L.J. Adlington

While on a trip to a ruined city to excavate the rubble of an old building, Toni V stumbles upon the diary of a girl named Pelly D and breaks a major rule by keeping it in order to read her entire story and find out what went wrong for a girl who seemed to have just about everything that life could offer.

## Feed

M.T. Anderson

Enter a chilling, twisted future in which one's every thought and movement is directed and regulated by the "feed," a computer chip implanted in the brain.

## The Kindling : Fire Us Trilogy #1

Jennifer Armstrong

In 2007, a small band of children have joined together in a Florida town, trying to survive in a world where it seems that all the adults have been killed off by a catastrophic virus. Check out the sequels *The Keepers of the Flame* and *The Kiln*.

## I, Robot

Isaac Asimov

Here are stories of robots gone mad, mind reading robots, robots with a sense of humor, robot politicians, and robots that secretly run the world. Located in the Young Adult Short Story collection.

## Transall Saga

Gary Paulsen

While backpacking in the desert, thirteen-year-old Mark falls into a tube of blue light and is transported into a more primitive world, where he must use his knowledge and skills to survive.

## Yestermorrow: Timetripper #1

Stefan Petrucha

Genius Harry Keller discovers an alternate dimension he calls "A-Time," in which he can see and affect events in the past, present, and future.

## Life as we Knew it

Susan Beth Pfeffer

Through journal entries 16-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

## Mortal Engines

Philip Reeve

In the distant future, when cities move about and consume smaller towns, a fifteen-year-old apprentice is pushed out of London by the man he most admires and must seek answers in the perilous Out-Country, aided by one girl and the memory of another. Check out the next book in the Hungry City Chronicles, *Predator's Gold*.

## The Duplicate

William Sleator

Sixteen-year-old David, finding a strange machine that creates replicas of living organisms, duplicates himself and suffers the horrible consequences when the duplicate turns against him.

## Doppelganger

David Stahler Jr.

When a 16-year-old member of a race of shape-shifting killers called doppelgangers assumes the life of a troubled teen, he becomes unexpectedly embroiled in human life—and it is nothing like what he has seen on television.

## The Cure

Sonia Levitin

A sixteen-year-old boy living in 2407 collides with the past when he finds himself in Strasbourg in 1348 confronting the anti-Semitism that sweeps through Europe during the Black Plague.

## The Giver

Lois Lowry

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.

## Violet Eyes

Nicole Luiken

Angel Eastland is set apart from her classmates not only by her violet eyes, but by her academic and athletic gifts. Her only real competition is Michael Vallant, who also has violet eyes—eyes that tell Angel they are connected in a way she can't figure out. Michael understands Angel, and together, they begin to realize that nothing around them is what it seems. And that someone is watching them. Check out the sequel *Silver Eyes*.

## Shade's Children

Garth Nix

In a savage post nuclear world, four young fugitives attempt to overthrow the bloodthirsty rule of the Overlords with the help of Shade, their mysterious mentor.

## Z for Zachariah

Robert C. O'Brien

Seemingly the only person left alive after the holocaust of a war, a young girl is relieved to see a man arrive in her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape.

## Planet of the Apes

Pierre Boulle

Three astronauts land on what appears to be a planet just like Earth, with lush forests, a temperate climate, and breathable air. But while it appears to be a paradise, nothing is what it seems. They soon discover the terrifying truth: on this world humans are savage beasts, and apes rule as their civilized masters.

## Fahrenheit 451

Ray Bradbury

In the future, firemen don't put out fires—they start them in order to burn books. Located in the Science Fiction collection.

## Ender's Game

Orson Scott Card

Aliens have attacked Earth and almost destroyed humanity—twice. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses and then training them in the arts of war. The early training takes the form of “games.” Ender Wiggin is a genius among geniuses; he wins all the games. He is smart enough to know that time is running out. But is he smart enough to save the planet?

## The White Mountains

John Christopher

Will Parker and his friends make a perilous journey toward an outpost of freedom where they hope to escape from the ruling Tripods, who capture mature human beings and make them docile, obedient servants. First in the *Tripods* trilogy.

## Eva

Peter Dickinson

After a terrible accident, a young girl wakes up to discover that she has been given the body of a chimpanzee.

## House of the Scorpion

Nancy Farmer

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

## Among the Hidden

Margaret Peterson Haddix

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.

## Turnabout

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Melly and Anny Beth both lived normal lives throughout the 20th century. But in 2000, when they are old and ready to die, they are selected to participate in Project Turnabout and are given an injection to make them grow younger. At some point these participants are to receive another injection, which will stop the unaging process. But everyone who receives the second shot dies. Now, in 2085, Melly and Anny Beth are teens living on their own. They know they will need someone to take care of them when they grow too young to care for themselves.

## The New World Order

Ben Jeapes

Having ended England's Civil War between the Roundheads and the Royalists in 1645, the Overlord of the Holekhor, a race from another world, and his half-English son question the decision to colonize the island and convert their beloved English to a faith characterised by witches and myriad gods.

## Xenocide Mission

Ben Jeapes

Lieutenant Joel Gilmore is part of a space observation team who find themselves attacked by the very aliens they are watching. It becomes a race against time for their fellow soldiers to rescue them, but in doing so, they unlock the shocking secrets of the solar system.

## Amy Number Seven: Replica #1

Marilyn Kaye

Amy Candler is the perfect 12-year-old girl. She can do anything. She knows everything. But Amy doesn't have all the answers to the mystery of her past. All she knows is that her recurring nightmares seem so real: her crescent-shaped birthmark wasn't there yesterday: a strange man is taking photos of her, and her mother is acting weird. Someone is sending her anonymous warnings to keep her talents a secret. Slowly Amy is piecing together her identity, but she'd better hurry. Located in the Young Adult paperback collection (-- FIC Replica).

## Flowers for Algernon

Daniel Keyes

Flowers for Algernon is the journal of Charlie Gordon, a mentally retarded adult who becomes a genius after undergoing a brain operation that has only been tested on mice.

## Hex : Hex #1

Rhiannon Lassiter

In the 24th century, London towers five miles into the sky, and the citizens of its upper levels are safe from the gangs below. Feared more than gangs are Hexes, humans with a mutant gene that allows them to interact with computers that are labeled as security threats. Raven, a 15-year-old Hex with powerful mental abilities, and her brother search for their sister who has been taken to a top-secret government laboratory. Check out the sequels *Shadows* and *Ghosts*.

## Wrinkle in Time

Madeleine L'Engle

Father is missing. His top-secret job as a physicist for the government has taken him away, but where? And how? Meg and her younger brother, Charles, set out with their friend Calvin on an exciting adventure through time and space to search for him.

## The Goodness Gene

Sonia Levitin

As son of the Compassionate Director of the Dominion of the Americas, Will, along with his twin brother Berk, has been groomed for leadership in a society that values genetic fitness, but he encounters information which causes him to question that society as well as his own identity.