

NEUROMANCER

by **Gibson, William**

Case was the sharpest data-thief in the matrix--until he crossed the wrong people and they crippled his nervous system, banishing him from cyberspace. Now a mysterious new employer has recruited him for a last-chance run at an unthinkable powerful artificial intelligence. With a dead man riding shotgun and Molly, a mirror-eyed street-samurai, to watch his back, Case is ready for the adventure that upped the ante on an entire genre of fiction.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE

by **Vonnegut, Kurt**

Billy Pilgrim is the son of an American barber. He serves as a chaplain's assistant in World War II, is captured by the Germans, and he survives the largest massacre in European history the fire bombing of Dresden. After the war Billy makes a great deal of money as an optometrist, and on his wedding night he is kidnapped by a flying saucer from the planet Tralfamadore. So begins a modern classic by a master storyteller.

THE ECHO WIFE

by **Gailey, Sarah**

When they said all happy families are alike, I don't think this is what they meant...' Evelyn Caldwell's husband Nathan has been having an affair - with Evelyn Caldwell. Or, to be exact, with a genetically cloned replica. After a morning that begins with a confrontation and ends with Nathan's body bleeding out on the kitchen floor, the two Caldwell wives will have to think fast--before sharing everything includes sharing a jail cell. The Echo Wife is a non-stop thrill ride of lies, betrayal, and identity, perfect for fans of Big Little Lies and Killing Eve

THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU

by **Wells, H.G**

The Island of Dr Moreau is both an exciting adventure story, and H G Wells' prescient critique of the dangers of science shorn of all emotion, of research driven only by a cold intellectual curiosity. Following a shipwreck, a young naturalist finds himself on an island run by a mad scientist intent on creating a strain of beast men. Written over a hundred years ago, the book's themes are especially relevant today, when genetic manipulation of both plants and animals has turned the author's concerns from fantasy to disconcerting reality.

THE MARTIAN

by **Weir, Andy**

Stranded on Mars by a duststorm that compromised his space suit and forced his crew to leave him behind, astronaut Mark Watney struggles to survive in spite of minimal supplies and harsh environmental challenges that test his ingenuity in unique ways.

DARK MATTER

by **Crouch, Blake**

A mind-bending, relentlessly paced science-fiction thriller, in which an ordinary man is kidnapped, knocked unconscious--and awakens in a world inexplicably different from the reality he thought he knew. In this world he's woken up to, Jason's life is not the one he knows. His wife is not his wife. His son was never born. And Jason is not an ordinary college physics professor, but a celebrated genius who has achieved something remarkable. Something impossible. Is it this world or the other that's the dream? And even if the home he remembers is real, how can Jason possibly make it back to the family he loves? The answers lie in a journey more wondrous and horrifying than anything he could've imagined--one that will force him to confront the darkest parts of himself even as he battles a terrifying, seemingly unbeatable foe.

Science Fiction



“Don’t Panic”

-Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*

CLOUD CUCKOO LAND

by Doerr, Anthony

In the 15th century, an orphan named Anna lives inside the formidable walls of Constantinople. She learns to read, and in this ancient city, famous for its libraries, she finds what might be the last copy of a centuries-old book, the story of Aethon, who longs to be turned into a bird so that he can fly to a utopian paradise in the sky. Outside the walls is Omeir, a village boy, conscripted with his beloved oxen into the army that will lay siege to the city. His path and Anna's will cross. In the present day, in a library in Idaho, octogenarian Zeno rehearses children in a play adaptation of Aethon's story, preserved against all odds through centuries. Tucked among the library shelves is a bomb, planted by a troubled, idealistic teenager, Seymour. This is another siege. And in a not-so-distant future, on the interstellar ship Argos, Konstance is alone in a vault, copying on scraps of sacking the story of Aethon, told to her by her father.

JURASSIC PARK

by Crichton, Michael

On a remote jungle island, genetic engineers have created a dinosaur game park. But as always there is a dark side to the fantasy and after a catastrophe destroys the park's defense systems, the scientists and tourists are left fighting for survival.

THE BEST OF WORLD SF, VOL 1

Edited by Tidhar, Lavie

Prepare yourself for a journey through the wildest reaches of the imagination, to visions of Earth as it might be and the far corners of the universe. Along the way, you will meet robots and monsters, adventurers and time travellers, rogues and royalty. In The Best of World SF, award-winning author Lavie Tidhar acts as guide and companion to a world of stories, from never-before-seen originals to award winners, from twenty-three countries and seven languages.

THE BLIGHTED STARS

by O'Keefe, Megan

The all-powerful Mercator family has been controlling the exploration of the universe for decades, and exploiting any materials they find along the way under the guise of helping humanity's expansion. Tarquin Mercator never wanted to run a galaxy-spanning business empire. He just wanted to study geology and read books. But Tarquin's father has tasked him with monitoring the settlement of a new planet, and he doesn't really have a choice in the matter. Disguised as Tarquin's new bodyguard, Naira plans to destroy the settlement ship before they make land. But neither of them expects to end up stranded on a dead plane.

DUNE

by Herbert, Frank

Set on the desert planet Arrakis, Dune is the story of Paul Atréides--who would become known as Muad'Dib--and of a great family's ambition to bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream. A stunning blend of adventure and mysticism, environmentalism and politics, Dune won the first Nebula Award, shared the Hugo Award, and formed the basis of what is undoubtedly the grandest epic in science fiction.

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

by Adams, Douglas

It's an ordinary Thursday morning for Arthur Dent, until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly after to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and Arthur's best friend has just announced that he's an alien. After that, things get much, much worse. With just a towel, a small yellow fish, and a book, Arthur has to navigate through a very hostile universe in the company of a gang of unreliable aliens. Luckily the fish is quite good at languages. And the book is The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy . . . which helpfully has the words DON'T PANIC inscribed in large, friendly letters on its cover.



MERCURY RISING

by Greene, R.W.W

Brooklyn, however, just wants to keep his head down, pay his mother's rent, earn a little scratch of his own, and maybe get laid sometime. Simple pleasures! But life is about to get real complicated when a killer with a baseball bat and a mysterious box of 8-track tapes sets him up for murder. Brooklyn is launched into a quest to save humanity, find his true family, and grow as a person - while simultaneously coping with high-stakes space battles, mystery science experiments and the realisation that the true enemies perhaps aren't the tentacled monsters on the recruitment poster... Or are they?

CYBER MAGE

by Hossain, Saad

Speculative fiction novel set in post-apocalyptic Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2089, after residents have discovered how to survive with biological nanotech. Cyber Mage, the teenager moonlighting as a hacker, crosses paths with mercenary Djibrel and together they seek out the fate of the Djinn, a magical super race of genies

MASTER AND APPRENTICE

by Gray, Claudia

The first Star Wars novel to take place before the events of "The Phantom Menace" explores Obi-Wan Kenobi's apprenticeship as a young Jedi under Qui-Gon Jinn. When Jedi Rael Averross, requests their assistance with a political dispute, Jinn and Kenobi travel to the royal court of Pijal for what may be their final mission together. What should be a simple assignment quickly becomes clouded by deceit, and by visions of violent disaster that take hold in Qui-Gon's mind. As Qui-Gon's faith in prophecy grows, Obi-Wan's faith in him is tested--just as a threat surfaces that will demand that Master and apprentice come together as never before, or be divided forever