

Science Fiction: Real life, except different

The Diary of Pelly D

by L.J. Adlington, 2005

Y ADLINGTON

When Toni V, a construction worker on a futuristic colony, finds the diary of a teenage girl whose life has been turned upside-down by holocaust-like events, he begins to question his own beliefs.

Companion Novel: Cherry Heaven

Feed

by M.T. Anderson, 2002

Y ANDERSON

Titus lives in a futuristic world where television and computers are connected directly into people's brains at birth, creating a consumer society where empty-headed kids are driven by fashion and shopping and the avid pursuit of silly entertainment.

The Kindling (Fire-us Trilogy)

by Jennifer Armstrong, 2002

Y 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.

A Matter of Profit

by Hilari Bell, 2001

Y BELL

Sick of the horrors of conquering beings on other planets, Ahvrem will end his service as a soldier and save his sister from an unhappy marriage if he can discover who is behind a rumored plot to assassinate the Emperor.

Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury, 1953

Y BRADBURY

A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.

Ender's Game

by Orson Scott Card, 1991

Y CARD

The tale of young hero Ender Wiggin, who must fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race if mankind is to survive.

The City of Ember

by Jeanne DuPrau, 2003

Y DUPRAU

In the post-apocalyptic underground city of Ember, 12-year olds Dune and Lina begin to unravel the mystery of the founding of their city and search for a way to save the people of Ember before it is too late.

The House of the Scorpion

by Nancy Farmer, 2002

Y FARMER

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 140-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Siberia: A Novel

by Ann Halam, 2005

Y HALAM

After spending two years at a prison school, thirteen-year-old Sloe sets off on a trek across frozen wastelands, tending to the secret "seeds" of wild animals her mother left in her care, trying to reach a new life for all of them.

Firestorm

by David Klass, 2006

Y KLASS

Eighteen year old Jack plunges into a space-time-bending game of survival with no way out where the rules are shrouded in secrets and he can't trust anyone.

Star Split

by Kathryn Lasky, 1999

Y LASKY

In 3038, thirteen-year-old Darci uncovers an underground movement to save humans from genetic enhancement technology.

A Crack in the Line

by Michael Lawrence, 2004

Y LAWRENCE

Sixteen-year-old Alaric discovers how to travel to an alternate reality, where his mother is alive and his place in the family is held by a girl named Naia.

A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle, 1962

Y L'ENGLE

When an atomic physicist disappears on a secret mission, his children, Meg and Charles Wallace, embark on an interplanetary journey through time and space to find him.

The Giver

by Lois Lowry, 1993

Y LOWRY

After receiving his assignment, 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 Secret Under My Skin

by Janet McNaughton, 2005

Y MCNAUGHTON

In the year 2368, humans exist under dire environmental conditions and one young woman, rescued from a workcamp and chosen for a special duty, uses her love of learning to discover the truth about the planet's future and her own dark past.

Shade's Children
by Garth Nix, 1997
Y 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.

The Transall Saga
by Gary Paulsen, 1998
YPB 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.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox
by Mary Pearson, 2008
Y PEARSON

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns the secret about her existence.

Life As We Knew It
by Susan Beth Pfeffer, 2006
Y PFEFFER

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.
Companion Novel: *the dead & the gone*

The Last Book in the Universe
by W. Rodman Philbrick, 2002
Y PHILBRICK

A thousand years in the future, an earthquake destroys much of the planet, and an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to Earth.

Mortal Engines: A Novel
by Philip Reeve, 2003
Y 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.

The True Meaning of Smekday
by Adam Rex, 2007
Y REX

When her mother is abducted by aliens on Christmas Eve (or "Smekday" Eve since the Boov invasion), 11 year-old Tip hops in the car and heads south to find her and meets an alien Boov mechanic who agrees to help her and save the planet from disaster.

The Dark Side of Nowhere
by Neal Shusterman, 1997
Y SHUSTERMAN

When a classmate dies, Jason begins to suspect that all is not well in his boring small town. It turns out

that his family and many other folks in town are aliens from a conquering race.

Virtual War

by Gloria Skurzynski, 1997

Y SKURZYNSKI

Coogan, 14, is the Champion, genetically-engineered for just one purpose—to win the Virtual War for the Western Hemisphere Federation and claim the prize, the last uncontaminated land on Earth.

Interstellar Pig

by William Sleator, 1995

YPB SLEATOR

Barney's boring seaside vacation suddenly becomes more interesting when the cottage next door is occupied by three exotic neighbors who are addicted to a virtual game they call "Interstellar Pig."

Tomorrowland: Ten Stories About the Future

compiled by Michael Cart, 1999

Y STORIES TOMORROWLAND

A collection of futuristic science fiction short stories by such authors as Lois Lowry, Katherine Paterson and Jon Scieszka.

Welcome to the Ark

by Stephanie S. Tolan, 1996

YPB TOLAN

In the near future, a time of global violence, four gifted teens are put in a psychiatric home they call the Ark. In the Ark they discover amazing powers within themselves, powers that can change the way other people behave.

Double Helix

by Nancy Werlin, 2004

Y WERLIN

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.

Uglies

by Scott Westerfeld, 2005

Y WESTERFELD

In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repulsive ugly into a stunning pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really great time. But is paradise all that it appears to be?

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