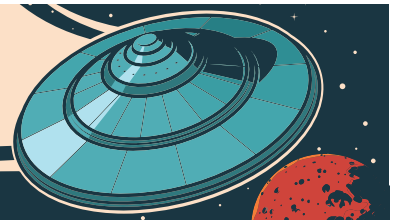


# SCIENCE FICTION and Fantasy



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## Fantasy

### ***Black Water Sister* by Zen Cho**



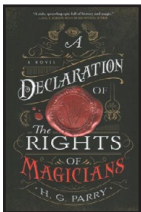
When Jessamyn Teoh starts hearing a voice in her head, she chalks it up to stress. But she soon learns it's the ghost of her estranged grandmother determined to settle a score against a business magnate who's offended the Black Water Sister—dragging Jess into the conflict whether she wants to or not.

### ***The Blacktongue Thief* by Christopher Buehlman Series: *Blacktongue*, 1.**



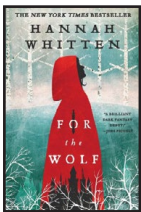
Kinch Na Shannack owes the Takers Guild a small fortune for his education as a thief, the debt driving him to robbery. Galva is a knight, a handmaiden of the goddess of death, and searching for her missing queen. Unsuccessful in his robbery and lucky to escape with his life, their fates are now entangled, forcing thief and knight on an epic journey.

### ***A Declaration of the Rights of Magicians* by H.G. Parry Series: *Shadow histories*, 1.**



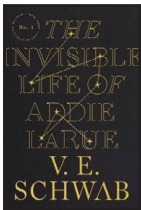
It is the Age of Enlightenment — of new and magical political movements, from revolutions, to legalization of magic, and the abolition of overseas colonies. But amidst all of the upheaval, there is an unknown force inciting all of human civilization into violent conflict, requiring combined efforts to unmask this hidden enemy.

### ***For the Wolf* by Hannah Whitten Series: *Wilderwood Novels*, 1.**



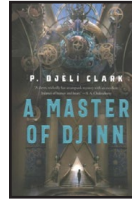
As the only Second Daughter born in centuries, Red's sole purpose is to be sacrificed to the Wolf in the Wood. But legends lie. The Wolf is a man. Red's magic is a calling. And if she doesn't learn how to use it, monsters and the gods alike threaten to swallow the Wilderwood whole.

### ***The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by Victoria Schwab**



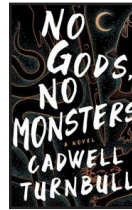
France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, Addie LaRue makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. After nearly 300 years, everything changes when Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore who remembers her name.

### ***A Master of Djinn* by P. Djèli Clark Series: *Fatma el-Sha'arawi*, 3.**



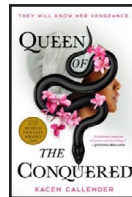
Though Fatma el-Sha'arawi is the youngest woman working for the Ministry of Alchemy, Enchantments and Supernatural Entities, she's no rookie. When someone murders a secret brotherhood dedicated to al-Jahiz, claiming to be al-Jahiz returned to condemn the modern age, his magical abilities instigate unrest in Cairo that threatens to spill over onto the global stage.

### ***No Gods, No Monsters* by Cadwell Turnbull Series: *Convergence Saga*, 1.**



As mythical creatures come out of the shadows seeking safety, their emergence sets off a chain of seemingly unrelated events. Local werewolf packs are threatened into silence, a professor investigates a secret society, and a young boy seeks refuge in a pro-monster organization. At the center is a mystery; what has frightened the monsters out of the dark?

### ***Queen of the Conquered* by Kacen Callender Series: *Islands of Blood and Storm***



Sigourney Rose is the only noble survivor on the Hans Lollik islands following the colonization of her island. Now she's ready to exact revenge by manipulating her way into the ranks of the ruling colonizers. But someone is killing off the ruling families to clear a path to the throne. Sigourney must find allies among her prey and a murderer among her peers.

### ***A Spindle Splintered* by Alix E. Harrow**

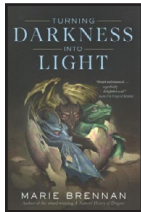


An industrial accident left Zinnia Gray with a deadline: on her 21st birthday she will die. Her best friend wants Zinnia's birthday to be special with an authentic sleeping beauty reenactment. But when her finger is pricked on the spindle, she finds herself falling through worlds with another sleeping beauty, both desperate to escape their fate.

### ***Starlight Enclave* by R.A. Salvatore Series: *Legend of Drizzt*, 1.**



Two different roads. On one, Jarlaxle and Zaknefein are on a quest to find Khazid'hea, a powerful sword that has started wars and corrupted its users. The rogue Jarlaxle and friends will go on an expedition looking for the sword's last wielder. On the other, Drizzt has recently come back from true transcendence seeking answers that could offer salvation to all souls.



**Turning Darkness into Light**  
by Marie Brennan

When Audrey Camherst is recruited to decipher a series of ancient tablets holding the secrets of the ancient Draconeian civilization, she has no idea that her research will plunge her into a conspiracy, meant to incite rebellion and war. Alongside childhood friend and fellow archeologist Kudshayn, they must find proof of the conspiracy before it's too late.

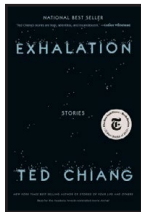


**Under the Whispering Door** by TJ Klune

When a reaper comes to collect Wallace from his own funeral, he begins to suspect he might be dead. But even in death, Wallace isn't ready to abandon the life he barely lived, so when he is given one week to cross over, he sets about living a lifetime in seven days.

**SCIENCE FICTION**

**Exhalation** by Ted Chiang



A collection of short stories tackling some of humanity's oldest questions. A merchant in medieval Baghdad is given the opportunity to revisit his greatest mistake. An anatomist decides to dissect his own brain. A therapist counsels people obsessed with their alternate selves. Like us, these characters are using what they've learned in their quest to live a meaningful life.

**The Library of the Dead** by T.L. Huchu



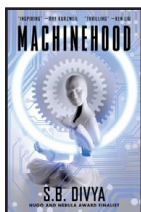
Ropa dropped out of school to become a ghostalker, speaking to Edinburgh's dead and carrying messages to those they left behind. It's harmless enough, until the dead whisper that someone is bewitching children – leaving them husks. Honor-bound to investigate, Ropa will call on Zimbabwean magic and Scottish pragmatism to hunt down clues.

**Light from Uncommon Stars** by Ryka Aoki

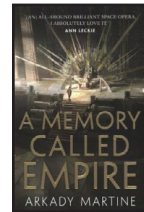


Shizuka Satomi made a deal with the devil: to escape damnation, she must entice seven violin prodigies to trade their souls for success. When Katrina Nguyen, a young transgender runaway, catches Shizuka's ear, she's found her final candidate. But when Shizuka meets Lan Tran, her kindness might just redefine a soul's worth.

**Machinehood** by S. B. Divya

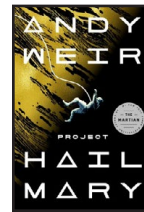


It's 2095 and humanity is entirely dependent on pills that help them stay alive and compete with artificial intelligence. All that changes when bodyguard Welga Ramirez's client is killed by The Machinehood, a new terrorist group that has attacked several major pill funders. They issue an ultimatum: stop all pill production in one week.



**A Memory Called Empire**  
by Arkady Martine, Series: *Teixcalaan*

During a time of political instability, Ambassador Mahit Dzmare arrives in the center of the multi-system Teixcalaanli Empire and discovers that her predecessor has died. Mahit must discover who is behind the murder and save her Station from Teixcalaan expansion all while hiding a deadly technological secret.



**Project Hail Mary** by Andy Weir

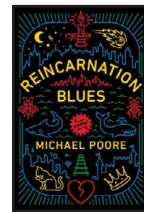
Ryland Grace is the sole survivor of the crew looking for answers to why the sun is rapidly dimming. Waking up from an induced coma, he finds himself millions of miles from home with a spotty memory. When he discovers a neighboring alien ship on a similar quest, he sets out to find answers to avert an extinction-level crisis on Earth.

**A Psalm for the Wild-Built**  
by Becky Chambers



It's been centuries since the robots of Panga gained self-awareness, laid down their tools, and wandered into the wilderness never to be seen again. One day, a tea monk's life is upended by the arrival of a robot there to honor the old promise of checking in. The robot cannot go back until the question "what do people need?" is answered.

**Reincarnation Blues** by Michael Poore



After 9,995 chances to earn a place in the cosmic soul, Milo only has five more to get in. All he wants is to fall into the arms of Death-Suzie, as he calls her. More than a lover, Suzie is literally Milo's reason for living as he dives through existences, praying for the day he'll never have to leave her side again.

**Remote Control** by Nnedi Okorafor



Fatima forgot her name as Death came to visit. Now she walks alone—except for a fox companion—as she must, for at a touch she kills. She searches for an object that came from the sky as the meteors fell, from when she was yet unchanged; she searches for answers. What greater purpose for her, now that Death is her constant companion?

**Waste Tide** by Chen Qiufan



Mimi and thousands of migrant waste workers are lured to Silicon Isle with the promise of steady work and a better life. They're the lifeblood of the island's economy but are at the mercy of those in power. As war erupts, Mimi, and others like her, must decide if they will remain pawns, or change the rules of the game altogether.

