

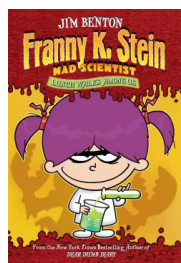
# CHILDREN'S SCIENCE FICTION



Some of our favorite  
science fiction stories  
for school-age children



## Picture Books and Younger Elementary



### ***Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist: Lunch Walks Among Us* by Jim Benton (Juvenile Fiction—J Benton)**

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school, she experiments with fitting in—which works until a monster erupts from the trash can.



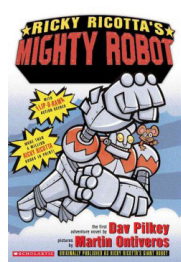
### ***The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza* by James Kochalka (Juvenile Graphic Novels—J Kochalka)**

The Glorkian Warrior isn't the brightest bulb in the box, so it's good he's got his trusty talking backpack to advise him as they set out on a perilous journey to deliver a pizza. The pizza's got clams and peanut butter on it, so it's not clear who's going to want it, but deliver it they will.



### ***Little Robot* by Ben Hatke (Juvenile Graphic Novel—J-GN Hatke)**

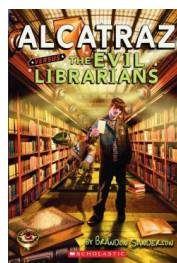
When a girl finds a lost robot in the woods, they become fast friends, but they're both in for an adventure when a much larger, menacing robot comes to retrieve it.



### ***Rick Ricotta's Mighty Robot: The First Adventure* by Danny Pikley (Juvenile First Chapter Books—J Pi)**

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, saves a giant robot from his evil creator, Dr. Stinky. In turn, the robot protects Ricky from the bullies at school, and it saves the city from Dr. Stinky's plan to destroy it.

## Older Elementary



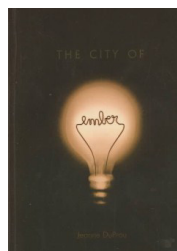
### ***Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians* by Brandon Sanderson (Juvenile Fiction—J Sanders)**

On his 13th birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil librarians who are trying to take over the world.



### ***Circus Galacticus* by Deva Fagan (Juvenile Fiction—J Fagan)**

Trix's life in boarding school as an orphan charity case has been hard, but when an alluring young Ringmaster invites her, a gymnast, to join Circus Galacticus, she gains an entire universe of deadly enemies and potential friends—along with a chance to unravel secrets of her own past.



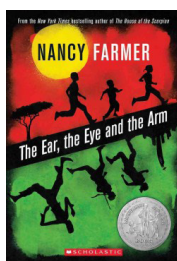
### ***The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau (Juvenile Fiction—J Duprau)**

In the year 241, 12-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger that runs to new places in her decaying—but beloved—city, and to glimpse Unknown Regions.



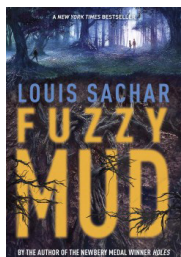
### ***Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee (Juvenile Fiction—J Lee)**

Min, a 13-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.



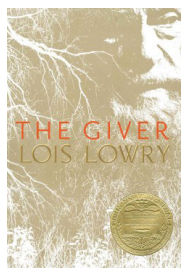
### ***The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm* by Nancy Farmer (Juvenile Fiction—J Farm)**

In 2194 Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine, while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.



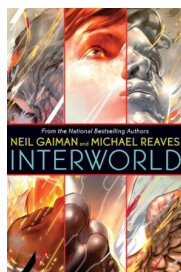
**Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar**  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Sachar)

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud, but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.



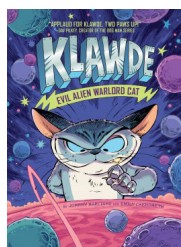
**The Giver by Lois Lowry**  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Lowry)

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community. Then, he discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.



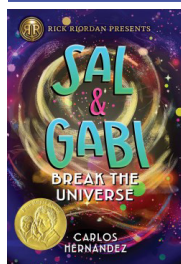
**Interworld**  
by Neil Gaiman, Michael Reaves  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Gaiman)

At nearly 15 years of age, Joey Harker learns that he is a Walker—a being able to travel between dimensions—and soon joins a team of different versions of himself, each from another dimension, to fight the evil forces striving to conquer all the worlds.



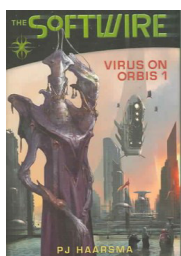
**Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat**  
by Johnny Marciano  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Marcian)

Klawde, the exiled ruler of the planet Lyttrboks, and Raj, who just moved from Brooklyn to tiny Elba, Oregon, forge an unlikely friendship as they find their footing in a strange new world.



**Sal & Gabi Break the Universe**  
by Carlos Hernandez  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Hernand)

In order to heal after his mother's death, 13-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things—and people—from other universes.



**The Softwire: Virus on Orbis 1**  
by PJ Haarsma  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Hernand)

When 12-year-old Johnny and his sister arrive on Orbis in a space ship of orphans, he finds he has a unique ability to communicate with computers.



**The Strangers**  
by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Haddix)

Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world.



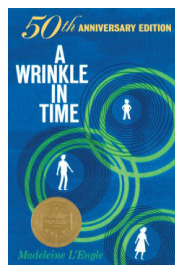
**We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey**  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Rodkey)

After a year on Mars, a young boy and his family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom, the Zhuri, who look like giant mosquitoes, don't really like humans. It's up to the boy and his family to change their minds if they hope to survive.



**The Wild Robot by Peter Brown**  
(Juvenile Fiction–J Brown)

Roz the Robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there. Her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.



**A Wrinkle in Time**  
by Madeleine L'Engle  
(Juvenile Nonfiction–J Lengle)

Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.



**Zita the Spacegirl. 1, Far From Home**  
by Ben Hatke  
(Juvenile Nonfiction–J Hatke)

When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she is compelled to set out on a strange journey from star to star in order to get back home.



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