

# Classic Science Fiction

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### [Brave New World](#)

by Huxley, Aldous

#### **FICTION**

*The classic, prophetic novel capturing the socialized horrors of a futuristic utopia remarkably explores the now-timely themes of cloning, individual creativity and freedom, and the role of science, technology, and drugs in humankind's future.*

### [A Canticle for Leibowitz](#)

by Miller, Walter M.

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*The landmark novel follows the struggle of the Monks of the Order of Saint Leibowitz to preserve the remnants of civilization after a nuclear war and to protect them against tyranny.*

### [Childhood's End](#)

by Clarke, Arthur C.

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*The Overlords appeared suddenly over every city--intellectually, technologically, and militarily superior to humankind. Benevolent, they made few demands: unify earth, eliminate poverty, and end war. With little rebellion, humankind agreed, and a golden age began, but at the cost of freedom.*

### [A Clockwork Orange](#)

by Burgess, Anthony

#### **FICTION**

*A satire of the present inhumanity of man to man through a futuristic culture where teenagers rule with violence.*

### [Contact](#)

by Sagan, Carl

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Beautiful astrophysicist Rebecca Blake deciphers long-awaited signals from space, persuades world leaders to construct a machine that many consider a Trojan Horse, and journeys into space for an epochal encounter.*

### [Dune](#)

by Herbert, Frank

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Opposing forces struggle for control of the universe when the archenemy of the Emperor is banished to a barren world where water is the most precious commodity.*

### [Ender's Game](#)

by Card, Orson Scott

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

### [Fahrenheit 451](#)

by Bradbury, Ray

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*The classic tale of one man's experience of reawakening in a world beset by oppression and censorship in which books have been outlawed and reading is punishable by death.*

### [Foundation](#)

by Asimov, Isaac

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*A band of psychologists, under the leadership of psychohistorian Hari Seldon, plants a colony to encourage art, science, and technology in the declining Galactic Empire and to preserve the accumulated knowledge of humankind.*

### [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#)

by Adams, Douglas

#### **PBC SCIENCE FICTION**

*Escaping Earth just before it is demolished to make way for a new galactic highway, reluctant galactic traveler Arthur Dent embarks on a series of off-beat and occasionally extraterrestrial journeys, accompanied by a variety of unusual companions.*

### [Hyperion](#)

by Simmons, Dan

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*A pilgrimage to the realm of the Shrike, a part-god/part-killing machine, provides the travellers the forum to tell their incredible stories.*

### [The Left Hand of Darkness](#)

by Le Guin, Ursula K.

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*On behalf of his government, an earthling travels to an alien, backward world whose inhabitants are all ambisexual.*

### [The Man in the High Castle](#)

by Dick, Philip K.

#### **PBC SCIENCE FICTION**

*It's America in 1962. Slavery is legal once again. the few Jews who still survive hide under assumed names. In San Francisco the I Ching is as common as the Yellow Pages. All because some 20 years earlier the United States lost a war--and is now occupied jointly by Nazi Germany and Japan.*

### [Moonrise](#)

by Bova, Ben

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Paul Stavenger and his wife Joanna dream of a settlement on the Moon, and after his death, Joanna turns Moonbase into a reality, and as this new society becomes the technological center for both the Sun and Moon, dark forces threaten to destroy it.*

### [Neuromancer](#)

by Gibson, William

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Hired to break into the virtually inaccessible computer network of a large corporation, Case, the world's finest interface cowboy, and Molly, a street-smart samurai, venture deep into cyberspace only to discover that they have become pawns in a deadly game.*

### [On the Beach](#)

by Shute, Nevil

#### **FICTION**

*Following a nuclear war in the Northern Hemisphere, the inhabitants of a small Australian community await the inevitable after-effects of the bombs to reach them.*

### [Other](#)

by Dickson, Gordon R.

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*An established political figure on the planet Association, Bleys Ahrens sends his people to spread his message to all the new worlds, but his bid for power is challenged by Hal Mayne, whom Bleys must convert or destroy.*

### [Out of the Silent Planet](#)

by Lewis, C.S.

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Dr. Ransom is abducted to the eerie red planet, Malacandra, where his escape and flight endanger both his life and his chances of ever returning to Earth.*

### [Parable of the Sower](#)

by Butler, Octavia E.

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*In 2025 California, an eighteen-year-old African American woman, suffering from a hereditary trait that causes her to feel others' pain as well as her own, flees northward from her small community and its desperate savages.*

### [Red Mars](#)

by Robinson, Kim Stanley

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*John Boone, Maya Toitovna, Frank Chalmers, and Arkady Bogdanov lead a mission whose ultimate goal is the terraforming of Mars in order to release moisture onto their desolate landscape.*

### [Ringworld](#)

by Niven, Larry

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*A two-headed creature and a large red-furred carnivore are among the members of a party which arrives to explore a mysterious world fabricated in the shape of a ring.*

### [The Sparrow](#)

by Russell, Mary Doria

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*The sole survivor of a crew sent to discover a new planet, Jesuit priest Emilio Sandoz discovers an alien civilization that raises questions about the very essence of humanity, an encounter that leads Sandoz to a public inquisition and the destruction of his faith.*

### [Sphere](#)

by Crichton, Michael

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Four American scientists are summoned in great secrecy to the South Pacific to investigate a giant spacecraft at least three hundred years old.*

### [Startide Rising](#)

by Brin, David

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*After crash-landing on an uncharted planet, the human and dolphin crew of a spaceship from Earth battle fleets of alien warships.*

### [Stranger in a Strange Land](#)

by Heinlein, Robert A.

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*Valentine Michael Smith, born and raised on Mars, arrives on Earth stunning Western culture with his superhuman abilities.*

### [Time Traders](#)

by Norton, Andre

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*In two related adventures, Ross Murdock travels in time to Britain in 2000 B.C. to uncover the base from which Russians are gathering weapons, then investigates an alien spaceship wrecked in North America during prehistoric times.*

### [To Your Scattered Bodies Go](#)

by Farmer, Philip Jose

#### **SCIENCE FICTION**

*The great explorer Sir Richard Francis Burton leads a remarkable group of historical figures, including a wise extraterrestrial, on a search to discover why they have been granted new lives.*