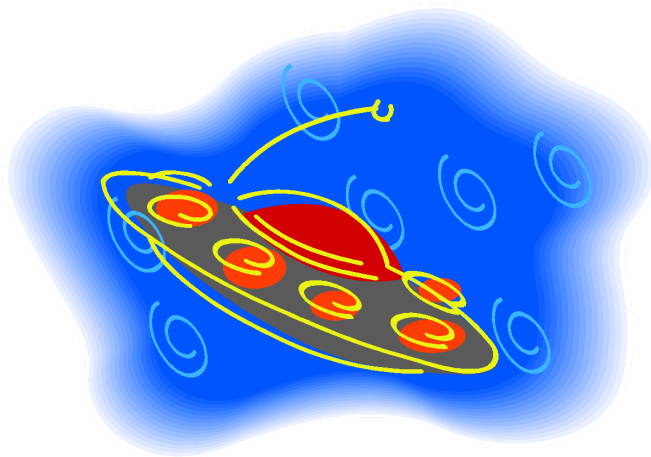


Science Fiction

General definition:

A literary genre in which fantasy forms part of the plot.

It often contains speculative scientific discoveries or developments, environmental changes, space travel, or life on other planets



***Naughts & Crosses* by Malorie Blackman-** Callum and Sephy played together as small children, and their love is forbidden, now he is a second class citizen, a member of the naughts, and she is a cross, a part of the ruling elite, but when Sephy and her mother are nearly caught in a terrorist bombing and Callum's father is the prime suspect, more than their love is tested. Lexile: 630

***The Supernaturalist* by Eoin Colfer-** In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from an abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures, and together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans. Lexile: 650

***Boxes* by William Sleator-** When she opens two strange boxes left in her care by her mysterious uncle, fifteen-year-old Annie discovers a swarm of telepathic creatures and unleashes a power capable of slowing down time. Lexile: 660

***Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry-** Lame and suddenly orphaned, Kira is mysteriously removed from her squalid village to live in the palatial Council Edifice, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver to do the bidding of the all-powerful Guardians. Lexile: 680

***Stonewolf* by Brenda Seabrooke-** After three years in a barbarous orphanage, Nicholas is raised in near-isolation in a castle, where he is watched every moment, prevented from reading or seeing the outside world, and given "treatments" designed to retrieve some mysterious, forgotten bit of information from his brain. Lexile: 680

***Divergent* by Veronica Roth-** In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all. Lexile 700

***Maximum Ride: the Angel Experiment* by James Patterson-** After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. Lexile: 700

***Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton-** An account of the attempt, through a hair-raising twenty-four hours on a remote jungle island, to avert a global emergency--a crisis triggered by today's rush to commercialize genetic engineering. Lexile: 710

***The Last Book in the Universe* by William Sleator-** After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future. Lexile: 740

***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle-** Three extraterrestrial beings take Meg and her friends to another world. Lexile: 740

***Skybreaker* by Kenneth Oppel-** Matt Cruse, a student at the Airship Academy, and Kate de Vries, a young heiress, team up with a gypsy and a daring captain, to find a long-lost airship, rumored to carry a treasure beyond imagination. Lexile: 750

***A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray-** After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world. Lexile: 760

***Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card-** Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy. Sequel: *Speaker for the Dead*. Lexile: 780

***Among the Hidden* by Margaret Haddix-** In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. Lexile: 800

***Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins-** In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place. Lexile 810

***Mr. Was* by Pete Hautman-** After his dying grandfather tries to strangle him, Jack Lund discovers a door that leads him fifty years into the past and involves him in events that determine his own future. Lexile: 840

***Sterkarm Handshake* by Susan Price-** Having traveled to a sixteenth century border clan in England through a tunnel created by a twenty-first century company, Andrea must decide in which era she will live. Lexile: 850

***Tomorrow, When the War Began* by John Marsden-** Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive. Lexile: 850

***King of Shadows* by Susan Cooper-** While in London as part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of the famous Globe Theatre, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original theater under the tutelage of Shakespeare himself. Lexile: 1010