

100 Essential
Science Fiction
Reads



FAST ORBIT
P R E S S

Foundations of the Genre

- 1. Frankenstein, Mary Shelley**
- 2. The Time Machine, H.G. Wells**
- 3. The War of the Worlds, H.G. Wells**
- 4. 1984, George Orwell**
- 5. Brave New World, Aldous Huxley**
- 6. Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury**
- 7. The Left Hand of Darkness, Ursula K. Le Guin**
- 8. The Dispossessed, Ursula K. Le Guin**
- 9. Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?, Philip K. Dick**
- 10. A Canticle for Leibowitz, Walter M. Miller Jr.**



Climate Fiction & Ecological Futures

11. **The Road, Cormac McCarthy**
12. **Parable of the Sower, Octavia E. Butler**
13. **Parable of the Talents, Octavia E. Butler**
14. **The Water Knife, Paolo Bacigalupi**
15. **The Windup Girl, Paolo Bacigalupi**
16. **Oryx and Crake, Margaret Atwood**
17. **The Year of the Flood, Margaret Atwood**
18. **The Ministry for the Future, Kim Stanley Robinson**
19. **New York 2140, Kim Stanley Robinson**
20. **Gold Fame Citrus, Claire Vaye Watkins**



Power, Empire, and Systems

21. Dune, Frank Herbert

22. Dune Messiah, Frank Herbert

23. The Forever War, Joe Haldeman

**24. The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas, Ursula K. Le
Guin**

25. The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood

26. Children of Men, P.D. James

27. Station Eleven, Emily St. John Mandel

28. The Power, Naomi Alderman

29. World War Z, Max Brooks

30. The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins



Survival, Collapse, and Aftermath

- 31. The Stand, Stephen King**
- 32. Swan Song, Robert R. McCammon**
- 33. Earth Abides, George R. Stewart**
- 34. Alas, Babylon, Pat Frank**
- 35. Lucifer's Hammer, Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle**
- 36. The Postman, David Brin**
- 37. I Am Legend, Richard Matheson**
- 38. The Dog Stars, Peter Heller**
- 39. The Girl with All the Gifts, M.R. Carey**
- 40. The Passage, Justin Cronin**



Space, Exile, and the Human Condition

41. **The Martian, Andy Weir**
42. **Project Hail Mary, Andy Weir**
43. **Solaris, Stanisław Lem**
44. **Leviathan Wakes, James S.A. Corey**
45. **Artemis, Andy Weir**
46. **The Sparrow, Mary Doria Russell**
47. **Children of Time, Adrian Tchaikovsky**
48. **Red Mars, Kim Stanley Robinson**
49. **Blindsight, Peter Watts**
50. **A Psalm for the Wild-Built, Becky Chambers**



Social Justice, Race, and the Future

- 51. **Kindred, Octavia E. Butler**
- 52. **The Fifth Season, N.K. Jemisin**
- 53. **The Obelisk Gate, N.K. Jemisin**
- 54. **The Stone Sky, N.K. Jemisin**
- 55. **Binti, Nnedi Okorafor**
- 56. **Who Fears Death, Nnedi Okorafor**
- 57. **An Unkindness of Ghosts, Rivers Solomon**
- 58. **The Space Between Worlds, Micaiah Johnson**
- 59. **Brown Girl in the Ring, Nalo Hopkinson**
- 60. **The Deep, Rivers Solomon**



Experimental & Philosophical Science Fiction

61. **The Lathe of Heaven, Ursula K. Le Guin**
62. **Ubik, Philip K. Dick**
63. **Roadside Picnic, Arkady and Boris Strugatsky**
64. **Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro**
65. **The Book of the New Sun, Gene Wolfe**
66. **House of Leaves, Mark Z. Danielewski**
67. **Cloud Atlas, David Mitchell**
68. **The Fifth Head of Cerberus, Gene Wolfe**
69. **Hyperion, Dan Simmons**
70. **Slaughterhouse-Five, Kurt Vonnegut**



Dystopia, Surveillance, and Control

71. **Snow Crash, Neal Stephenson**
72. **Neuromancer, William Gibson**
73. **Ready Player One, Ernest Cline**
74. **The Circle, Dave Eggers**
75. **We, Yevgeny Zamyatin**
76. **The Giver, Lois Lowry**
77. **Battle Royale, Koushun Takami**
78. **The Man in the High Castle, Philip K. Dick**
79. **Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro**
80. **The Trial, Franz Kafka**



Near-Future Anxiety & Present Collapse

81. The Peripheral, William Gibson

82. Severance, Ling Ma

83. American War, Omar El Akkad

84. The Overstory, Richard Powers

85. How High We Go in the Dark, Sequoia Nagamatsu

86. The End We Start From, Megan Hunter

87. The Light Pirate, Lily Brooks-Dalton

88. Blackfish City, Sam J. Miller

89. Leave the World Behind, Rumaan Alam

90. On Such a Full Sea, Chang-rae Lee



Short Fiction & Anthologies & Additional Novels

91. **The Illustrated Man, Ray Bradbury**
92. **Stories of Your Life and Others, Ted Chiang**
93. **Exhalation, Ted Chiang**
94. **The Paper Menagerie and Other Stories, Ken Liu**
95. **Bloodchild and Other Stories, Octavia E. Butler**
96. **Axiomatic, Greg Egan**
97. **The Wandering Earth, Liu Cixin**
98. **The Best of Harlan Ellison, Harlan Ellison**
99. **Octavia's Brood, edited by Walidah Imarisha and
adrienne maree brown**
100. **The Future Is Female!, edited by Lisa Yaszek**

