

Among the Hidden (Shadow Children series)

By Margaret Peterson 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. (Series continues with Among the Imposters and six other titles)

Flux

By Beth Goobie

Deep in another reality, while using her ability to travel to parallel worlds, Nellie uncovers a conspiracy to abduct children for an experimental lab. (Sequel: Fixed)

Last Book in the Universe

By Rodman Philbrick

After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager named Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future.

The Other Side of the Island

By Allegra Goodman

Born in the eighth year of Enclosure, ten-year-old Honor lives in a highly regulated colony with her defiant parents, but when they have an illegal second child and are taken away, it is up to Honor and her friend Helix, another "Unpredictable," to uncover a terrible secret about their Island and the Corporation that runs everything.

Evil Genius

By Catherine Jinks

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy. (Sequel: Genius Squad)

Maximum Ride: the Angel Experiment

By James Patterson

Six kids are normal in most ways--except that they are 98% human and 2% bird. They grew up in cages, living like rats undergoing genetic modification, but then they escape. The youngest, Angel, is subsequently captured by the bloodthirsty Erasers--half men, half wolves-- and the rest of the Flock is on a mission to get her back. (Series continues with School's Out—Forever and several more titles)

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

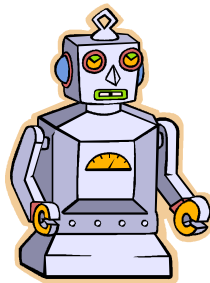
By Douglas Adams

Just before the Earth is demolished, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, an alien born in Earth's 18th century. (Series continues with: The Restaurant at the End of the Universe)

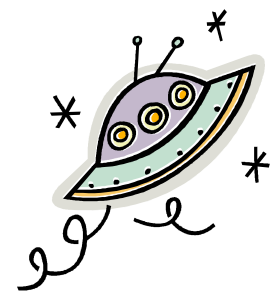
The Pox Party (Series: The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation)

By M.T. Anderson

Diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War. Raised by a group of rational philosophers, the boy and his mother--a princess in exile from a faraway land--are the only persons in their household assigned names. Octavian opens a forbidden door and learns the hideous nature of the experiments and his own chilling role in them.



Science Fiction for People Who Don't Like Science Fiction



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Life As We Knew It

By Susan Beth Pfeffer

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. (Series continues with [The Dead & the Gone](#))

The 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. (Series continues with [Catching Fire](#))

Things Not Seen

By Andrew Clements

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Education)

By Mark Walden

Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape the prison known as H.I.V.E. (Series continues with: [The Overlord Protocol](#))

Simon Bloom, the Gravity Keeper

By Michael Reisman

Nerdy sixth-grader Simon Bloom finds a book that enables him to control the laws of physics, but when two thugs come after him, he needs the formulas in the book to save himself.

City of Ember

By Jeanne DuPrau

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. (Series continues with [People of Sparks](#), [Prophet of Yonwood](#), and [Diamond of Darkhold](#))

Eager

By Helen Fox

Unlike Grumps, their old-fashioned robot, the Bell family's new robot, Eager, is programmed to not merely obey but to question, reason, and exercise free will. (Series continues with: [Eager's Nephew](#))

The Softwire: Virus on Orbis 1

By PJ Haarsma

When twelve-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. (Series continues with [The Softwire: Betrayal on Orbis 2](#))

Interworld

By Neil Gaiman

At nearly fifteen years of age, Joey Harker learns that he is a Walker, 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.

Go Big or Go Home

By Will Hobbs

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota bedroom.

Dusk

By Susan Gates

Sharing both human and hawk genes, a young girl escapes from her cage at a top secret laboratory where she was conceived by military scientists in a botched experiment designed to create stronger soldiers.

The Giver

By Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. (Companion books include [Gathering Blue](#) and [Messenger](#))

Uglies

By Scott Westerfeld

In Tally's world, one's 16th birthday brings an operation that transforms them from a repellant Ugly to an attractive Pretty. Tally wants to turn into a Pretty, but her friend Shay would rather risk life on the outside. When Shay runs away, the authorities give Tally a terrible choice. (Series continues with [Pretties](#), [Specials](#), and [Extras](#))

Violet Eyes

By Nicole Luiken

Angel and Michael's violet eyes are the first indicator that they are different from their peers, but as the two get to know each other they realize the extent to which they are special and that they have enemies who wish to study and exploit them.

Eva

By Peter Dickinson

After a terrible accident, a young girl wakes up to discover that she has been given the body of a chimpanzee.