



## Science Fiction -Staff Picks-

SCI-FI Asaro ***Veiled Web***  
After nearly being killed, prima ballerina Lucia del Mar winds up in the Moroccan home of Rashid alJazari, one of the world's leading computer experts, who has discovered a computer with a soul and now is in great danger himself. By Catherine Asaro \*\*\*

SCI-FI Brin ***The Postman***  
In the aftermath of a war that has devastated the nation, a traveling storyteller borrows the jacket of a long-dead postal worker and is transformed unwittingly into a symbol of hope for America's future. By David Brin \*\*\*

SCI-FI Card ***Ender's Game***  
An expert at simulated war games, Ender believes that he is engaged in one more computer war game when, in truth, he is commanding the last Earth fleet against an alien race seeking Earth's complete destruction. By Orson Scott Card \*\*\*\*\*

SCI-FI Card ***Pastwatch: the Redemption of Christopher Columbus***  
Time travelers from a ruined and doomed future Earth journey to the time of Columbus' landing, hoping to alter events so that the contact between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres will be less disastrous for the American Indians, indeed, for the whole world. By Orson Scott Card \*\*\*

SCI-FI Card ***Speaker for the Dead***  
Ender Wiggin, the young military genius, discovers that a second alien war is inevitable and that he must dismiss his fears to make peace with humanity's strange new brothers. By Orson Scott Card \*\*\*\*

SCI-FI Cash ***The Meq***  
After Zianno Zenzen discovers he is a Meq, an immortal race who live among humans and who do not age after turning twelve-years-old until they find their soul mate Meq, he embarks on a search to stop an evil Meq and find his legacy. By Steve Cash \*\*\*\*

F Crichton ***Timeline***  
When elderly Yale history prof Edward Johnston travels back to his beloved 15th century and gets stuck, his assistants follow to the rescue. Excitement runs high with castles, sword-play, jousts, and sudden death. By Michael Crichton \*\*\*\*

YA F Farmer ***House of the Scorpion***  
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States. By Nancy Farmer \*\*\*

SCI-FI Gibson ***Neuromancer***  
Case, a burned out computer whiz, is asked to steal a security code that is locked in the most heavily guarded databank in the solar system. By William Gibson \*\*\*

YA F Haddix ***Among the Hidden***  
A government decree allows each family only two children. For Luke, a third child, this has meant a lifetime of hiding. But could a stray glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way lead to freedom? By Margaret Peterson Haddix \*\*\*\*

YA F Haddix ***Turnabout***  
Melly and Anny Beth both lived normal lives throughout the 20th century. But in 2000, when they are old and ready to die, they are selected to participate in Project Turnabout and are given an injection to make them grow younger. By Margaret Peterson Haddix \*\*\*\*

SCI-FI Harrison ***Bill, the Galactic Hero***  
Recruited by Captain Kadaffi (a.k.a., Captain Cadaver) for a suicide mission to the planet Eyerack, Bill, a big, strong, and completely brainwashed galactic hero must complete the mission or die trying. By Harry Harrison \*\*\*\*

SCI-FI Heinlein ***Starship Troopers***  
In a futuristic military adventure a recruit goes through the roughest boot camp in the universe and into battle with the Terran Mobile Infantry in what historians would come to call the First Interstellar War. By Robert A. Heinlein \*\*\*

SCI-FI Heinlein ***Stranger in a Strange Land***

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

SCI-FI Huxley ***Brave New World***  
Describes the socialized horrors of a futuristic utopia devoid of individual freedom. By Aldous Huxley (Also YA) \*\*\*

SCI-FI Le Guin ***The Dispossessed***  
Shevek, a brilliant scientist on the moon Anarres attempts to reunite his utopian homeland with Urras, the wealthy, but violent mother planet. By Ursula K. LeGuin \*\*\*\*

YA F Lowry ***The Giver***  
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. By Lois Lowry \*\*\*\*

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SCI-FI McCaffrey ***Dragonflight***  
One of the author's early Dragonrider adventures, set on the planet Pern, where deadly "thread" falls from the sky and puts all living creatures at risk. The symbiotic relationship of dragon and rider is the planet's only hope for survival. By Anne McCaffrey \*\*\*

SCI-FI McCaffrey ***The Ship Who Sang***  
Helva had been born human, but only her brain had been saved and implanted into the titanium body of an intergalactic scout ship. Working with a human partner, she travels to distant worlds. By Anne McCaffrey \*\*\*\*

SCI-FI Morgan ***Thirteen***  
The subject of a failed government experiment to produce a more deadly military warrior, Carl Marsalis is a hit man who has lost his taste for killing, but when he is arrested in Miami, government officials come up with a plan to use his talents to achieve their own ends. By Richard K. Morgan \*\*\*\*

YA F O'Brien ***Z for Zachariah***  
Seemingly the only person left alive after a nuclear war, a sixteen-year-old girl is relieved to see a man arrive into her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape. By Robert C. O'Brien \*\*\*\*

F Orwell ***1984***  
Portrays life in a future time when a totalitarian government watches over all citizens and directs all activities. By George Orwell (Also YA) \*\*\*\*

SCI-FI Tepper ***Grass***  
Sent to the land of Grass to find out how that planet has escaped the deadly plague that threatens the rest of the galaxy, a strong-willed woman makes some unexpected and frightening discoveries. By Sheri Tepper \*\*\*

SCI-FI Vinge ***A Fire Upon the Deep***  
After a spaceship crashes in unknown and unfriendly territory, two young children, the only survivors, are left to fend for themselves, but with time being of the essence, a rescue plan must be put into place quickly before the clock runs out on their lives. By Vernor Vinge \*\*\*\*

SCI-FI Willis ***Bellwether***  
Sandra Foster, a statistician trying to predict fads and trends, meets Bennett O'Reilly, a chaos theory scientist, who may provide her with the key. By Connie Willis \*\*\*

SCI-FI Willis ***To Say Nothing of the Dog***  
Ned Henry goes back in time to 1889 to study the Coventry Cathedral for a wealthy American who wants to build an exact replica before it is destroyed. By Connie Willis \*\*\*\*

SCI-FI Zelazny ***Doorways in the Sand***  
Fred Cassidy, thirteen years an undergraduate and an acrophiliac, joins Professor Paul Byler in a search for their laboratory replica of an alien artifact of interest to more than one interstellar community. By Roger Zelazny \*\*\*