

UTOPIAN AND DYSTOPIAN FICTION READING LIST

Anderson, Matthew Feed F AND:M

Titus's ability to read, write and even think for himself has been almost completely obliterated by his 'feed', a transmitter implanted directly into his brain. Feeds are a crucial part of life for Titus and his friends. After all, how else would they know where to party on the moon, how to get bargains at Weatherbee & Crotch, or how to accessorize the mysterious lesions everyone's been getting?

Andrews, Jesse Munmun F AND:J

In an alternate reality a lot like our world, every person's physical size is directly proportional to their wealth. The poorest of the poor are the size of rats, and billionaires are the size of skyscrapers. Warner and his sister Prayer are destitute and tiny. Their size is not just demeaning, but dangerous: day and night they face mortal dangers that bigger richer people don't ever have to think about, from being mauled by cats to their house getting stepped on.

Atwood, Margaret The Handmaid's Tale F ATW:M

Also available as an eBook.

In the Republic of Gilead, Offred is a handmaid. As one of the few women left with functioning ovaries, the one role allowed her is to breed. If she deviates she will be hanged at the wall or sent out to die of radiation sickness. But the brainwashing hasn't worked as she has clear memories of the time before when women were free.

Atwood, Margaret Oryx and Crake F ATW:M

Snowman may be the only survivor of an unnamed apocalypse. Once he was Jimmy, a member of a scientific elite; now he lives in isolation and loneliness, trawling through the past - the disappearance of his mother and the arrival of his mysterious childhood companions Oryx and Crake.

Atwood, Margaret The Year of the Flood F ATW:M

Adam One, the kindly leader of the God's Gardeners - a religion devoted to the melding of science and religion, the preservation of all species, the tending of the Earth, and the cultivation of bees and organic crops on flat rooftops - has long predicted the Waterless Flood.

Atwood, Margaret MaddAddam F ATW:M

Months after the Waterless Flood pandemic has wiped out most of humanity, Toby and Ren have rescued their friend Amanda from the vicious Painballers. They return to the MaddAddamite cob house. Accompanying them are the Crakers, the gentle, quasi-human species engineered by the brilliant but deceased Crake.

Atwood, Margaret The Heart Goes Last F ATW:M

Living in their car, surviving on tips, Charmaine and Stan are in a desperate state. So, when they see an advertisement for Consilience, a "social experiment" offering stable jobs and a home of their own, they sign up immediately. All they have to do in return for suburban paradise is give up their freedom every second month—swapping their home for a prison cell.

Atwood, Margaret The Testaments (sequel to The Handmaid's Tale) F ATW:M

When the van door slammed on Offred's future at the end of The handmaid's tale, readers had no way of telling what lay ahead. With The testaments, the wait is over. Margaret Atwood's sequel picks up the story more than 15 years after Offred stepped into the unknown, with the explosive testaments of three female narrators from Gilead.

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Blackman, Malorie **Double Cross**

F BLA:M

Also available as an eBook.

Tobey wants a better life - for him and his girlfriend Callie Rose. He wants nothing to do with the gangs that rule the world he lives in. But when he's offered the chance to earn some money just for making a few 'deliveries', just this once, would it hurt to say 'yes'?

Blackman, Malorie **Noble Conflict**

F BLA:M

Years after a violent war destroyed much of the world; Kaspar has grown up in a society based on peace and harmony. But beyond the city walls, a vicious band of rebels are plotting to tear this peace apart. It is up to the Guardians - an elite peacekeeping force - to protect the city, without ever resorting to the brutal methods of their enemy.

Bradbury, Ray **Fahrenheit 451**

F BRA:R

Fahrenheit 451: the temperature at which book paper catches fire and burns. Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to burn books, which are forbidden, being the source of all discord and unhappiness. Even so, Montag is unhappy; there is discord in his marriage. Are books hidden in his house? The Mechanical Hound of the Fire Department, armed with a lethal hypodermic, escorted by helicopters, is ready to track down those dissidents who defy society to preserve and read books.

Bradley, James **The Silent Invasion**

F BRA:J

Also available as an eBook.

It's 2027 and the human race is dying. Plants, animals and humans have been infected by spores from space and become part of a vast alien intelligence. When 16-year-old Callie discovers her little sister Gracie has been infected, she flees with Gracie to the Zone to avoid termination by the ruthless officers of Quarantine. What Callie finds in the Zone will alter her irrevocably, and send her on a journey to the stars and beyond.

Burgess, Anthony **A Clockwork Orange**

F BUR:A

Burgess creates a violence-dominated teenage society where inhabitants speak a language that is a mixture of Russian and Anglo-Saxon slang. Alex, the central character, is a delinquent facing reform treatment, which consists of viewing violence and rape to the point of inducing nausea in the viewer. As a result of these draconian measures, Alex is transformed into an automaton.

Butler, Samuel **Erewhon**

F BUT:S

Setting out to make his fortune in a far-off country, a young traveller discovers the remote and beautiful land of Erewhon, and is given a home among its extraordinarily handsome citizens. But their visitor soon discovers that this seemingly ideal community has its faults - here crime is treated indulgently as a malady to be cured, while illness, poverty and misfortune are cruelly punished, and all machines have been superstitiously destroyed after a bizarre prophecy. Can he survive in a world where morality is turned upside down?

Carmichael, Claire **Ads R Us**

F CAR:C

Set in a modern industrialised city in the near future, where advertising is a constant stream of inescapable information, and corporations sponsor everything from music to schools. Barrett Trent has been raised outside the mainstream society in an eco-cult called Simplicity, but following the death of his uncle, he goes to live in the city.

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Carmody, Isobel The Obernewtyn Chronicles, Book 1-6 F CAR:I

A post-apocalypse story, when all new discoveries are outlawed by the all-powerful and ruthless Council. Elspeth is one of a new breed of mind thinkers, and seeks the truth of her strange powers. A search inevitably leads to the sinister and mysterious Obernewtyn.

Carrington, Jim Boy 23 F CAR:J

One dark night, Boy 23 is thrown in the back of the van and driven out of My Place - the only home he has ever known. He is abandoned in a forest with a rucksack containing the bare essentials for survival. Before the van drives away, a voice tells him he must run as far as he can. His life depends on it. Boy 23 has never known another human. Boy 23 has never even been outside. So who is he? Why do people want to kill him? And more to the point, who is the voice that wants to save him?

Collins, Suzanne The Hunger Games trilogy F COL:S

Also available as an eBook.

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. But Katniss has been close to death before - and survival, for her, is second nature.

Dashner, James The Maze Runner series F DAS:J

Also available as an eBook.

When the doors of the lift crank open, the only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. But he's not alone. He's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade - a walled encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible stone maze. Like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they came to be there - or what's happened to the world outside.

Dick, Philip K. Blade Runner F DIC:P

It was January 2021, and Rick Deckard had a license to kill. Somewhere among the hordes of humans out there, lurked several rogue androids. Deckard's assignment: find them and then..."retire" them. Trouble was, the androids all looked exactly like humans, and they didn't want to be found!

Dick, Philip K. Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? F DIC:P

World War Terminus had left the Earth devastated. Through its ruins, bounty hunter Rick Deckard stalked, in search of the renegade replicants who were his prey. When he wasn't 'retiring' them with his laser weapon, he dreamed of owning a live animal -- the ultimate status symbol in a world all but bereft of animal life.

Doctorow, Cory Little Brother F DOC:C

Big Brother is watching you. Who's watching back? Marcus is only seventeen years old, but he figures he already knows how the system works -- and how to work the system.

Eggers, Dave The Circle F EGG:D

When Mae Holland is hired to work for the Circle, the world's most powerful internet company, she feels she's been given the opportunity of a lifetime. The Circle, run out of a sprawling California campus, links users' personal emails, social media, banking, and purchasing with their universal operating system, resulting in one online identity and a new age of civility and transparency.

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Elton, Ben

Blind Faith

F ELT:B

Imagine a world where everyone knows everything about everybody. Where what a person feels and truly believes is protected under the law, while what is rational, even provable is condemned as heresy. A world where to question ignorance and intolerance is to commit a Crime against Faith.

Ensor, Craig

The Warming

F ENS:C

The year is 2221 and the world is dying. Temperatures soar as high as fifty degrees every day. Sea levels are rising year by year. The population has fallen to below 2 billion people. The ruined cities of the north – Sydney, Brisbane and beyond – were abandoned as the rising sea and the sun's intensity turned them to wastelands. In an isolated coastal town south of Sydney, young Finch Taylor is captivated by the mysterious beauty April Speare and her pianist husband William when they move into a nearby beach house with a piano and a tragic secret.

Farmer, Nancy

The House of the Scorpion

F FAR:N

Matteo Alacran was not born; he was harvested. His DNA came from El Patron, lord of a country called Opium--a strip of poppy fields lying between the United States and what was once called Mexico. Matt's first cell split and divided inside a petri dish. Then he was placed in the womb of a cow, where he continued the miraculous journey from embryo to foetus to baby. He is a boy now, but most consider him a monster--except for El Patron.

Fletcher, Giovanna &

Fletcher, Tom

Eve of Man

F FLE:G

All her life Eve has been kept away from the opposite sex. Kept from the truth of her past. But at sixteen it's time for Eve to face her destiny. Three potential males have been selected for her. The future of humanity is in her hands.

Flynn, Justine &

Kunz, Chris

The unlisted. Book one

F FLY:J

There's nothing Dru Sharma fears more than the dentist. So when his school runs a compulsory dental check, he convinces his identical twin, Kal, to take his spot. What Dru and Kal don't realise is the check-up has been initiated by a mysterious organisation called Infinity Group that are interested in more than the students' dental health. Infinity aims to control the hearts, minds and bodies of the world's youth. It isn't long before Kal and the other students start developing super strength, while the kids who resisted the procedure start to go missing.

Forster, E.M.

The Machine Stops

F FOR:E

The story describes a world in which most of the human population has lost the ability to live on the surface of the Earth. Each individual now lives in isolation below ground in a standard 'cell', with all bodily and spiritual needs met by the omnipotent, global Machine.

Gibson, William

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F GIB:W

21st century Tokyo, after the millennial quake. Neon rain. Light everywhere blowing under any door you might try to close. Where the New Buildings, the largest in the world, erect themselves unaided, their slow rippling movements like the contractions of a sea-creature. Colin Laney is here looking for work. He is not, he is careful to point out, a voyeur. He is an intuitive fisher of patterns of information, the "signature" a particular individual creates simply by going about the business of living.

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Greenwood, Kerry The Rat and the Raven

F GRE:K

Ten years after a terrible accident that stripped the earth with laser burns seven kilometres wide and brought an end to most of human civilisation, an unusual group of characters go on a quest to discover who is controlling all that is left of civilisation.

Halam, Ann Siberia

F HAL:A

When Sloe was tiny, her father disappeared and she and her mother went to live in a prison camp in the snowy North, in a time and place when there are no more wild animals. Her mother's crime: teaching science; and her dedication to the hope that the lost animal species can be reborn.

Hoban, Russell Riddley Walker

F HOB:R

Set in a post-apocalyptic England, Riddley Walker tells the tale of one twelve year old boy and his journey through the ruins of civilisation. After the death of his father in an accident, Riddley must become a man. But his inquiring mind and strange ways set him apart from his people, and when he discovers a relic of the old time, he sets in motion a chain of events that may well lead to the end of the world (again).

Howey, Hugh Wool (Wool trilogy, book 1)

F HOW:H

Also available as an eBook.

In a ruined and hostile landscape, in a future few have been unlucky enough to survive, a community exists in a giant underground silo. Inside, men and women live an enclosed life full of rules and regulations, of secrets and lies. To live, you must follow the rules. But some don't.

Howey, Hugh Shift (Wool trilogy, book 2)

F HOW:H

Also available as an eBook.

In a future less than fifty years away, the world is still as we know it. Time continues to tick by. The truth is that it is ticking away. A powerful few know what lies ahead. They are preparing for it. They are trying to protect us. They are setting us on a path from which we can never return. A path that will lead to destruction; a path that will take us below ground. The history of the silo is about to be written. Our future is about to begin.

Howey, Hugh Dust (Wool trilogy, book 3)

F HOW:H

Also available as an eBook.

In the aftermath of the uprising, the people of Silo 18 are coming to terms with a new order. Some embrace the change, others fear the unknown; none have control of their fate. The Silo is still in danger. There are those set on its destruction. Jules knows they must be stopped. The battle has been won. The war is just beginning.

Howey, Hugh Sand

F HOW:H

The old world is buried. A new one has been forged atop the shifting dunes. Here in this land of howling wind and infernal sand, four siblings find themselves scattered and lost. Their father was a sand diver, one of the elite few who could travel deep beneath the desert floor and bring up the relics and scraps that keep their people alive. But their father is gone. And the world he left behind might be next.

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Matheson, Richard **I am Legend** **F MAT:R**

Robert Neville is the last living man on earth ...but he is not alone. Every other man, woman and child on the planet has become a vampire, and they are all hungry for Neville's blood. By day he is the hunter, stalking the sleeping undead through the abandoned ruins of civilization. By night, he barricades himself in his home and prays for the dawn. How long can one man survive like this?

McCarthy, Cormac **The Road** **F MCC:C**

Also available as an eBook.

A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged, nuclear landscape save the ash on the wind. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food - and each other.

Mitchell, David **Cloud Atlas** **F MIT:D**

Souls cross ages like clouds cross skies ...Six interlocking lives - one amazing adventure. In a narrative that circles the globe and reaches from the 19th century to a post-apocalyptic future, Cloud Atlas erases the boundaries of time, genre and language to offer an enthralling vision of humanity's will to power, and where it will lead us.

Mitchell, David **The Bone Clocks** **F MIT:D**

One drowsy summer's day in 1984, teenage runaway Holly Sykes encounters a strange woman who offers a small kindness in exchange for 'asylum'. Decades will pass before Holly understands exactly what sort of asylum the woman was seeking...

Moore, Alan **V for Vendetta** **GRA MOO**

A frightening and powerful story about the loss of freedom in a totalitarian England. The story captures both the suffocating nature of life in an authoritarian police state and the redemptive power of the human spirit which rebels against it.

More, Sir Thomas **Utopia** **321.07 MOR**

Depicts an imaginary society free of private property, sexual discrimination and religious intolerance.

Nabokov, Vladimir **Bend Sinister** **F NAB:V**

The state has been recently taken over and is being run by the tyrannical and philistine 'Average Man' party. Under the slogans of equality and happiness for all, it has done away with individualism and freedom of thought. Only John Krug, a brilliant philosopher, stands up to the regime.

Ness, Patrick **The Knife of Never Letting Go (Chaos Walking
Trilogy, Book 1)** **F NES:P**

Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. And you can hear everything they think. And they can hear everything you think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans. Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run.

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Ness, Patrick **The Ask and the Answer (Chaos Walking Trilogy, Book 2)** **F NES:P**
Fleeing before a relentless army, Todd has carried a desperately wounded Viola right into the hands of their worst enemy, Mayor Prentiss. Immediately separated from Viola and imprisoned, Todd is forced to learn the ways of the Mayor's new order.

Ness, Patrick **Monsters of Men (Chaos Walking Trilogy, Book 3)** **F NES:P**
Todd and Viola face monstrous decisions as a world-ending war surges to life around them.

Nix, Garth **Shade's Children** **F NIX:G**
In a futuristic urban wasteland, evil Overlords have decreed that no child shall live a day past his fourteenth birthday. On that Sad Birthday, the child is the object of an obscene harvest resulting in the construction of a machinelike creature whose sole purpose is to kill.

North, Claire **84K** **F NOR:C**
Theo Miller knows the value of human life, to the very last penny. Working in the Criminal Audit Office, he assesses each crime that crosses his desk and makes sure the correct debt to society is paid in full. But when his ex-lover is killed, it's different. This is one death he can't let become merely an entry on a balance sheet. Because when the richest in the world are getting away with murder, sometimes the numbers just don't add up.

O'Brien, Robert C. **Z for Zachariah** **F ORB:R**
For one long, lonely year Ann Burden thinks that she is the only survivor of an atomic war. Struggling to adapt to the situation as best she can, she sets up routines and keeps a journal. Her solitude is broken when she spots another human being, but she is unsure of his trustworthiness.

Orwell, George **Nineteen Eighty-Four** **F ORW:G**
Also available as an eBook.
Hidden away in the Record Department of the sprawling Ministry of Truth, Winston Smith skilfully rewrites the past to suit the needs of the Party. Yet he inwardly rebels against the harsh totalitarian world he lives in, which demands absolute obedience and controls him through the all-seeing telescreens and the watchful eye of Big Brother, symbolic head of the Party.

Orwell, George **Animal Farm** **F ORW:G**
Also available as an eBook.
At Farmer Jones farm the pigs lead a revolt to drive out the humans and put themselves in charge of the new totalitarian state in this classic satire on communism.

Palmer, Ada **Too Like the Lightning** **F PAL:A**
Mycroft Canner is a convict. For his crimes he is required, as is the custom of the 25th century, to wander the world being as useful as he can to all he meets. Carlyle Foster is a sensayer--a spiritual counselor in a world that has outlawed the public practice of religion, but which also knows that the inner lives of humans cannot be wished away.

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Patrignani, Leonardo Multiversum

F PAT:L

Alex lives in Milan. Jenny lives in Melbourne. They are sixteen years old, and a thin strand connects their lives forever: they can communicate telepathically, but this power appears without warning and only while they're asleep.

Paull, Laline The Bees

F PAU:L

Born into the lowest class of her society, Flora 717 is a sanitation bee, only fit to clean her orchard hive. Living to accept, obey and serve, she is prepared to sacrifice everything for her beloved holy mother, the Queen. But Flora is not like other bees. Despite her ugliness she has talents that are not typical of her kin. While mutant bees are usually instantly destroyed, Flora is removed from sanitation duty and is allowed to feed the new-borns, before becoming a forager, collecting pollen on the wing.

Plato The Republic

LOEB 888.01 PLA:S

The Republic is a Socratic dialogue, written by Plato around 380 BC, concerning the definition of justice, the order and character of the just city-state and the just man.

Redekop, Corey Shelf Monkey

F RED:C

Thomas Friesen has three goals in life. Get a job. Make friends. Find a good book to curl up with. After landing a job at READ, the newest hypermegabookstore, he feels he may have accomplished all three. All is not peaceable within the stacks, however. Discontent is steadily rising, and it is aimed squarely at Munroe Purvis, a talk show host whose wildly popular book club is progressively lowering the I.Q. of North America.

Reeve, Philip Mortal Engines (Mortal Engines series, Book 1)

F REE:P

Set in a futuristic, steampunk version of London, now a giant machine striving to survive on a world running out of resources.

Reeve, Philip Predator's Gold (Mortal Engines series, Book 2)

F REE:P

Fleeing from the grim aviators of the Green Storm, with the cold of the Ice Wastes seeping into their bones, Tom and Hester stumble on the ice city of Anchorage just in time. But Anchorage is not a safe refuge - devastated by plague, the city is barely lurching along and the young margravine is making a last desperate bid for survival.

Reeve, Philip Infernal Devices (Mortal engines, book 3)

F REE:P

The story continues sixteen years after the events of Predator's Gold. The peaceful city of Anchorage is now a static settlement called "Anchorage-in-Vineland" on an island in the Dead Continent. During those peaceful years, Tom and Hester have raised a teenage daughter named Wren Natsworthy.

Reeve, Philip A Darkling Plain (Mortal Engines, book 4)

F REE:P

It is six months after the tumultuous events on Brighton. Wren Natsworthy and her father have taken to the skies in their airship, the Jenny Haniver. Tom is troubled by Hester's disappearance and meanwhile the fragile truce between the Green Storm and the Traction Cities splinters and hostility breaks out again.

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Reilly, Matthew **The Secret Runners of New York** **F REI:M**
When Skye Rogers and her twin brother Red move to Manhattan, rumours of a coming global apocalypse are building. But this does not stop the young elite of New York from partying without a care. And then suddenly Skye is invited to join an exclusive gang known as the Secret Runners of New York. But this is no ordinary clique - they have access to an underground portal that can transport them into the future. And what Skye discovers in the future is horrifying.

Robinson, Kim Stanley **Pacific Edge** **F ROB:K**
2065: In a world that has rediscovered harmony with nature, the village of El Modena, California, is an ecotopia in the making. Kevin Claiborne, a young builder who has grown up in this green world, now finds himself caught up in the struggle to preserve his community's idyllic way of life from the resurgent forces of greed and exploitation.

Rosoff, Meg **How I Live Now** **F ROS:M**
Daisy is sent to England from New York to live with her cousins for the perfect summer. There are four of them, Osbert, Isaac, Edmund and Piper. Daisy has never met anyone like them before. This summer will change her life. It will change the world too.

Roth, Veronica **Divergent (Divergent trilogy, book 1)** **F ROT:V**
Also available as an eBook.
For sixteen-year-old Tris, the world changes in a heartbeat when she is forced to make a terrible choice. Turning her back on her family, Tris ventures out, alone, determined to find out where she truly belongs.

Roth, Veronica **Insurgent (Divergent trilogy, book 2)** **F ROT:V**
Also available as an eBook.
Tris has survived a brutal attack on her former home and family. But she has paid a terrible price. Wracked by grief and guilt, she becomes ever more reckless as she struggles to accept her new future.

Roth, Veronica **Allegiant (Divergent trilogy, book 3)** **F ROT:V**
Also available as an eBook.
The faction-based society that Tris Prior once believed in is shattered - fractured by violence and power struggles and scarred by loss and betrayal. So when offered a chance to explore the world past the limits she's known, Tris is ready.

Sedgwick, Marcus **Floodland** **F SED:M**
Imagine that a few years from now England is covered by water, and Norwich is an island. Zoe, left behind in the confusion when her parents escaped, survives there as best she can. Alone and desperate among marauding gangs, she manages to dig a derelict boat out of the mud and gets away to Eels Island. But Eels Island, whose raggle-taggle inhabitants are dominated by the strange boy Dooby, is full of danger too.

Shaw, Tina **Ursa** **F SHA:T**
There are two peoples living in the city of Ursa: the Cerels and the Travesters. Travesters move freely and enjoy a fine quality of life. Cerel men are kept in wild camps and the women are no longer allowed to have children. The Director presides over all with an iron fist.

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Shteyngart, Gary Super Sad True Love Story F SHT:G

In a very near future a functionally illiterate America is about to collapse. But don't tell that to poor Lenny Abramov, proud author of what may well be the world's last diary. Despite his job at an outfit called 'Post-Human Services', which attempts to provide immortality for its super-rich clientele, death is clearly stalking this cholesterol-rich morsel of a man.

Shusterman, Neal Unwind (The Unwind Dystology series, Book 1) F SHU:N

In America after the Second Civil War, the Pro-Choice and Pro-Life armies came to an agreement: The Bill of Life states that human life may not be touched from the moment of conception until a child reaches the age of thirteen. Between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, however, a parent may choose to retroactively get rid of a child through a process called unwinding. Unwinding ensures that the child's life doesn't technically end by transplanting all the organs in the child's body to various recipients. Now a common and accepted practice in society, troublesome or unwanted teens are able to easily be unwound.

Shusterman, Neal Unwholly (The Unwind Dystology, book 2) F SHU:N

In a society where unwanted and troublesome teens are salvaged for their body parts, Connor, Risa and Lev continue to fight against the system that would 'unwind' them.

Shusterman, Neal Unsouled (The Unwind Dystology, book 3) F SHU:N

Connor, Lev and Risa continue to uncover shocking secrets about the process of 'Unwinding' and the company, Proactive Citizenry, which created Cam, a teen made completely from parts taken from 'unwound' teens. There are plans to mass produce rewind teens like Cam for military purposes, and below the surface of that potential horror lays a sinister layer of intrigue.

Shusterman, Neal Dry F SHU:N

A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.

Smith, Mark Wilder Country F SMI:M

Finn, Kas and Willow have survived the winter of storms. Severe winds and cold have kept the Wilders at bay. Now that spring has come, everything has changed. They're being hunted again, and they won't be safe while Ramage wants their blood. But Finn and Kas made a promise to Rose - to find her baby and bring her back. And finding Hope means finding Ramage

Stephenson, Neal Snow Crash F STE:N

After the Internet, what came next? Enter the Metaverse - cyberspace home to avatars and software daemons, where anything and just about everything goes. Newly available on the Street - the Metaverse's main drag - is Snow Crash, a cyberdrug. Trouble is Snow Crash is also a computer virus - and something more. Because once taken it infects the person behind the avatar.

Sullivan, Michael J. Hollow World F SUL:M

Ellis Rogers is a seemingly ordinary man who is about to embark on an extraordinary journey. All his life he has played it safe and done the right thing. But when he is faced with a terminal illness, Ellis is willing to take an insane gamble. He's secretly built a time machine in his garage, and if it works, he'll face a utopian world that challenges his understanding of what it means to be human, what it takes to love, and what the cost of paradise really might be.

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Swift, Jonathan **Gulliver's Travels** **F SWI:J**

This satirical novel chronicles the fantastic voyages of Lemuel Gulliver. Beneath the surface of this enchanting fantasy lurks a devastating critique of human malevolence, stupidity, greed, vanity and short-sightedness.

Thomas, Lex **The Loners (Quarantine series)** **F THO:L**

When an explosion rocks David and Will's suburban high school one morning, a deadly virus is unleashed on the school. The virus only infects teenagers in their peak puberty years, making them lethal to adults and children until they finish adolescence. Within minutes, every faculty member is dead.

Toutonghi, Steve **Join** **F TOU:S**

What if you could live multiple lives simultaneously, have constant, perfect companionship, and never die? That's the promise of Join, a revolutionary technology that allows small groups of minds to unite, forming a single consciousness that experiences the world through multiple bodies. But as two best friends discover, the light of that miracle may be blinding the world to its horrors.

Vonnegut, Kurt **Player Piano** **F VON:K**

Spins the chilling tale of engineer Paul Proteus, who must find a way to live in a world dominated by a super computer and run completely by machines. Paul's rebellion is wildly funny, deadly serious and terrifyingly close to reality.

Weitz, Chris **The Young World** **F WEI:C**

Welcome to New York, a city ruled by teens. After a mysterious Sickness wipes out the rest of the population, the young survivors assemble into tightly run tribes. Jefferson, the reluctant leader of the Washington Square tribe, and Donna, the girl he's secretly in love with, have carved out a precarious existence among the chaos. But when another tribe member discovers a clue that may hold the cure to the Sickness, five teens set out on a life-altering road trip to save humankind.

Wells, H.G. **The Time Machine** **F WEL:H**

When a Victorian scientist propels himself into the year 802,701 AD, he is initially delighted to find that suffering has been replaced by beauty, contentment and peace. Entranced at first by the Eloi, an elfin species descended from man, he soon realises that this beautiful people are simply remnants of a once-great culture now weak and childishly afraid of the dark.

Wells, H.G. **The Sleeper Awakes** **F WEL:H**

The story is about a man who sleeps for two hundred and three years, waking up in a completely transformed London, where, because of compound interests on his bank accounts, he has become the richest man in the world. The main character awakes to see his dreams realised, and the future revealed to him in all its horrors.

Wells, H.G. **The First Men in the Moon** **F WEL:H**

Cavor, a brilliant scientist who accidentally produces a gravity-defying substance, builds a spaceship and, along with the materialistic Bedford, travels to the moon. The coldly intellectual Cavor seeks knowledge, while Bedford seeks fortune.

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Westerfeld, Scott **Uglies (Uglies series, book 1)** **F WES:S**

Projects a future world in which a compulsory operation at sixteen wipes out physical differences and makes everybody pretty by conforming to an ideal standard of beauty. The "New Pretties" are then free to play and party, while the younger "Uglies" look on enviously and spend the time before their own transformations in plotting mischievous tricks against their elders.

Westerfeld, Scott **Pretties (Uglies series, book 2)** **F WES:S**

After undergoing an operation at 16 to become a Pretty, Tally is having the time of her life. Her looks are beyond perfect, clothes awesome, and she's completely popular - what more could a 16 year old want? But then she receives a message from her Ugly past, reminding her of a pledge she made that compromises her perfect new life, and the fun stops cold.

Westerfeld, Scott **Specials (Uglies series, book 3)** **F WES:S**

Tally was once a repellent, rebellious ugly. Back then Specials were a sinister rumour - frighteningly beautiful, dangerously strong, and breathtakingly fast. Ordinary pretties might live their whole lives without meeting a Special. But Tally's never been ordinary. And now she's been turned into one of them: a super amped fighting machine, engineered to keep the ugliest down and the pretties stupid.

Westerfeld, Scott **Extras (Uglies series, book 4)** **F WES:S**

It's a few years after rebel Tally Youngblood took down the ugliest/pretties/specials regime. Without those strict roles and rules, the world is in a complete cultural renaissance. "Tech-heads" flaunt their latest gadgets, "kickers" spread gossip and trends, and "surge monkeys" are hooked on extreme plastic surgery. And it's all monitored on a million different cameras.

Wood, Charlotte **The Natural Way of Things** **F WOO:C**

Ten young women wake to find themselves on an abandoned property, miles from anywhere, with two vicious guards and one inept nurse, limited food and being forced to wear degrading, uncomfortable clothes and set to pointless physical labour. What have they done to be punished so?

Wyndham, John **The Chrysalids** **F WYN:J**

The Chrysalids is a post-nuclear apocalypse story of genetic mutation in a devastated world and explores the lengths the intolerant will go to keep themselves pure.

Wyndham, John **The Day of the Triffids** **F WYN:J**
Also available as an eBook.

When Bill Masen awakes blindfolded in hospital and carefully removes his bandages, he realises he is one of the few who can see; almost everyone else has been blinded by a meteor shower. Now, with civilization in chaos, the Triffids - huge, venomous, plants able to 'walk', feeding on human flesh - can have their day.
