

# GREAT SCIENCE FICTION BOOKS AT THE PLEASANTON Public Library

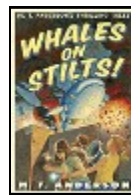
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**WHALES ON STILTS** by M.T. Anderson  
Grades 4-6 (188 p) *Audiobook available*  
Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss whose goal is to conquer the world using an army of whales.



**STAR HATCHLING** by Margaret Bechard  
Grades 4-6 (153 p)  
The female dominated culture of a distant planet encounters human beings for the first time when Hanna, who is accidentally separated from her family, lands there in an escape pod.

**SPACER AND RAT** by Margaret Bechard  
Grades 6-9 (183 p)  
Jack's predictable existence on Freedom Space Station is transformed when Kit, the Earthie rat, enters his life and enlists him and a sensitive robot in an effort to outwit the Company.

**A MATTER OF PROFIT** by Hilari Bell  
Grades 6-10 (179 p)  
Sick of the horrors of conquering beings on other planets, Ahvrem will end his service as a soldier and save his sister from a forced marriage to the emperor's son if he can discover who is behind a rumored plot to assassinate the Emperor.

**GIDEON THE CUTPURSE** by Linda Buckley-Archer  
Grades 5-8 (404 p) *Audiobook available*  
*Gideon Trilogy*  
Ignored by his father and sent to Derbyshire for the weekend, twelve-year old Peter, and his new friend Kate, are accidentally transported back in time to 1763 England where they are befriended by a reformed cutpurse.



**THE HERMIT THRUSH SINGS** by Susan Butler  
Grades 5-10 (282 p) *Audiobook available*  
After a natural disaster has all but destroyed the earth, the orphaned and "defective" Leora, while searching for her sister, defies the oppressive laws of the land and joins a band of rebels trying to overthrow the government.

**THE ENORMOUS EGG** by Oliver Butterworth  
Grades 3-6 (187 p)  
When Nate Twitchell discovers that one of his family's hens has laid the biggest egg he has ever seen, he is determined to see it hatch. When it does, neither he, his parents, the townspeople, the scientists, nor the politicians from Washington are prepared for what comes out!

**THE WHITE MOUNTAINS** by John Christopher  
Grades 5-8 (184 p) *White Mountains Trilogy*  
*Prequel: When the Tripods Came*  
Young Will Parker and his companions make a perilous journey toward an outpost of freedom where they hope to escape from the ruling Tripods, who capture mature human beings and make them docile, obedient servants.

**THINGS NOT SEEN** by Andrew Clements  
Grades 5-8 (251 p) *Audiobook available*  
*Companion: Things Hoped For*  
When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he, his parents and his new friend Alicia, who is blind, try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.



**I WAS A SIXTH GRADE ALIEN** by Bruce Coville  
Grades 4-8 (170 p)  
*I Was a Sixth Grade Alien series*  
When aliens come to Earth on an interplanetary trade mission, Tim

makes friends with the ambassador's son and together they discover a plot to sabotage the mission.

**MY TEACHER IS AN ALIEN** by Bruce Coville  
Grades 4-8 (123 p)  
Susan Simmons can tell that her new substitute teacher is really weird. But, she doesn't know how weird until she catches him peeling off his face and realizes that "Mr. Smith" is really an alien.

**SPACE STATION RAT** by Michael J. Daley  
Grades 4-6 (181 p)  
A lavender rat that has escaped from a laboratory, and a lonely boy whose parents are scientists, meet on an orbiting space station, communicate by email, and ultimately find themselves in need of each other's help and friendship.

**THIS PLACE HAS NO ATMOSPHERE**  
by Paula Danziger  
Grades 5-8 (156 p)  
Aurora loves her life on earth in the twenty-first century, until she learns that her family is moving to a colony on the moon.



**ALIEN GAME** by Catherine Dexter  
Grades 6-8 (284 p)  
As the students at her school become increasingly caught up in the annual game of Elimination, Zoe grows more and more convinced that the new girl in her eighth grade class is not what she seems.

**MY STEPFATHER SHRANK** by Barbara Dillon  
Grades 3-5 (118 p)  
When nine-year-old Mallory discovers that her new stepfather has accidentally been shrunk, she finds herself taking care of him and trying to return him to normal size before her mother returns home.

**THE CITY OF EMBER** by Jeanne DuPrau  
Grades 5-8 (270 p) *Book of Ember series*  
*Audiobook available*  
In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger in her decaying but beloved underground city. She and her friend Doon must decipher an ancient message that may hold a secret to saving the city.



**THE TRANSMOGRIFICATION OF ROSCOE WIZZLE**  
by Dave Elliott  
Grades 3-6 (115 p)  
After constantly eating at the fast food restaurant known as Gussy's, ten-year-old Roscoe finds himself turning into a giant bug.

**ENCHANTRESS FROM THE STARS** by Sylvia Louise Engdahl  
Grades 6-9 (288 p)  
When young Elana unexpectedly joins the team leaving the spaceship to study the planet Andrecia, she becomes an integral part of an adventure involving three very different civilizations, each one centered on the third planet from the star in its own solar system.

**THE EAR, THE EYE, AND THE ARM**  
by Nancy Farmer  
Grades 5-8 (311 p) *Audiobook available*  
In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.



**THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION** by Nancy Farmer  
Grades 7-10 (380 p) *Audiobook available*

In a future in which 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.

**LUNCHBOX AND THE ALIENS** by Bryan W. Fields  
Grades 3-6 (183 p)  
Lunchbox is an ordinary basset hound until he is abducted by aliens, zapped by a mental enhancer, and sent back to convert Earth's garbage into food - a task that would be easier if he had opposable thumbs, or at least tentacles.

**EAGER** by Helen Fox  
Grades 4-7 (280 p) *Sequel: Eager's Nephew*  
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.



## POPULAR SCIENCE FICTION SERIES

Most are shelved in J Paperbacks by first letter of series title  
(may also be shelved in J Fiction by author's last name)

- AKIKO** by Mark Crilley (also in J Graphic Novels "A")  
Grades 4-6
- ANIMORPHS** by K. A. Applegate  
Grades 4-9
- I WAS A SIXTH GRADE ALIEN** by Bruce Coville  
Grades 4-9
- REMNANTS** by K. A. Applegate  
Grades 5-9
- REPLICA** by Marilyn Kaye  
Grades 5-9
- STAR WARS, JEDI APPRENTICE** by Jude Watson  
Grades 3-6
- STAR WARS, JEDI QUEST** by Jude Watson  
Grades 3-6
- STAR WARS, THE LAST OF THE JEDI** by Jude Watson  
Grades 3-6

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**THE EXCHANGE STUDENT** by Kate Gilmore

Grades 6-8 (217 p)

When her mother arranges to host one of the young people coming to Earth from Chela, Daira is both pleased and intrigued by the interest the Chelan shows in the work she does breeding endangered species.

**THE SOFTWARE: VIRUS ON ORBIS 1** by P. J. Haarsma

Grades 5-8 (262 p)

When twelve-year-old Johnny and his sister arrive on Orbis in a space ship of orphans, Johnny finds he has a unique ability to communicate with computers.

**AMONG THE HIDDEN**

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Grades 5-8 (153 p) *Shadow Children series**Audiobook available*

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, third-born Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "shadow child" convinces him that the government is wrong.

**RUNNING OUT OF TIME** by Margaret Peterson HaddixGrades 5-8 (184 p) *Audiobook available*

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to her to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

**DR. FRANKLIN'S ISLAND** by Ann HalamGrades 7-9 (245 p) *Audiobook available*

When their plane crashes over the Pacific Ocean, three science students are left stranded on a tropical island and then imprisoned by a doctor who is performing horrifying experiments on humans involving the transfer of animal genes.

**HOLE IN THE SKY** by Pete Hautman

Grades 6-8 (179 p)

In a future world ravaged by a mutant virus, sixteen-year-old Ceej and three other teenagers seek to save the Grand Canyon from being flooded, while trying to avoid capture by a band of renegade Survivors.

**TUNNEL IN THE SKY** by Robert Heinlein

Grades 4-8 (273 p)

A high school senior goes through the gate to an unknown planet for a two-to-ten day final exam in Advanced Survival. He soon realizes something is terribly wrong.

**ALIEN SECRETS** by Annette Curtis Klause

Grades 5-10 (227 p)

On her journey to the distant planet where her parents are working, twelve-year-old Puck befriends a troubled alien and becomes involved in a dangerous mystery involving a precious artifact.

**A CRACK IN THE LINE** by Michael LawrenceGrades 6-9 (321 p) *Withern Rise Trilogy*

Sixteen-year-old Alaric discovers an alternate reality, where his mother is alive and his place in the family is held by a girl named Naia.

**A WRINKLE IN TIME** by Madeline L'EngleGrades 5-8 (203 p) *Time Quintet — Audiobook available*

Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

**THE GIVER** by Lois LowryGrades 5-8 (180 p) *Audiobook available*

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories, a position shared by only one other in his community, and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

**GATHERING BLUE** by Lois LowryGrades 5-8 (215 p) *Audiobook available*

Lame and suddenly orphaned, Kira is mysteriously removed from her 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.

**ALIEN IN A BOTTLE** by Kathy Mackel

Grades 3-7 (194 p)

With the help of a star-gazing classmate and an unusual assortment of aliens from outer space, teenager Sean Winger tries to find a way to convince his parents to let him pursue his dream of becoming a glass blower.

**DRAGONSONG** by Anne McCaffreyGrades 6-9 (176 p) *Harper Hall Trilogy — Audiobook available*

Forbidden by her father to indulge in music in any way, a girl on the planet Pern runs away, taking shelter with the planet's fire lizards who, along with her music, open a new life for her.

**THE SECRET UNDER MY SKIN** by Janet McNaughton

Grades 7-9 (364 p)

In the year 2368, humans exist under dire environmental conditions and one young woman, rescued from a work camp and chosen for a special duty, uses her love of learning to discover the truth about the planet's future and her own dark past.

**THE GIRL WHO OWNED A CITY** by O.T. NelsonGrades 5-8 (200 p) *Audiobook available*

When a plague sweeps over the earth killing everyone except children under twelve, ten-year-old Lisa organizes a group to rebuild a new way of life.

**THE FALL** by Garth NixGrades 4-7 (195 p) *Seventh Tower series*

Tal is in danger and must embark on a quest into a strange and unknown world of warriors, iceships and magic, a quest that may save his life and hold the key to his future.

**IRON CAGE** by Andre NortonGrades 5-10 (288 p) *Audiobook available*

A young boy who has been in the care of a simple tribe of intelligent animals he calls "The People" has to decide between his loyalty to them and his need to be among his own kind.

**Z IS FOR ZACHARIAH** by Robert O'BrienGrades 6-9 (249 p) *Audiobook available*

At sixteen, Ann seems to be the only person alive after a nuclear holocaust. She is relieved to see a man arrive in her valley until she learns that there are worse things than being alone.

**THE TIME HACKERS** by Gary Paulsen

Grades 4-8 (87 p)

When someone uses futuristic technology to play pranks on twelve-year-old Dorso Clayman, he and his best friend set off on a supposedly impossible journey through space and time trying to stop the gamesters who are endangering the universe.

**THE LAST BOOK IN THE UNIVERSE** by Rodman PhilbrickGrades 5-8 (223 pages) *Audiobook available*

Long 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.

**MORTAL ENGINES** by Philip ReeveGrades 6-8 (310 p) *Hungry City Chronicles*

In the distant future, when cities move about and consume smaller towns, a fifteen-year-old apprentice is pushed out of London by the man he most admires and must seek answers in the perilous Out-Country, aided by one girl and the memory of another.

**BRAINBOY AND THE DEATHMASTER**

by Tor Seidler

Grades 5-7 (311 p)

When Darryl, a twelve-year-old orphan, is adopted by a technology genius, he finds himself the star of his very own life-threatening video game.

**STINKER FROM SPACE** by Pamela F. ServiceGrades 3-6 (83 p) *Sequel: Stinker's Return*

An agent of the Sylon Confederacy, fleeing from enemy ships, crash lands on Earth, transfers his mind to the body of a skunk, and enlists the aid of a boy and a girl in getting back to his home planet.

**THE DARK SIDE OF NOWHERE** by Neal ShustermanGrades 6-8 (185 p) *Audiobook available*

Fourteen-year-old Jason faces an identity crisis after discovering that he is the son of aliens who stayed on earth following a botched invasion mission.

**INTERSTELLAR PIG** by William Sleator

Grades 5-8 (197 p)

Barney's boring seaside vacation suddenly becomes more interesting when the cottage next door is rented by three exotic neighbors who are addicted to a game they call "Interstellar Pig."

**MARCO'S MILLIONS** by William Sleator

Grades 5-8 (161 p)

Twelve-year-old Marco's passion for travel and love for his younger sister Lilly, who has psychic powers, leads him to journey to other universes, gaining the ability to go wherever he wishes without growing old.

**TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA**

by Jules Verne

Grades 6-10 (307 p)

Retells the adventure of a French Professor and his two companions as they sail above and below the world's oceans as prisoners on the fabulous electric submarine of the deranged Captain Nemo.

**EARTHBOEN** by Sylvia WaughGrades 6-8 (273 p) *Ormingat Trilogy*

After suddenly learning that her parents are researchers from another planet and they must leave in seven days or risk discovery, twelve-year-old Nesta decides to stay in their York, England, home, whether or not her parents go.

**SPACE RACE** by Sylvia Waugh

Grades 4-7 (241 p)

When he learns that he and his father must soon leave Earth, eleven-year old Thomas Derwent is upset. But a terrible accident that separates the two of them makes Thomas's situation much worse.

**DRAGON AND THIEF** by Timothy ZahnGrades 6-10 (254 p) *Dragonback series*

Fourteen-year-old Jack is a small time thief on the run. Framed for a crime he did not commit he is hiding on an unoccupied planet where he witnesses a battle between incoming space ships.

**SCIENCE FICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS****MAN ON THE MOON: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF BOB**

by Simon Bertram

Grades K-2 — JPB "B"

Read about a typical day in the life of Bob, the man on the moon, who rockets to work each morning, cleans up after the astronauts, and performs other duties before returning home for a bath and bed.

**WANNA BUY AN ALIEN?** by Eve Bunting

Grades 3-6 (92 p) J Moving Up Bunting

For his eleventh birthday Ben receives an offer of a ride to the planet Cham with an alien named Iku, but when the appointed meeting time arrives Ben is not sure if he faces an exciting opportunity or horrible danger.

**FIRST GRADERS FROM MARS, EPISODE I: HORUS' HORRIBLE DAY** by Shana Corey

Grades 1-3 (32 p) JE Corey

As the school year begins on Mars, Horus the Martian gets off to a rocky start, but soon discovers that first grade is not really as bad as he thought.

**DUDE, WHERE'S MY SPACESHIP?** by Dan Greenburg

Grades 2-3 (81 p) J Moving Up Greenburg

When their spaceship crash lands on Earth, Ploo is captured by the Army and taken to the mysterious Area 51. While her brothers, Lek and Klatu try to rescue her, Ploo uses her ESP power to make a new friend.

**THE IRON GIANT** by Ted Hughes

Grades 3-4 (79 p) J Moving Up Hughes

The fearsome iron giant becomes a hero when he challenges a huge space monster.

**MOO COW KBOOM!** by Thatcher Hurd

Grades K-2 — JPB "H"

Farmer George's Moo Cow is "cownapped" by a space cowboy and taken to Planet 246 to compete in the intergalactic rodeo.

**ALIEN AND POSSUM: HANGING OUT**

by Tony Johnston

Grades K-2 (48 p) JE Johnston

Two good friends, Alien and Possum, spend time together celebrating their birthdays, discovering their uniqueness, and hanging out together in a tree.

**CAPTAIN RAPTOR AND THE MOON MYSTERY**

by Kevin O'Malley

Grades K-3 — JPB "O"

When something lands on one of the moons of the planet Jurassica, Captain Raptor and his spaceship crew go to investigate.

**GALACTIC CRISIS!** by Ryder Windham

Grades 2-4 (48 p) J Moving Up Windham

Brief history of Star Wars from the first battles of the clone wars to the dramatic events in *Revenge of the Sith*.

**THE BIG SCIENCE FAIR** by Dan Yaccarino

Grades 2-5 (40 p) J Moving Up Yaccarino

*Blast Off Boy and Blorp series*

As students from planet Earth and Meep prepare for the science fair, Blast Off Boy is worried about his project.