

## Realistic Science Fiction

*Science Fiction books for teens that are a tad more believable than the rest!*



<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<i>The Diary of Pelly D</i>	L. J. Adlington	<b>YA FIC ADL</b>
<p>Tony V lives in a futuristic society, and his job is to drill through the ruins of past destructions. While working in City 5 one day, Tony unearths a diary of a young girl named Pelly D. Tony V begins to read the diary, and he discovers a horrific story about a beautiful girl who was shunned by society for her race.</p>		
<i>Feed</i>	M. T. Anderson	<b>YA AND</b>
<p>In this futuristic society, nearly everyone has a computer implanted into his or her head that “feeds” them all the commercial and materialistic information that society would like them to know. When Titus meets a girl who refuses to join the mob of wired teens, he discovers that her rebellion will not be tolerated by the mob for long.</p>		
<i>Abarat</i>	Clive Barker	<b>YA FIC BAR</b>
<p>Candy Quackenbush of Chickentown, Minnesota discovers a strange pool outside her town one day and decides to dive in. She emerges in a new land called Abarat that is filled with danger and adventure.</p>		
<i>A Great and Terrible Beauty</i>	Libba Bray	<b>YA FIC BRA</b>
<p>In 1896, sixteen-year-old Gemma got into a huge argument with her mother because Gemma wanted to leave their home in India to attend a boarding school in England. After the argument, Gemma runs away, but she has a vision of her mother’s death after she leaves and returns to discover that the vision was real.</p>		
<i>The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm</i>	Nancy Farmer	<b>YA FAR</b>
<p>In the year 2194, 13-year-old Tendai and his younger sister, Rita, run away from their over-controlling family in Zimbabwe to seek adventure. The siblings are kidnapped by gangsters, and three bumbling mutant detectives set out to find Tendai and Rita.</p>		
<i>Siberia</i>	Ann Halam	<b>YA FIC HAL</b>
<p>Young Sloe lives in a world that is controlled by very stringent rules. All wild animals have been eliminated from Sloe’s world because they are dangerous, but Sloe’s scientist parents have been keeping test tube animals illegally in their laboratory.</p>		

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<i>Rash</i>	Pete Hautman	<b>YA FIC HAU</b>
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It is late in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and society has become highly regulated, imprisoning anyone who even shows the slightest threat of being a danger to society. Bo is unjustly accused of causing the outbreak of a rash in his school, and he is imprisoned when he loses his temper.

<i>Blood and Chocolate</i>	Annette Curtis Klause	<b>FIC PBK KLA</b>
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Vivian fell for Aiden quickly. The only problem is that Vivian has a secret- she is a werewolf. Should Vivian tell Aiden the truth, or will it be far too much for him to bear?

<i>Sirena</i>	Donna Jo Napoli	<b>YA NAP</b>
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Sirena is a mermaid, and it is a mermaid's quest in life to lure sailors ashore by singing to them so that they can mate with them and attain immortality. Overcome by the death of her sister, Sirena travels to a desert island to escape. When Sirena discovers an abandoned and dying sailor named Philoctetes on the island, she rescues him and the two fall in love.

<i>Shade's Children</i>	Garth Nix	<b>YA NIX</b>
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It is the future, and seven mysterious overlords rule the world. Children are all raised in dorms until the age of sixteen, at which point everyone mysteriously disappears. Gifted with the power of ESP, young Gold-Eye manages to escape the dorms and join three other escapees.

<i>Airborn</i>	Kenneth Oppel	<b>YA FIC OPP</b>
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This exciting fantasy story is about young Kate and Matt who cross paths when they both find themselves aboard the luxurious airship, *Aurora*. A huge storm grounds the *Aurora* on a mysterious island, and Kate and Matt find creatures that they never knew existed.

<i>The Golden Compass</i>	Philip Pullman	<b>YA PUL</b>
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In this futuristic universe, each human is paired with an animal that seems to be his or her alter-ego. Lyra and her "daemon" (as the animals are called), Pantalaimon, are put into danger when Lyra's father goes on a journey to see if other forms of life exist.

<i>Interstellar Pig</i>	William Sleator	<b>YA SLE</b>
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16-year-old Barney is having a boring vacation in a rented cottage by the seaside when a group of three European-looking people move into the house next door. Charmed by the odd strangers, Barney doesn't refuse when the three invite him over for a game of Interstellar Pigs- an extremely confusing and nonsensical game.

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*The Amulet of Samarkand*

Jonathan Stroud

**YA FIC STR**

10-year-old Nathaniel lives in a London where Parliament is composed of powerful magicians. At age 5, Nathaniel was sent to London to be an apprentice to an old, boring magician. In secret, he studies advanced magic, and he summons a djinn named Bartimaeus to help him steal the Amulet of Samarkand.

*Uglies*

Scott Westerfeld

**YA FIC WES**

Fifteen-year-old Tally lives in a society where everyone is given an extreme makeover when they turn sixteen. The “Pretties” only job after that is to have fun. Tally can’t wait to get her makeover, but when her best friend, Shay, runs away to a colony of rebels who choose to always remain “ugly”, Tally starts to rethink her society’s values.

*Poison*

Chris Wooding

**YA FIC WOO**

16-year-old Poison lives in another realm that is ruled by phaeries and inhabited by trolls and daemons. The people in her town accept their horrible treatment and never defend themselves. When Poison’s little sister is kidnapped by the phaeries, she decides that it is time to fight back!

*Dragon and Thief*

Timothy Zahn

**FIC ZAH**

14-year-old Jack escaped from his apprenticeship with his con-man uncle when he was accused of a crime he didn’t commit. Jack escaped on a stolen spaceship named Virge and lived on an uninhabited planet until a group of K’da warriors crashed there one day leaving only one survivor.

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