

Dystopian

Brace yourself, are you ready to enter a new world?

The Dog Runner

by Bren Macdibble

Ella and her brother Emery are alone in a city that's starving to death. If they are going to survive, they must get away, upcountry, to find Emery's mum. But how can two kids travel such big distances across a dry, barren, and dangerous landscape? Well, when you've got five big doggos and a dry-land dogsled, the answer is you go mushing. But when Emery is injured, Ella must find a way to navigate them through rough terrain, and even rougher encounters with desperate people.

After the Snow

by S D Crockett

Fifteen-year-old Willo Blake, born after the 2059 snows that ushered in a new ice age, encounters outlaws, halfmen, and an abandoned girl as he journeys in search of his family, who mysteriously disappeared from the freezing mountain that was their home.

The Extinction Trials

by S M Wilson

Stormchaser wants to escape her starved, grey life. Lincoln wants to save his dying sister. Their only chance is to join an expedition to a deadly country to steal the eggs of vicious dinosaurs. If they succeed, their reward is a new life filled with riches. But in a land full of monsters - both human and reptilian - only the ruthless will survive.

In Dark Spaces

by Cally Black

Tamara has been living on a freighter in deep space, and her kidnapers are terrifying Crowpeople - the only aliens humanity has ever encountered. No-one has ever survived a Crowpeople attack, until now - and Tamara must use everything she has just to stay alive. But survival always comes at a price, and there's no handbook for this hostage crisis. As Tamara comes to know the Crowpeople's way of life, and the threats they face from humanity's exploration into deep space, she realises she has an impossible choice to make. Should she stay as the only human among the Crows, knowing she'll never see her family again - or inevitably betray her new community if she wants to escape?

Feed

by M T Anderson

It started out like any ordinary trip to the Moon for Titus and his friends. They thought they would party, but then a crazy hacker caused all their feeds to malfunction. They ended up in hospital to lie around with nothing inside their heads for days. Then Titus met Violet, who was a beautiful, clever girl who knows how to live without the feed and about resisting its ever-present ability to sort human thoughts and desires.

Red Rising Trilogy

by Pierce Brown

Red rising, Golden Son, Morning Star

Set on the future planet Mars, follows a miner called Darrow who is born to a lower caste called Red. The society is set in a colour coded caste system. Darrow soon realises he is nothing more than a slave to the elite ruling class. He infiltrates the ranks of the elite Golds and joins a rebellion.

Hollowland

by Amanda Hocking

Nineteen-year-old Remy King is on a mission to get across the wasteland left of America, and nothing will stand in her way - not violent marauders, a spoiled rock star, or an army of flesh-eating zombies.

The Last Word

by Patricia Ford

In the aftermath of a climate disaster, the rulers of the city of Ark blame words for the tragedies of the past. Language has therefore been limited to 500 of the most necessary words, like Eat, Food, Me, You, Them, Water. All other words are outlawed and language itself is dying. Letta, former apprentice to the Wordsmith, is in hiding and teaching language in secret. The leaders of Ark aren't to be trusted but nobody can speak out against their terrible crimes. When Letta uncovers the shocking truth, she'll do anything to bring language back to life.

The Testaments

by Margaret Atwood

The theocratic regime of the Republic of Gilead maintains its grip on power, but there are signs it is beginning to rot from within. At this crucial moment, the lives of three radically different women converge, with potentially explosive results. Two have grown up as part of the first generation to come of age in the new order. The testimonies of these two young women are joined by a third voice: a woman who wields power through the ruthless accumulation and deployment of secrets. Each woman is forced to come to terms with who she is, and how far she will go for what she believes.

The Walking Dead - Invasion

by Jay Bonansinga

From the ashes of a devastated Woodbury, Georgia, come two opposing camps of ragtag survivors. Underground, in the labyrinth of ancient tunnels and mine shafts, Lilly Caul and her motley crew of senior citizens, misfits and children struggle to build a new life. But a secret ambition still burns inside her; she wants her beloved town of Woodbury back from the plague of walkers. The only thing that stands in her way currently roams the wasted backwaters of Georgia

Slated Trilogy

by Teri Terry

Slated; Fractured; Shattered

A trilogy of psychological thrillers set in a no-so-distant future where teen criminals get their memories erased and are given new identities.

Contagion

by Teri Terry

An epidemic is sweeping the country. There is no cure; and you cannot be permitted to infect others. The very few of the infected who survive are dangerous and will be taken into the custody of the army. Young runaway Callie survived the disease, but not the so-called treatment. Her brother Kai is still looking for her. And his new friend Shay may hold the key to uncovering what truly happened.

Divergent Series

by Teri Terry

Divergent; Insurgent Allegiant

Chicago is divided into five factions, all fixated on a virtue - honesty, bravery, kindness, self-denial, and knowledge. You chose your faction as a teenager, but there is an initiation process. Beatrice "Tris" Prior, the main character, tried for Dauntless, the bravery faction. If you loved Hunger games you'll love this series.

World Shaker

by Richard Harland

Worldshaker, a gigantic mobile city, is cruising the world, wreaking ecological havoc. It's a relic of Victorian England, with a Queen and class system of lords above and Filthies below. Col has been chosen as the next Supreme Commander but with the escape of a girl, Filthy Col's safe, elite world is about to fall apart. (Richard is a local author, living in Figtree)

This Mortal Coil

by Emily Suvada

When a lone soldier, Cole, arrives with news of Lachlan Agatta's death, all hope seems lost for Catarina. Her father was the world's leading geneticist, and humanity's best hope of beating a devastating virus. Then, hidden beneath Cole's genehacked enhancements she finds a message of hope: Lachlan created a vaccine. Only she can find and decrypt it, if she can unravel the clues he left for her. The closer she gets, the more she finds herself at risk from Cartaxus, a shadowy organisation with a stranglehold on the world's genetic tech. But it's too late to turn back. There are three billion lives at stake, two people who can save them, and one final secret that Cat must unlock. A secret that will change everything.

Z for Zachariah

by Robert C O'Brien

The post-apocalyptic tale of one girl's efforts to survive alone in a devastated town-and what happens when a mysterious stranger appears. Ann Burden is completely alone. The world as she once knew it is gone, ravaged by a nuclear war that has taken everyone from her. For the past year, she has lived in a remote valley with no evidence of any other survivors. But the smoke from a distant campfire shatters Ann's solitude. Someone else is still alive and making his way toward the valley. Who is this man? What does he want? Can he be trusted? Both excited and terrified, Ann soon realizes there may be worse things than being the last person on Earth.

MunMun

by Jesse Andrews

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. There are no cars or phones built small enough for them, or schools or hospitals, for that matter - there's no point, when no one that little has any purchasing power, and when salaried doctors and teachers would never fit in buildings so small. Warner and Prayer know their only hope is to scale up, but how can two littlepoors survive in a world built against them?

Everywhere, Everything, Everyone

by Katy Warner

Even though she lives on the wrong side of town, 14-year-old Santee believes her world is like ours: that running late for curfew will only get you grounded, and that the government tries to keep its good citizens safe and secure. Until one night, everything changes. On her way home from school, Santee takes a detour to the outskirts of town with a boy that she likes, and then finds herself stranded overnight when his car breaks down. When she's finally able to get a lift towards home the next morning, Santee discovers that everything has changed. A 'safety border', a wall, has gone up around her part of town, imprisoning her family and trapping her on the outside. Katy Warner's powerful debut novel is about the importance of hope and standing up for what you believe in. From small cracks, big cracks grow.

Whisper

by Lynette Noni

For two years, six months, fourteen days, eleven hours and sixteen minutes, Subject Six-Eight-Four, 'Jane Doe', has been locked away and experimented on, without uttering a single word. Life at Lengard follows a strict, torturous routine that has never changed. Until now. When Jane is assigned a new - and unexpectedly kind - evaluator, her resolve begins to crack, despite her best efforts. As she uncovers the truth about Lengard's mysterious 'program', Jane discovers that her own secret is at the heart of a sinister plot. And one wrong move, one wrong word, could change the world.

And of course, the very popular:

The Hunger Games series

by Suzanne Collins

A terrifying reality TV show selects twelve boys and twelve girls, forcing them to compete live. There is only one rule, kill or be killed. Katniss is horrified when her younger, gentle sister is selected and volunteers in her place. She faces violent events that she does not believe she can survive. Includes cruelty and violence.