

Black Sci-Fi and Fantasy

We have selected 20 Afrofuturism books celebrating the best in Black Sci-Fi and Fantasy. Some authors such as Octavia E Butler have written other books, which are also available for loan.

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Adrienne Maree Brown and Walidah Imarisha (Editors)
Octavia's Brood

An anthology of short stories that explore the connections between radical speculative fiction and movements for social change.

Octavia E Butler
Dawn

One woman is called upon to rebuild the future of humankind after a nuclear war, in this revelatory post-apocalyptic tale.

Octavia E Butler
Parable of the Sower

In the year 2025 on the outskirts of Los Angeles, Lauren Olamina is left to fend for herself when a fire destroys her family's compound. While making her way to safety she comes up with an idea that may save all mankind.

Bill Campbell and Edward Austin Hall (Editors)
Mothership: Tales From Afrofuturism and Beyond

A ground-breaking speculative fiction anthology that showcases the work from some of the most talented writers inside and outside speculative fiction across the globe.

Samuel R Delany
Dhalgren

A young man arrives in the anarchic city of Bellona, in a near future USA. The man, known only as 'the Kid', begins to write a novel called Dhalgren that begins where it ends.

Nicky Drayden
The Prey of Gods

In 2064 South Africa it's up to a ragtag team of unlikely heroes — a young Zulu girl with superhuman strength, a queer teen who can control minds, a pop diva, and a politician — to save the world.

Roxane Gay
Black Panther: World of Wakanda

What happens when your nation needs your hearts and minds, but you already gave them to each other?

Nalo Hopkinson
Brown Girl in the Ring

The rich and the privileged have fled the city, barricaded it behind roadblocks, and left it to crumble. But now the moneyed need a harvest of bodies, and so they prey upon the helpless of the streets.

Nalo Hopkinson
Falling in Love With Hominids

Comprises over a dozen years of Hopkinson's new, uncollected fiction, which draws from Afro Caribbean folklore.

N K Jemisin
The Fifth Season

This is the Stillness, a land long familiar with catastrophe, where the power of the earth is wielded as a weapon. And where there is no mercy.

N K Jemisin

How Long 'til Black Future Month?

In this collection of short stories, Jemisin shares political commentary in a captivating and creative way.

Nnedi Okorafor

Binti

Binti has just been invited to study at the best university in the galaxy. However, accepting will mean putting herself in the middle of a war with a terrifying alien race.

Nnedi Okorafor

Who Fears Death

In post-apocalyptic Africa, a woman gives birth to a baby after being raped by one of the generals who destroyed her village.

Tochi Onyebuchi

Riot Baby

Ella has a Thing. She sees a classmate grow up to become a caring nurse. A neighbour's son murdered in a drive-by shooting. Things that haven't happened yet.

Nisi Shawl (Editor)

New Suns

Showcases emerging and seasoned writers of many races telling stories filled with shocking delights.

Rivers Solomon
An Unkindness of Ghosts

Aster has little to offer folks in the way of rebuttal when they call her ogre and freak. If she were truly a monster, she'd be powerful enough to tear down the walls around her until nothing remains of her world.

Sheree R Thomas (Editor)
Dark Matter

This important anthology explores a century of fantastic fiction by pre-eminent and emerging luminaries of the African Diaspora.

Tade Thompson
Rosewater

Rosewater is a town on the edge. A community formed around the edges of a mysterious alien bio dome. Kaaro is a government agent with a criminal past. He has seen inside the dome and doesn't care to again.

Cadwell Turnbull
The Lesson

An alien race called the Ynaa has lived mostly peacefully among humans in the Virgin Islands. But when a young human boy dies at the hands of an Ynaa, three families find themselves at the centre of a devastating fight.

Colson Whitehead
The Intuitionist

The Empiricists and the Intuitionists are at war within the Department of Elevator Inspectors. Lila Mae, an Intuitionist who is the city's first Black woman inspector, is at the centre of a scandal.

