

## Sci-Fi:

- **Dune – Frank Herbert** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



Set on the desert planet Arrakis, Dune is the story of the boy Paul Atreides, who would become the mysterious man known as Maud'dib. He would avenge the traitorous plot against his noble family and would bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream.

- **'His Dark Materials' series by Philip Pulman** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*) (*BBC TV series*)



Lyra Belacqua lives half-wild and carefree among the scholars of Jordan College, with her daemon, Pantalaimon, always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle - a struggle born of stolen children, witch clans and armoured bears.

- **Leviathan wakes – James S. A. Corey** (*Available on Audible*) (*TV Series The Expanse*)



Humanity has colonized the planets - interstellar travel is still beyond our reach, but the solar system has become a dense network of colonies. But there are tensions - the mineral-rich outer planets resent their dependence on Earth and Mars and the political and military clout they wield over the Belt and beyond. Now, when Captain Jim Holden's ice miner stumbles across a derelict, abandoned ship, he uncovers a secret that threatens to throw the entire system into war.

- **'Artemis Fowl' series by Eoin Colfer** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



Twelve-year-old villain Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. His bold and daring plan is to hold a leprechaun to ransom. But he's taking on more than he bargained for when he kidnaps Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon (Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance Unit). For a start, leprechaun technology is more advanced than our own. Add to that the fact that Holly is a true heroine and that her senior officer Commander Root will stop at nothing to get her back and you've got the mother of all sieges brewing!

- **Room 13 – Robert Swindells**



There is no room number 13 in The Crow's Nest hotel, where Fliss and her friends are staying on a school trip. Or is there? For at the stroke of midnight, something peculiar happens to the un-numbered door next to

room 12. And somebody - or something - is inside. Fliss had dreamed of The Crow's Nest the night before she set off. Dreamed of the gate, the front door and the mysterious room number 13. And dreamed of a voice hissing at each step: the gate of fate. The keep of sleep. The room of doom....

- **Howl's Moving Castle – Diana Wynne Jones** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



In the land of Ingary, where seven league boots and invisibility cloaks exist, young Sophie Hatter catches the unwelcome attention of the Witch of the Waste and is put under a spell.... Deciding she has nothing more to lose, Sophie makes her way to the moving castle that hovers on the hills above her town, Market Chipping. But the castle belongs to the dreaded Wizard Howl, whose appetite, they say, is satisfied only by the souls of young girls....

- **Steampunk!: An Anthology of Fantastically Rich and Strange Stories – Kelly Link and Gavin J. Grant** (*Available on Audible*)



Imagine an alternate universe where romance and technology reign. Where tinkerers and dreamers craft and recraft a world of automatons, ornate clockworks, calculating machines, and other marvels that never were. Where scientists and schoolgirls, fair folk and Romans, intergalactic bandits, Utopian revolutionaries, and intrepid orphans — decked out in corsets, clockwerk suits, and tall black boots — solve dastardly crimes, escape from monstrous predicaments, consult oracles, and hover over volcanoes in steam-powered airships.

- **'The Divergent' series by Veronika Roth** (*Adapted as a film series*) (*Available on Audible*)



For 16-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. Shocked by the brutality of her new life, Tris can trust no one. And yet she is drawn to a boy who seems to both threaten and protect her. The hardest choices may yet lie ahead....

- **Across the Universe - Beth Revis** (*Available on Rakuten Kobo*)



Trapped in space and frozen in time, Amy is bound for a new planet. But fifty years before she is due to arrive, she is violently woken, the victim of an attempted murder. Now Amy's lost on board and nothing makes sense

- she's never felt so alone. Yet someone is waiting for her. He wants to protect her; and more if she'll let him. But who can she trust amidst the secrets and lies? A killer is out there and Amy has nowhere to hide

- **'The Enders Saga' series by Orson Scott Card** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer-simulated war games at the Battle School; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate. Ender is the result of decades of genetic experimentation, Earth's attempt to make the military genius that the planet needs in its all-out war with an alien enemy. Is Ender the general Earth needs? The only way to find out is to throw the child into ever-harsher training, to chip away and find the diamond inside, or destroy him utterly.

- **Ready Player One - Ernest Cline** (*Adapted as a film*) (*Available on Audible*)



Like most of humanity, Wade Watts escapes this depressing reality by spending his waking hours jacked into the OASIS, a sprawling virtual utopia where you can be anything you want to be, where you can live and play and fall in love on any of 10,000 planets. And like most of humanity, Wade is obsessed by the ultimate lottery ticket that lies concealed within this alternate reality: OASIS founder James Halliday, who dies with no heir, has promised that control of the OASIS - and his massive fortune - will go to the person who can solve the riddles he has left scattered throughout his creation.

- **'Lunar Chronicles' series by Marissa Meyer** (*Available on Audible*)



Cinder, a gifted mechanic in New Beijing, is also a cyborg. She's reviled by her stepmother and blamed for her stepsister's sudden illness. But when her life becomes entwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the centre of a violent struggle between the desires of an evil queen - and a dangerous temptation. Cinder is caught between duty and freedom, loyalty and betrayal. Now she must uncover secrets about her mysterious past in order to protect Earth's future.