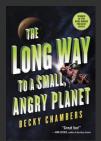


Based on imagined future scientific or technological advances and major social or environmental changes, frequently portraying space or time travel and life on other planets. These titles featuring diverse characters are must reads for every discerning fan.



Becky Chambers The Wayfarer series

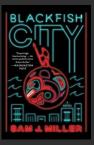
In Book # 1 of this series, Rosemary Harper joins the crew of the Wayfarer, a patched-up ship that has seen better days. But it offers her everything she could possible want: a spot to call home, a chance to explore the far-off corners of the galaxy and some distance from her past.



Yoon Ha Lee

The Machineries of Empire series

Disgraced captain Kel Cheris can redeem herself and save civilization by retaking a key fortress from heretics. Her best hope is allying with undead tactician Shuos Jedao, who has never lost a battle, but also massacred his own army in the process. What fate awaits Cheris in *NineFox Gambit*, the opener of this award-winning series?



Sam J. Miller Blackfish City

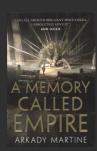
After the climate wars, a floating city is constructed in the Arctic Circle. An odd visitor inspires four strangers who fight to save their city before it crumbles under the weight of its own decay, but not before they learn shocking truths about themselves.



Nnedi Okorafo

Who Fears Death and The Binti trilogy

Born into post-apocalyptic Africa to a mother who was raped after the slaughter of her tribe, Onyesonum is tutored by a shaman and discovers her destiny is to end the genocide of her people. If you enjoy this book, also consider reading the author's multi-award-winning Binti trilogy.



Arkady Martine The Teixcalaan series

This action-packed debut opens with a well-crafted diplomatic thriller that strands its protagonist amid politics and murder. Mahit Dzmare, summoned from home to replace the previous ambassador to the Teixcalaanli Empire, Yskandr, must claim his corpse and save her home world, an object of imperial annexation.



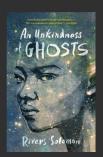
Tamsyn Muir The Locked Tomb series

In Gideon the Ninth, queer necromancers vie for power, solve ancient puzzles, and cross swords while exploring haunted deep-space ruins in this madcap science fantasy series that manages to be both riotously funny and heartbreaking.



K.B. Wagers The NeoG series

The author of the award-winning Indranan War series kicks off this character-driven series with a feel-good space opera. Other military look down on the Near-Earth Orbital Guard (NeoG) making it important that they win an annual all-service athletic and technological skill competition.



Rivers Solomon An Unkindness of Ghosts

In the lower decks of the HSS Matilda, a space vessel run like the Antebellum South, Aster, a dark-skinned sharecropper, faces harsh restrictions and punishment from brutal overseers. But the seeds of a looming civil war hold the key to her freedom.