



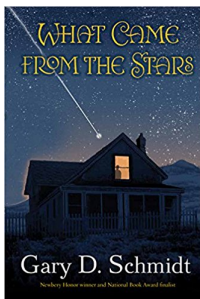
Criterion: I have a 14 year old boy... avid reader... My son just finished the Ender's Game series and is in serious mourning at the story ending. He'd like more Sci-Fi. He also loved The Guardians of Ga'hoole.

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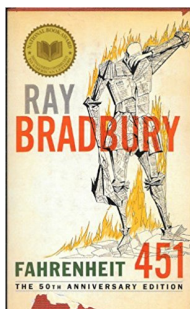
1. A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket – Starting off here with a lengthy funny and bizarre series. There's nothing like finishing a series like Ender's Game and getting wrapped into another. Plus, the Netflix series currently books 1-4 with 5-8 coming out this month, is a really great follow up.

2. Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart – This is definitively not Sci-Fi, but it is a remarkable adventure story through eastern Washington during the pioneer days. It reads like an action movie and includes a face to face with a bear. A BEAR!

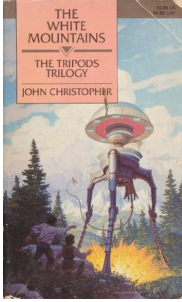


3. What Came from the Stars by Gary Schmidt – This book is a curious piece of fiction. Something strange falls in Tommy Pepper's back pack, a necklace, flung through space from a distant planet's civilization in an attempt to save their people. Alternating between Earth and the other planet, the story has it all – action, friendship, laughter, sadness.

4. The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness – Another book series (3 of them) which takes place in a post-apocalyptic Earth where most if not all of the women have died and thoughts can be heard. Things go sideways when 12-year-old Todd Hewitt stumbles across a girl in the woods by his home. Will be a movie in 2019!

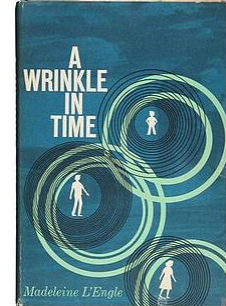


5. Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury – I read this in middle school and it solidified my love of books and stories. A spooky story about a future world where books are banned and burned. Bradbury is one of literature's greatest science fiction authors... he's written for adults and children and all are remarkable.



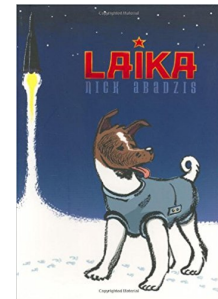
6. The Tripods Series by John Christopher – Four brilliant books about a world taken over by something (I won't give it away) riding in huge metallic tripods. It starts with The White Mountains and kicks off a startling and unnerving adventure. These are largely forgotten, but still just as remarkable as I remember them to be.

7. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle – I will promote this book in the face of the new movie though I'm nervous that, like many with the Harry Potter books, the books will become second place to the film. Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin cross time and space to rescue Meg and Charles trapped father. Hope Larson turned it into a word for word graphic novel which is almost as good as the original. It's one of my favorites of all time.



8. 100 Cupboards by ND Wilson – Henry York moves to Kansas to live with his Aunt and Uncle and one night finds cupboards pushing their way through his attic walls and ceiling. Other worlds and terrifying adventures await. Three books in the original series with a recently written prequel (best read afterwards).

9. Laika by Nick Abadzis – A graphic novel, dramatizing the true story of Laika, the dog sent into space by the Soviet Union. Told from the dogs' perspective, the book is heartfelt, adventurous and, truth be told, kind of sad. But a fascinating piece of history.



10. The Game of Sunken Places by M.T. Anderson – I stumbled across this one and it sort of blew my mind. In summary: two friends, a Vermont mansion, crazy uncles, board games, ritual conflict, enchanted supernatural races, trolls, monks. Yep, strange and bizarre, but really fun... and there are three more books in the series.... And an unofficial number 11... M.T. Anderson wrote another strange and hilarious Sci-Fi series called the "Pals in Peril" series.

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