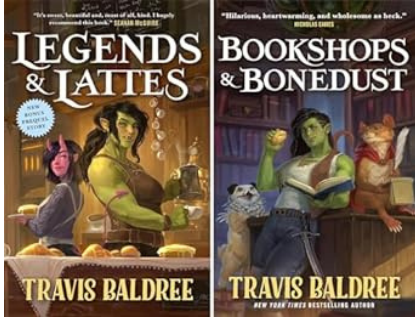


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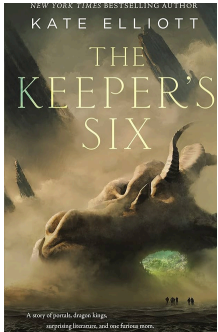
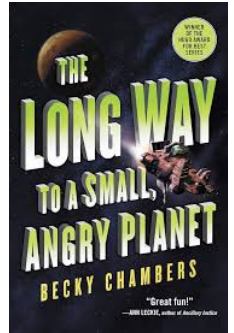
Favorite Recent Sci-Fi & Fantasy Reads (Adult and Youth)



Baldree, Travis. **Legends & Lattes** and **Bookshops & Bonedust** (2022 & 2023)
In *Legends & Lattes*, Viv, the orc barbarian, has decided it's time to settle down. Her goal? To open the first coffee shop in Thune. But things don't always go as planned, especially for a retired warrior, and Viv will have to learn a new way of doing things if the shop is to succeed. *Bookshops & Bonedust* travels back to when Viv was a new adventurer and suffered an injury that stranded her at a small seaside town for several months. (Adult, ongoing series, Fantasy)

Chambers, Becky. **The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet** (2016)

Rosemary Harper is looking for a change when she joins the crew of the spaceship Wayfarer. What she does not bargain for is a long distance, potentially very hazardous job, an interesting crew of lovable misfits, and finding a new definition for the word family. (Adult, finished series, Sci-fi)

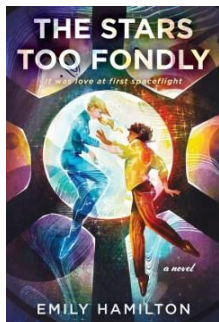


Elliott, Kate. **The Keeper's Six** (2023)

Esther is retired. A forced retirement to be sure, but still a retirement. Until she's woken in the night by a magical cry for help from her adult son. Soon, she's back in the Beyond with her old group of companions, facing down dragons, bureaucracy, and all the dangers of the Beyond to find him. (Adult, Novella, standalone, Fantasy)

Gillig, Rachel. **One Dark Window** and **Two Twisted Crowns** (2022 & 2023)

Ever since she got the infection, Elspeth Spindle has had a monster inside her. He keeps her safe. But no magic comes without a price. When Elspeth has a chance encounter with Ravyn, captain of the King's Guard, she's thrown into a whole new adventure. The two of them and their small band of allies must find the cure to dark magic infection in the kingdom...before Elspeth pays the ultimate price. (Adult, finished duology, Romance/Fantasy)



Hamilton, Emily. **The Stars Too Fondly** (2024)

Here's the thing, Cleo and her friends didn't mean to steal the spaceship Providence, which was supposed to be the ship that helped humanity escape Earth, until launch day went terribly wrong. With the crew now missing twenty years, they just want to investigate. Instead, they're heading for a planet far away, old secrets are coming to the fore, and the ship's hologram is more real than she should be. (Adult, standalone, Sci-fi with a dose of romance)

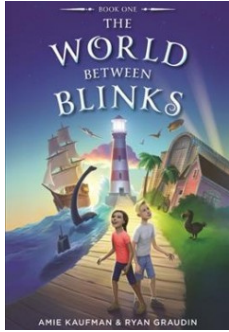
Johnston, E.K. **Star Wars: Crimson Climb** (2023)

Ignore me sneaking a Star Wars book on this list. Look, they are all good and deserve attention. Qi'ra finds herself left behind as Han escapes Corellia. Desperate to find her own escape, she gets lucky when a representative of Crimson Dawn plucks her off the planet and brings her to the attention of Dryden Vos, the organization's leader. Qi'ra then schemes and fights her way to the top. (YA, standalone, helps to have seen the movie *Solo: A Star Wars Story*, but not necessary)



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Kaufman, Amie & Ryan Graudin. **The World Between Blinks and Rebellion of the Lost** (2021 & 2022)

Cousins Jake and Marisol find themselves visiting their nana's cottage one last time after her passing, before it gets sold. Determined to have a final adventure on the beach, the two take Nana's map and row out to the old lighthouse. Things turn adventurous indeed when they fall into the World Between Blinks, where all lost things go. Now they need to find their way back home, but adventures are never as straightforward as we expect. (Middle Grade, finished duology)

McElroy, Clint & Carey Pietsch. **The Adventure Zone** graphic novel series (2018-2024)

Join adventurers Taako, Merle, and Magnus for their hijinks across space (and time??). This series is the graphic novel form of the popular podcast The Adventure Zone which chronicles the Dungeons & Dragons adventures of a set of brothers and their dad. But you need exactly zero knowledge of TAZ to enjoy the comics, everything is provided, even the snarky Dungeon Master. (YA/adult, ongoing series, Fantasy)

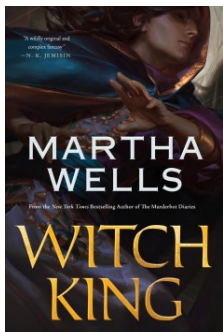


Poston, Ashley. **Marvel's Hawkeye: Bishop Takes King** (2023)

One might argue that Marvel is not fantasy. I would argue differently. Superheroes have powers that don't exist in the real world. Hence fantasy. In *Bishop Takes King*, young Hawkeye Kate Bishop finds herself squaring off against Kingpin after an accidental swapping of bags. Kate just wants her sister's birthday present back. Kingpin wants the supernatural book she's found herself in possession of instead. Add in mysterious cutie Milo and Kate's best friend, fellow super America Chavez and things get heated. (YA, standalone, Fantasy/Supernatural)

Revis, Beth. **Full Speed to a Crash Landing** (August 2024)

Sorry, you have to wait a bit for this one, but I promise it's worth it. We meet our heroine Ada Lamarr running out of oxygen after her ship develops a rather large hole, while in space. She's rescued by a government salvage group, led by Rian White, who then employs her to help them with the salvage. Here's the trick: Ada's got an ulterior plan, even though she won't fully admit it. Rian also knows it but can't quite figure out what. Who's manipulating who the best? (Adult, first in trilogy, Sci-fi)



Wells, Martha. **Witch King** (2023)

Martha Wells has a gift for throwing you into a world and situation and unveiling just enough as you go to keep you absolutely hooked. She's done it with *Murderbot* (read it if you haven't!) and she does it here. Kai wakes, after being murdered, to find that quite a bit of time has passed while his consciousness floated. Not knowing why he was killed or what has happened in the meantime, he collects a pack of misfits to go and investigate. It's likely, though, that Kai won't like what he finds. (Adult, (apparently) first in series, Fantasy)

Nonfiction

Grush, Loren. **The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts** (2023)

One little cheat! A compulsively fascinating and readable story chronicling the lives of the first six women to be hired into the NASA astronaut program. Follow all six as they face rampant sexism, trials in personal and public eye, and put their footprints on the space program, including the tragic story of the Challenger explosion, as it carried one of the original six.

