

Grades K-5 Science Fiction

Picture Books and Early Readers:



Boniello, Alex and April Lavalle, A Case of the Zaps, 2022. JE Boniello

A kid robot named Pi from planet Robot-Earth is invited on a field trip to Olde Silicon Valley, but they are overcome with a scary feeling called the Zaps, so Pi must find the courage to learn how to deal with their anxiety.



Fliess, Sue, Sadie Sprocket Builds a Rocket, 2021. JE Fliess

Sadie Sprocket is a girl with a big dream--to go to Mars! No one has been to Mars (yet!), so of course that's where Sadie sets her sights. She learns everything she can about the planet and space, then assembles her crew of trusty stuffed animals. Together they build a rocket and prepare for the historic journey. And then finally—blastoff!



Keller, Joy, Frankenslime, 2021. JE Keller

Victoria and her assistant, her dog Igor, set out to make amazing slime, but one night their creation unexpectedly comes to life.



McGowen, James, Good Night Oppy!, 2021. JE McGowen

Learn all about the Mars Opportunity Rover "Oppy" in this fictionalized account of the space exploration robot's time on the red planet.



Miller, Kelly Leigh, Stella, Star Explorer, 2022. JE Miller

Stella loves the wonders of Outer Space, but it is only when she meets a fellow space traveler looking for a planet that her eyes are opened to the wonders of Earth.



Virjan, Emma J., Captain Cat Goes to Mars, 2022. JRDR Virjan

Captain Cat and Pilot Matt want to take a trip, so they hop on their spaceship and take off to Mars. Adventure--and friendly aliens--await them on the red planet!



Fiction and Graphic Novels:

Barnett, Mac, The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza, 2022. JGN First Cat

Something terrible is happening in the skies! Rats are eating the MOON! There's only ONE hero for the job, a cat. Accompanied by the imperious Moon Queen and LOZ 4000, their quest is to save the world. Will these unlikely heroes save the moon in time? And will the First Cat in Space ever eat some pizza?



Bradford, K. Tempest, Ruby Finley vs. the Interstellar Invasion, 2022. JFIC Bradford

Eleven-year-old Ruby, a Black girl who loves studying insects, accidentally captures an alien bug, but when the creature escapes and starts wreaking havoc around the neighborhood, it is up to Ruby and her rag-tag group of friends to find this new invasive species before the feds do.



Brooks, Nick, **Nothing Interesting Ever Happens to Ethan Fairmont**, 2022. JFIC Brooks Sixth-grader and self-proclaimed genius inventor, **Ethan Fairmont**, along with his ex-best friend Kareem, and new-kid Juan Carlos stumble across an extraterrestrial visitor they name Cheese, who is stuck on Earth in need of serious repairs, spicy snacks, and total secrecy.



Buxbaum, Julie, The Area 51 Files, 2022. JFIC Buxbaum

When Sky Patel-Baum is sent to live with her mysterious uncle, she never imagines she'll end up in Area 51, a top-secret military base with lots of aliens. But, the aliens are going missing. How come everyone thinks Sky and her uncle are involved in their disappearance? Sky must team up with her pizza-obsessed pet hedgehog, Spike, her next-door neighbor, Elvis, and his fluffy pup, Pickles, to solve the case!



England, M.K., **Player vs. Player: Ultimate gaming showdown**, 2022. JFIC England A virtual tournament is announced in Affinity, the biggest online multiplayer video game in the world, and four kids are invited to compete for the grand prize--and a chance to become a professional gamer.



Lee, Yoon Ha, **Tiger Honor**, 2022. JFIC Lee

Sebin, a young tiger spirit from the Juhwang Clan, wants nothing more than to join the Thousand World Space Forces and, like their Uncle Hwan, captain a battle cruiser someday. Sebin learns that Hwan has been declared a traitor. Apparently the captain abandoned his duty to steal a magical artifact, and his whereabouts are unknown. Sebin hopes to help clear their hero's name and restore honor to the clan.



Lucas, Chad, Let the Monster Out, 2022. JFIC Lucas

Bones Malone feels like he can't do anything right in his new small town, he's one of the only Black kids in Langille and now his baseball team just lost their first game. Kyle Specks feels like he can never say the right thing at the right time. He thinks he might be neurodivergent, but he hasn't gotten an official diagnosis yet. To make matters worse, things in this town are getting stranger and stranger. Bones and Specks find a mysterious scientist's journal that might hold answers about what's going on.



Morrell, Christyne, Trex, 2022. JFIC Morrell

A mystery following Trex, a boy with an experimental implant, Mellie, a reclusive girl training to be a spy, and their adventures together as they're pitted against middle school bullies, their own parents, and an evil, brain-hacking corporation.



Santat, Dan, The Aquanaut: A story, 2022. JGN Aquanaut

Ever since her father was lost at sea, Sophia has been moping around Aqualand, a marine theme park. But Sophia's world is turned upside-down when an "aquanaut" breaks into the park's research lab. To her amazement, Sophia discovers that the aquanaut is not what it seems: inside lives a band of goofy sea creatures! And when they all realize that Aqualand is more sinister than advertised, Sophia is determined to help the aquanaut crew free the park's captive marine life before it's too late.



Warga, Jasmine, A Rover's Story, 2022. JFIC Warga

Built to explore Mars, Resilience begins to develop human-like feelings as he learns from the NASA scientists who assembled him, and as he blasts off and explores Mars, Resilience must overcome different obstacles as he explores the red planet.