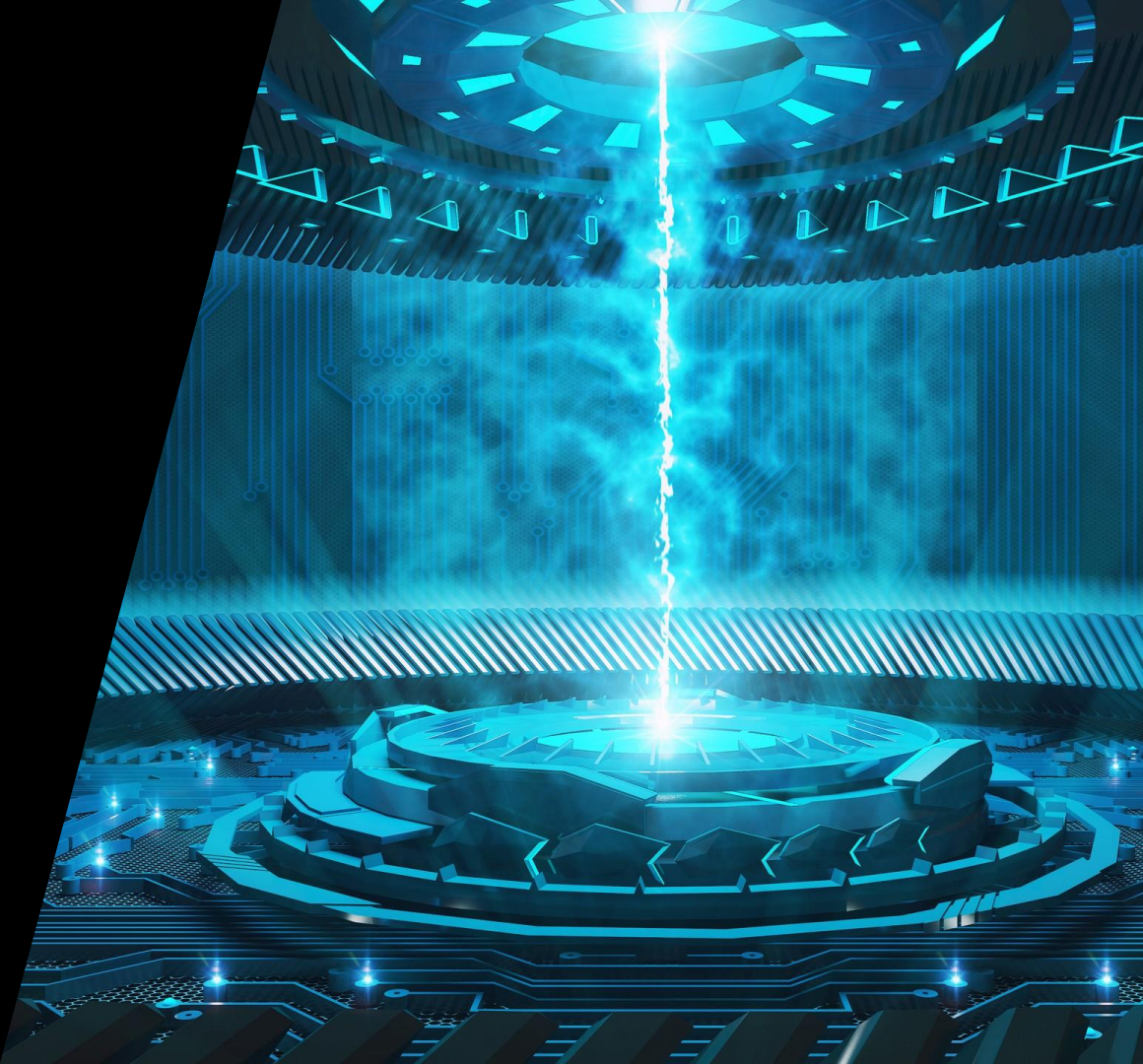


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Meet the panelists!



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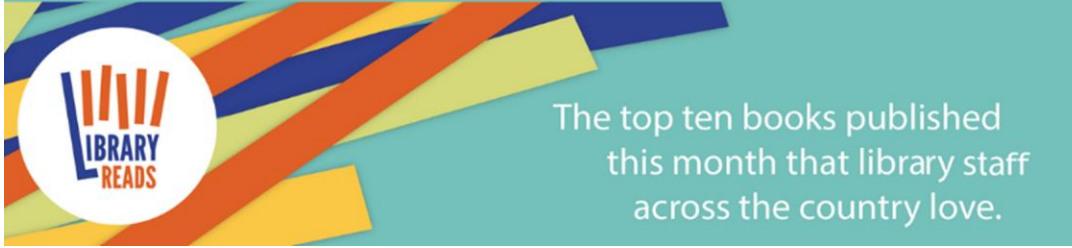
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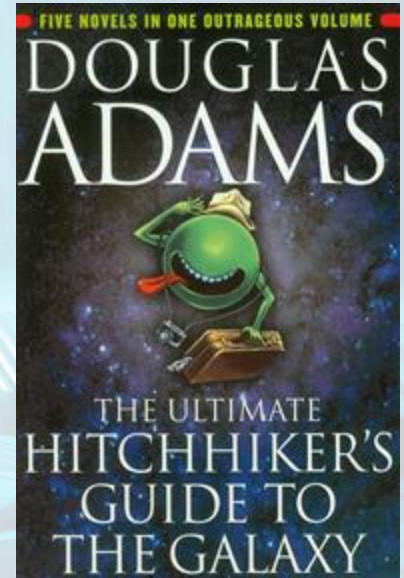
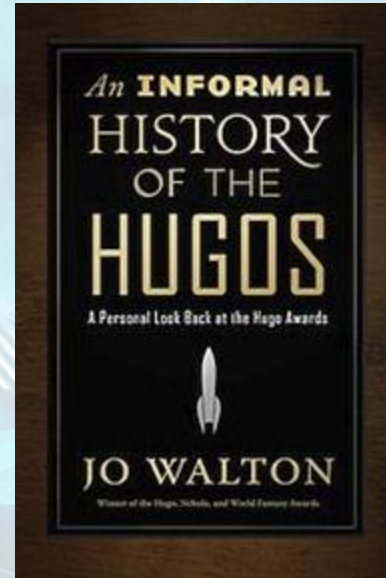
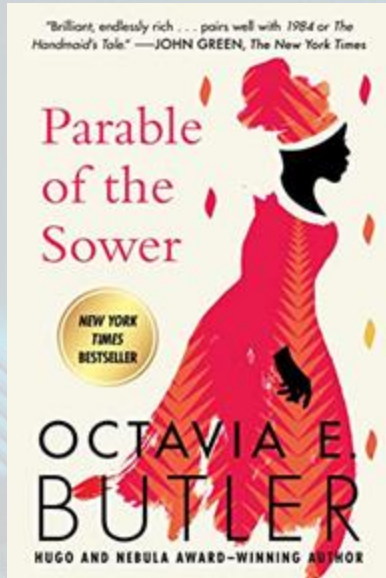


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What is Science Fiction?

A version of speculative fiction focusing on the impact of hypothetical science and technology on people and places.

The Classics

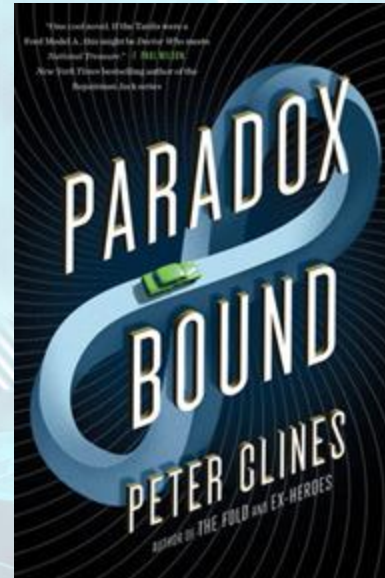
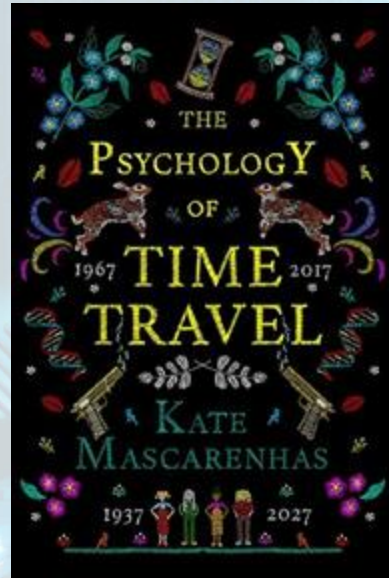
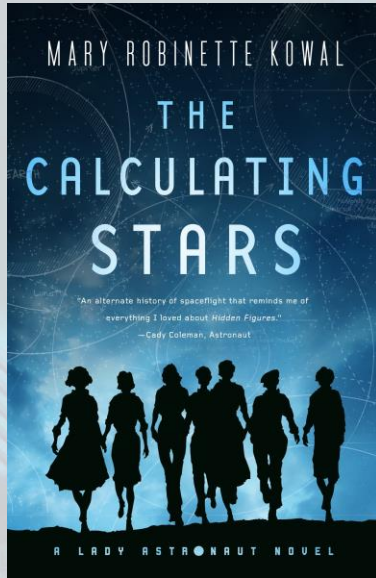


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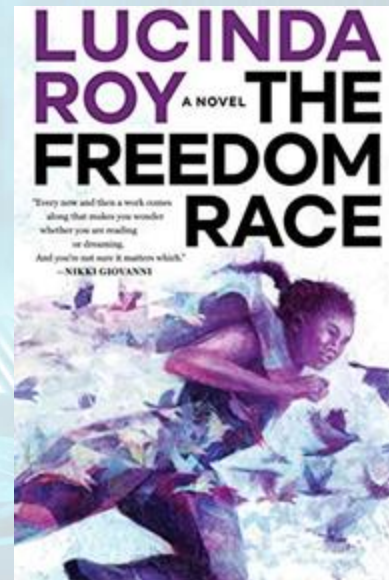
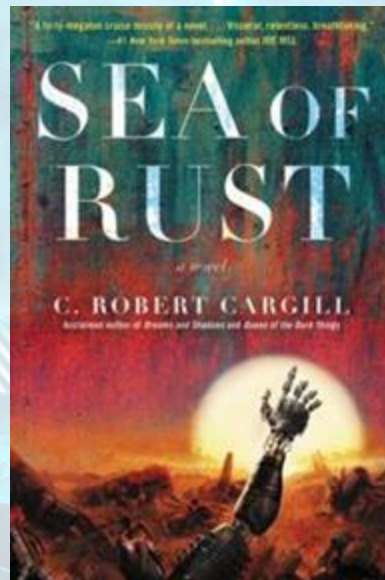
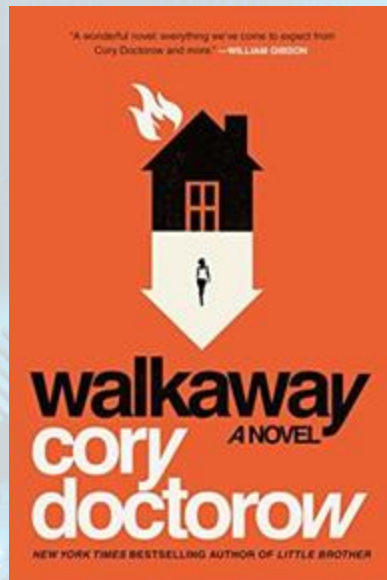
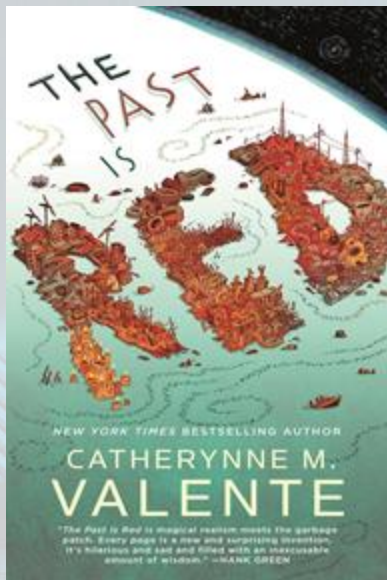
Alternate History/Time Slip

When did it all go wrong?



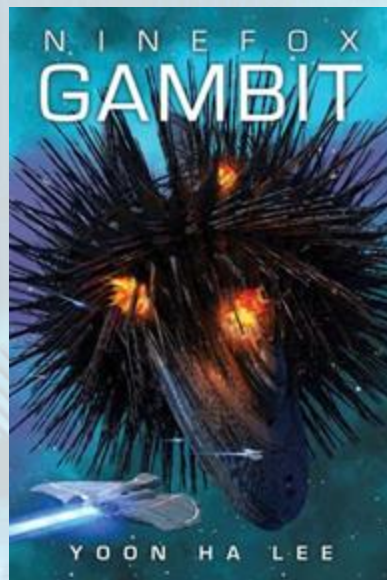
Apocalyptic and Dystopian

Has the world ended or do you just wish it would?



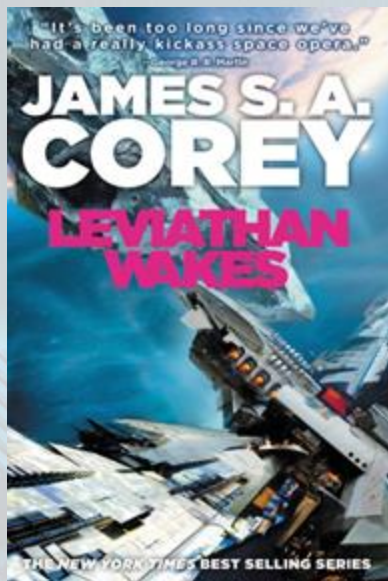
Military Science Fiction

The few. The proud. The space marines.



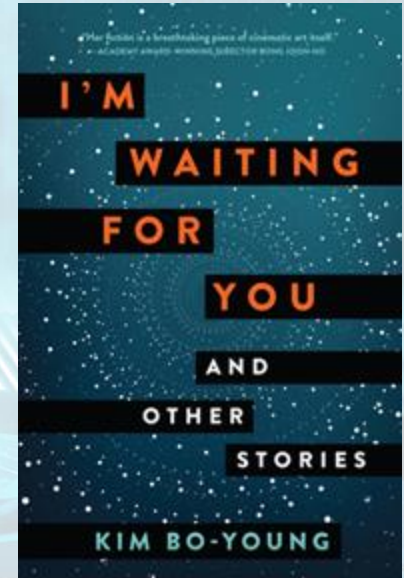
Space Opera

Drama on the largest stage possible.



Short Stories and Anthologies

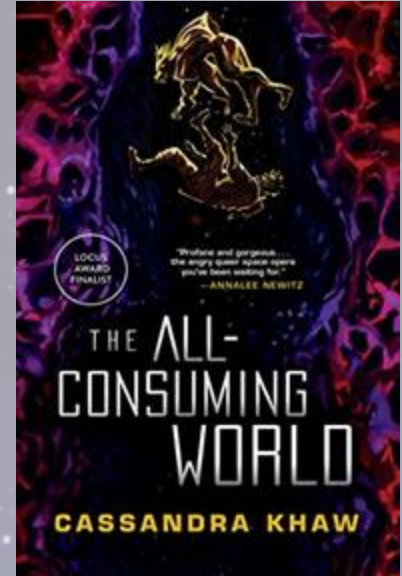
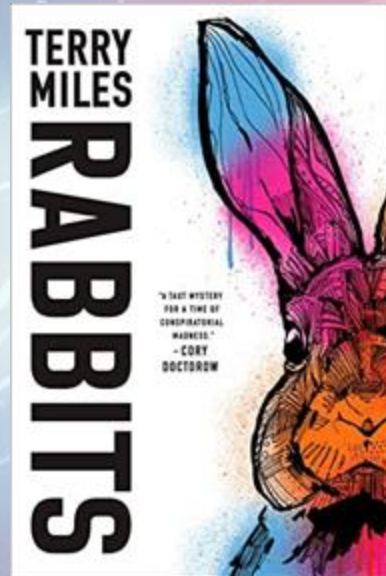
An exploratory mission.



APPEALS



Action-packed Bookshelf blockbusters.



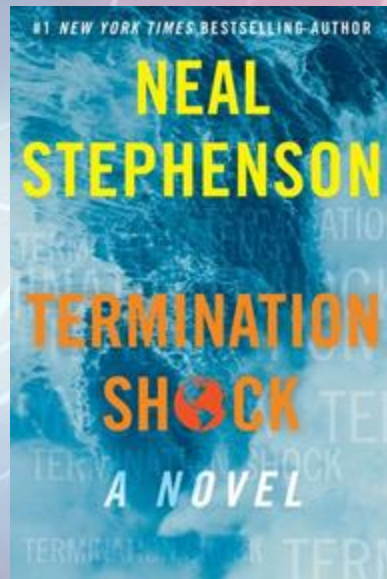
Heartwarming

Feel-good stories.



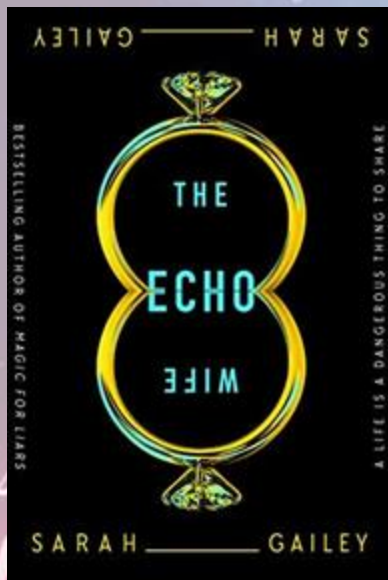
Stylistically Complex

In pursuit of challenging reads.



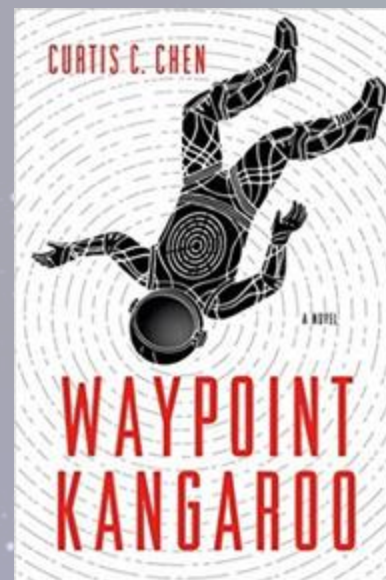
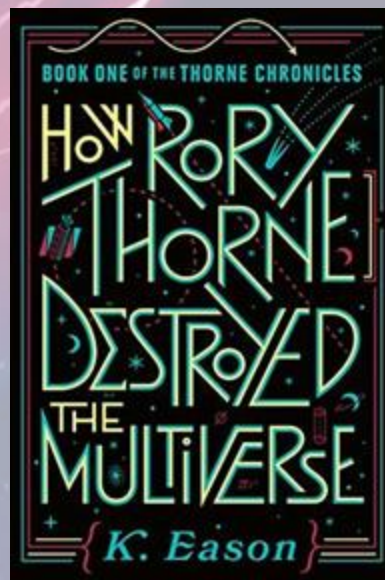
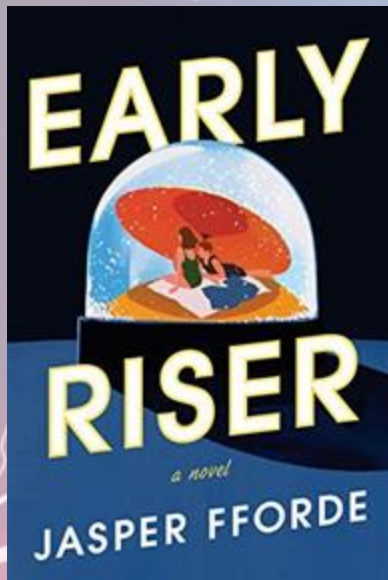
Thought-provoking

What does the future hold if...?



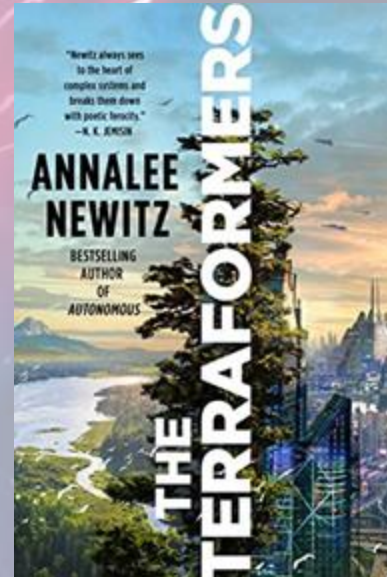
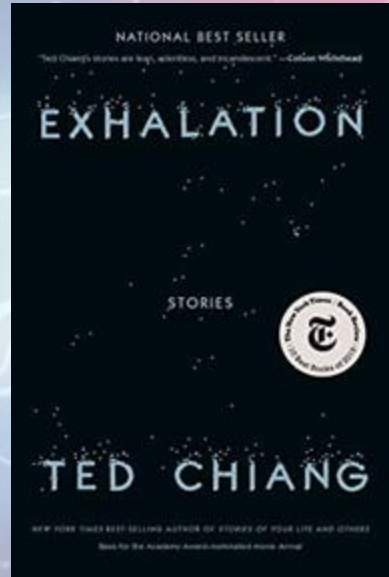
Humorous

In space, no one can hear you chuckle.



World-building

Immerse yourself in these richly detailed worlds.

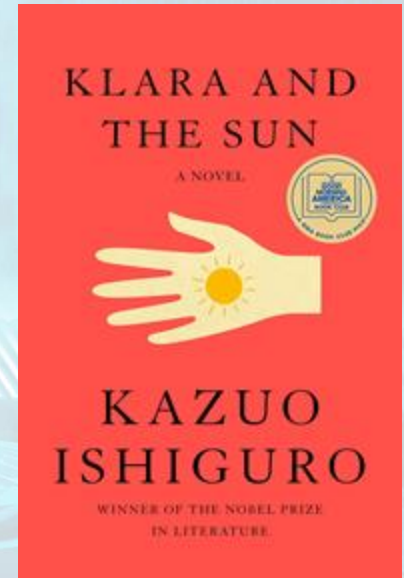
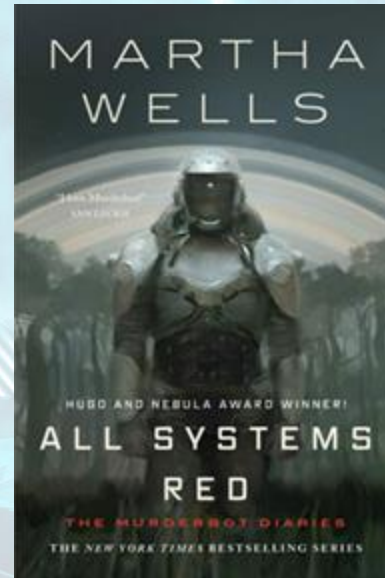
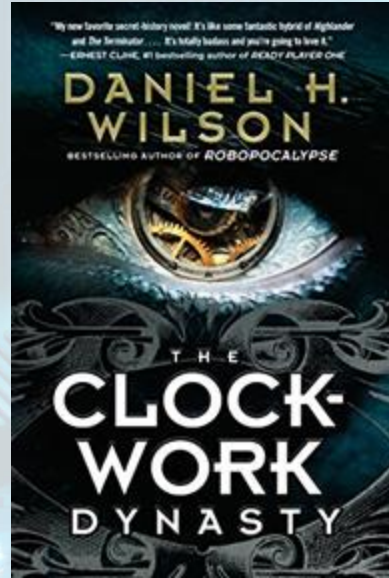
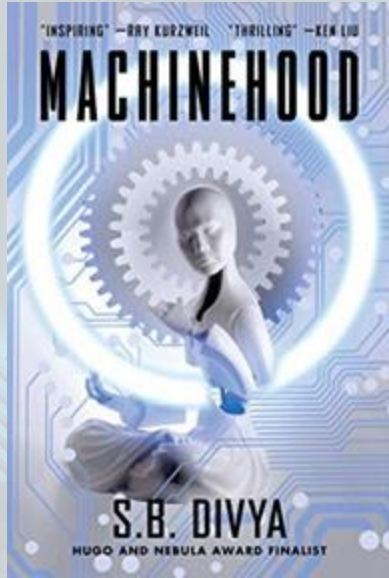


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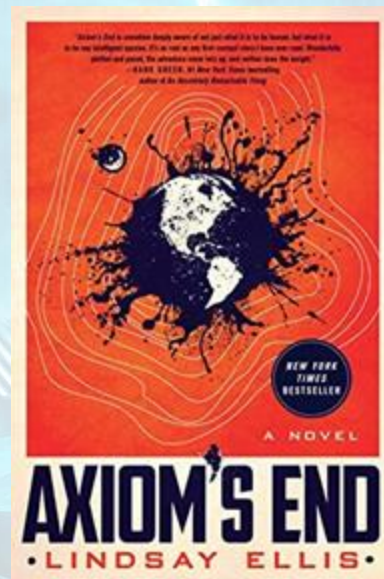
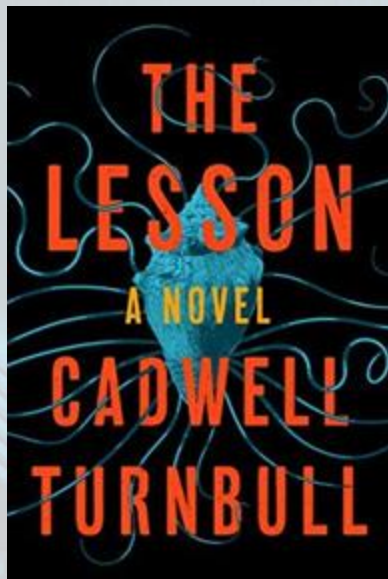
Artificial Intelligence

Robots: just like us?



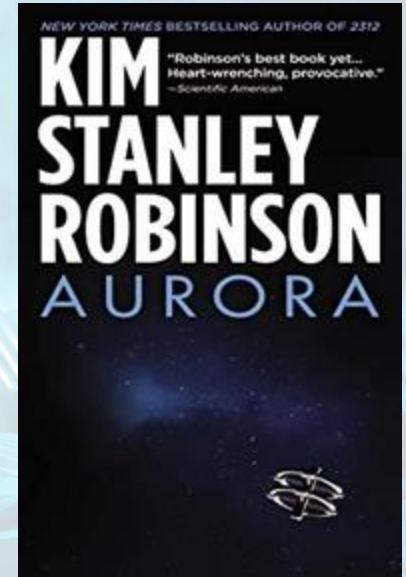
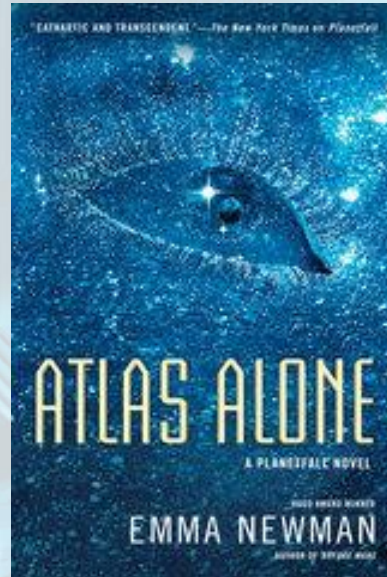
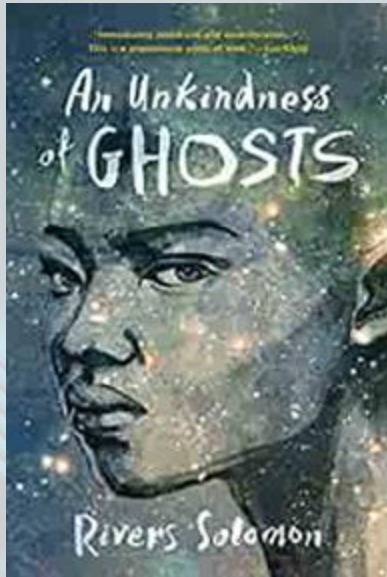
Aliens and First Contact

What happens when humanity encounters alien life?



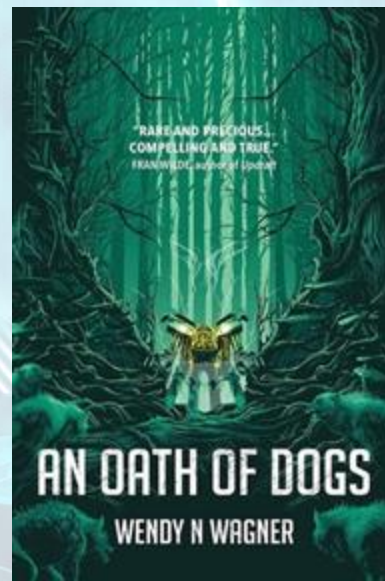
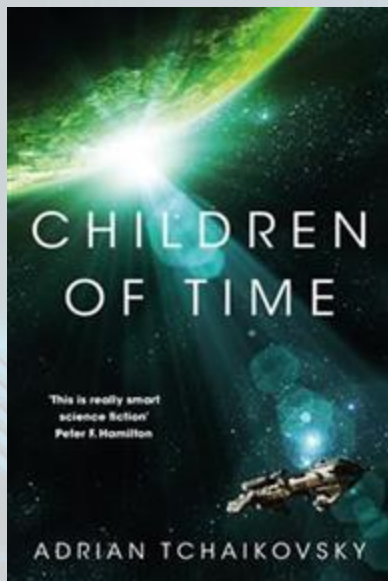
Generation Ships

Life aboard a ship meant to bring settlers to a new colony.



Hostile Planet

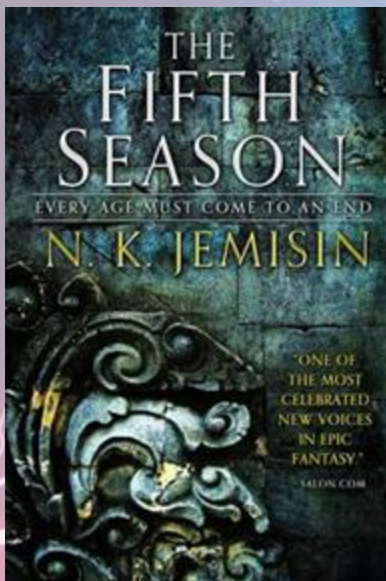
When the ship reaches its destination, it isn't always pretty.





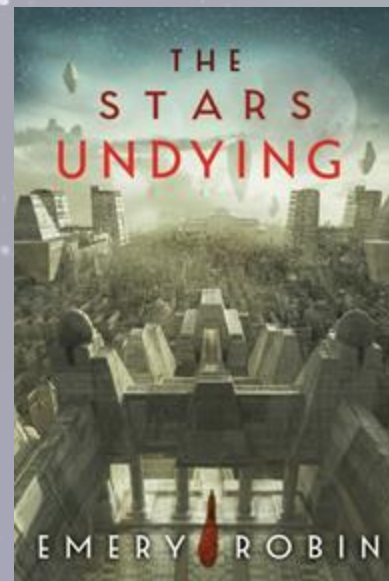
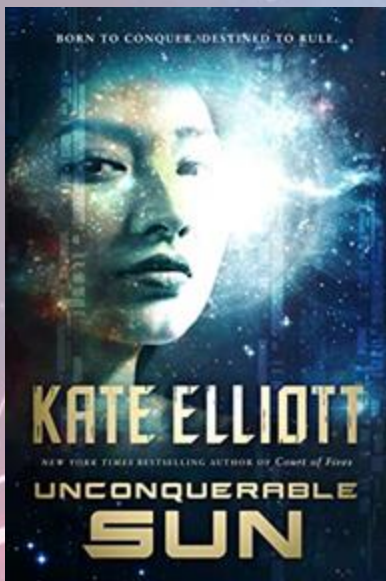
Afrofuturism and Africanfuturism

Re-centering the narrative.



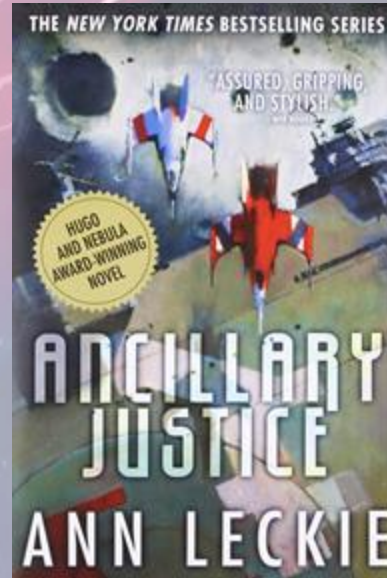
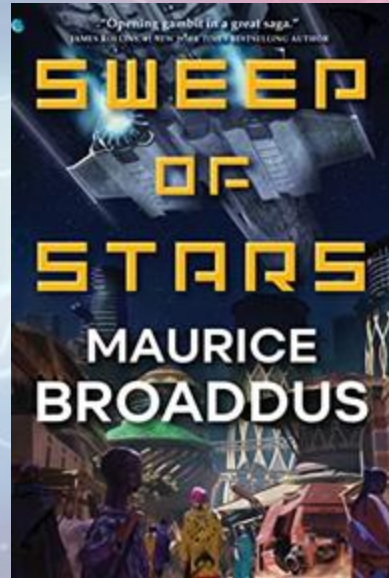
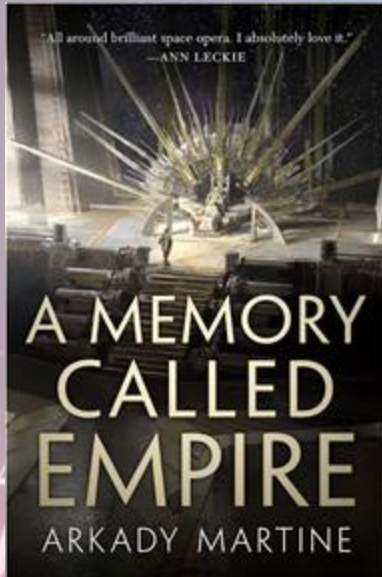
Classics...in space!

Retellings of classic myths and reinterpretations of ancient heroes.



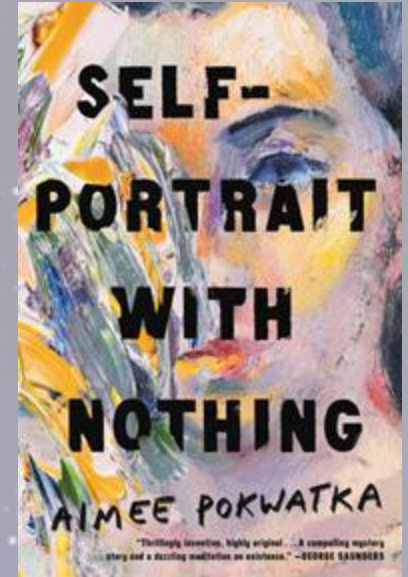
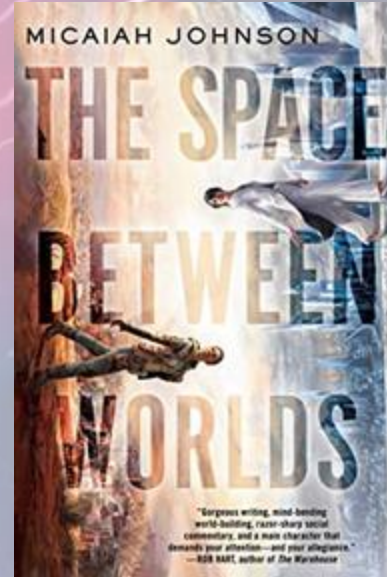
Interrogating Imperialism

Striking back at the Empire!



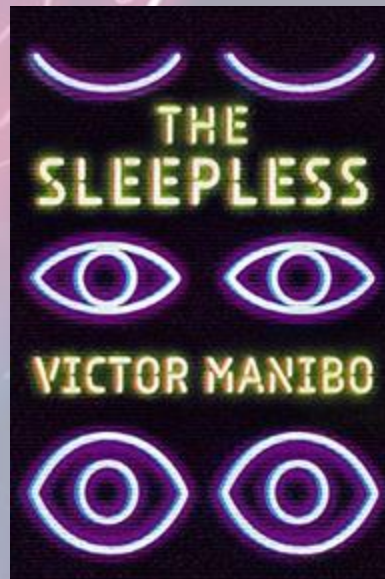
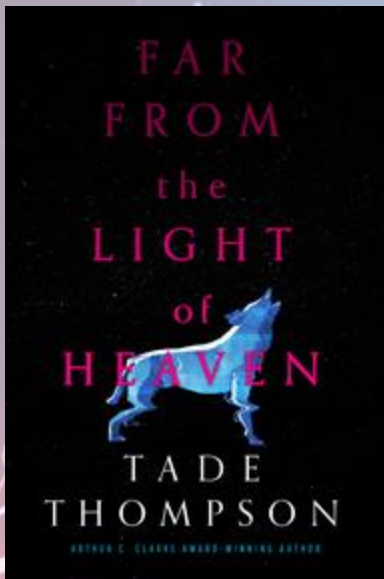
Parallel Universes

There is only one you...in this universe.



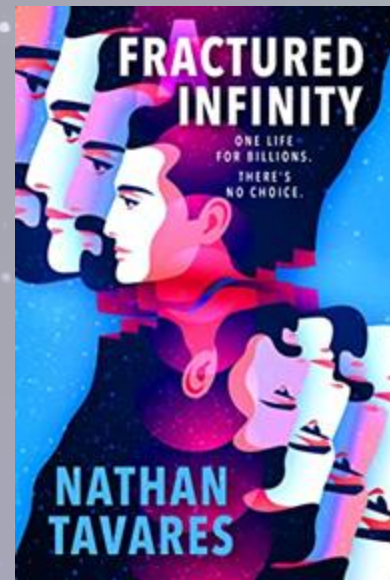
Mystery and Thriller

The robot butler did it.



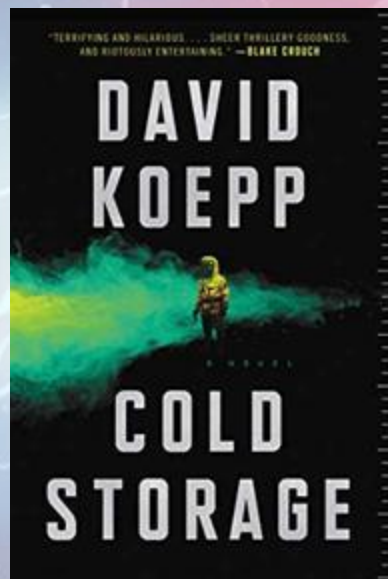
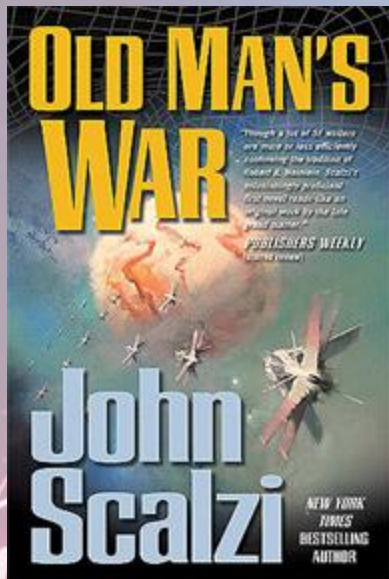
Romance...in Space!

Aliens need love, too.



Reads Like Classic Science Fiction

Dust off a good trope.



Authors to Watch



Adrian Tchaikovsky
Tade Thompson
Sarah Gailey
Lee Mandelo
S.B. Divya
Becky Chambers
Sue Burke
Annalee Newitz
Mike Chen
Simon Jimenez
Rivers Solomon

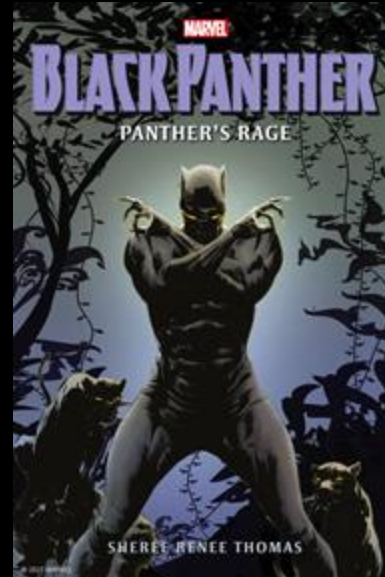
Helping readers

- That genre's for nerds.
- That genre's full of old white men!
- How much science do you want in your science fiction?
- Awards: Hugo, Nebula, IGNYTE



Entry points into the genre

- Superhero stories
- Buzzy books like *The Martian* and *Station Eleven*
- Genre-crossing authors like Lois McMaster Bujold
- Short works

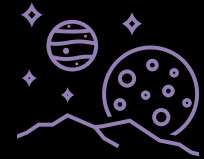


Ask Questions!



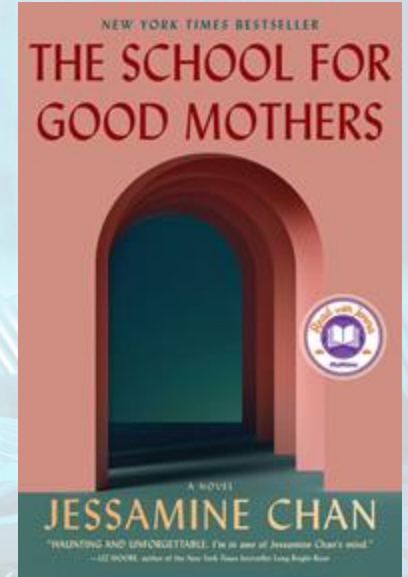
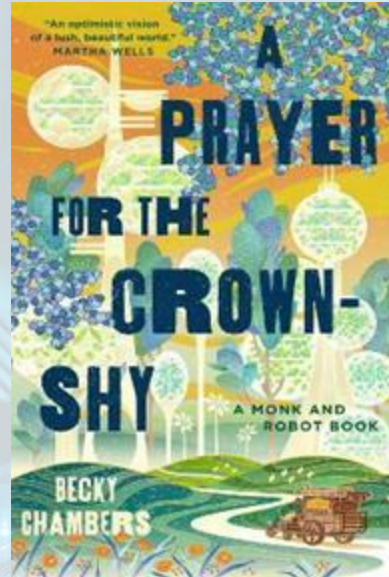
How much science do you want in your science fiction?
Is scientific accuracy important to you?

What kind of pace do you like? Do you want an action-packed read? Or something that is more introspective?



What other media are you into? What Sci-Fi movies do you like? TV shows? Podcasts?

Recent LibraryReads Selections:

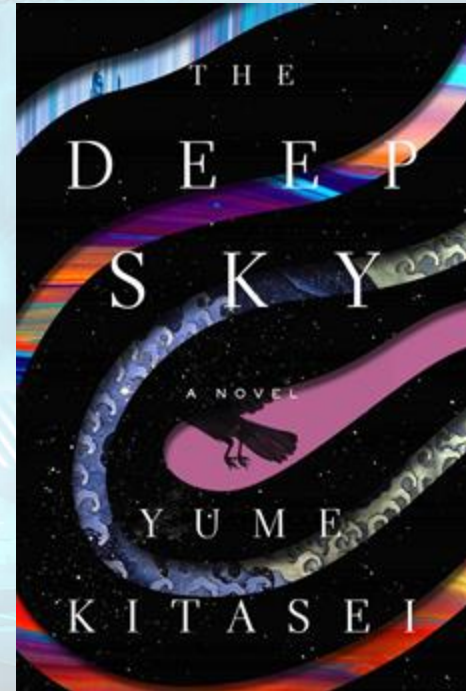
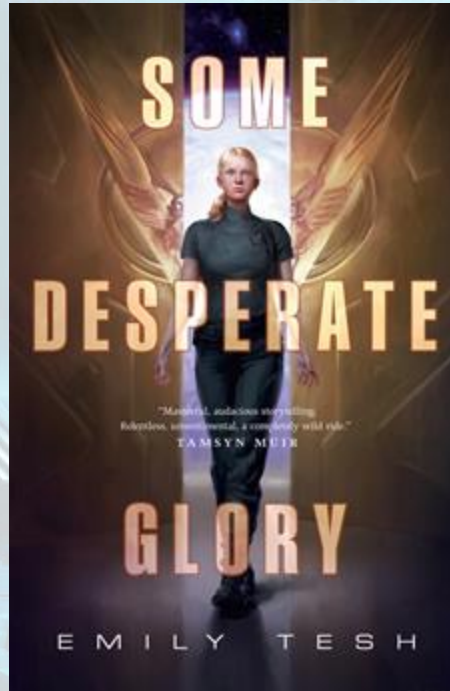


Television and Film Adaptations

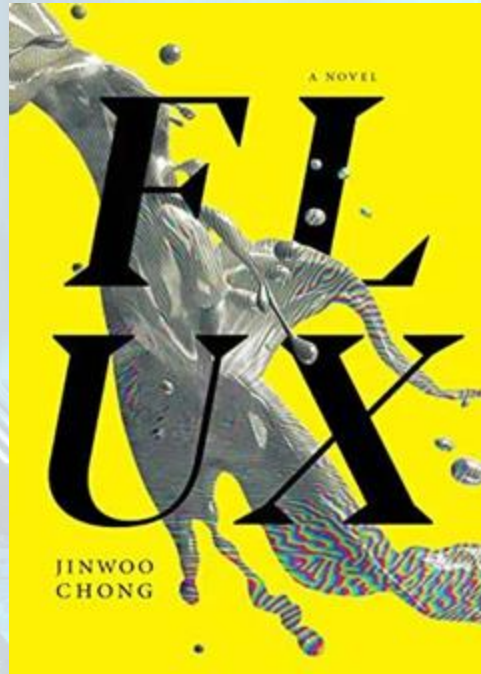
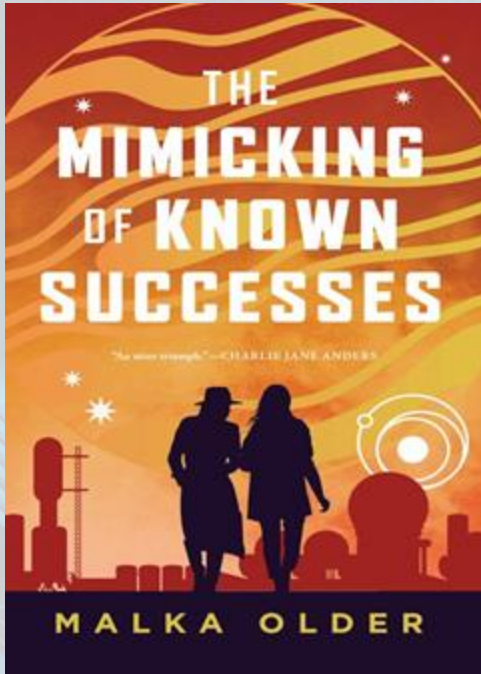
Interpreting older titles for fresh audiences.



Books Matthew can't wait to read



Books Anna can't wait to read

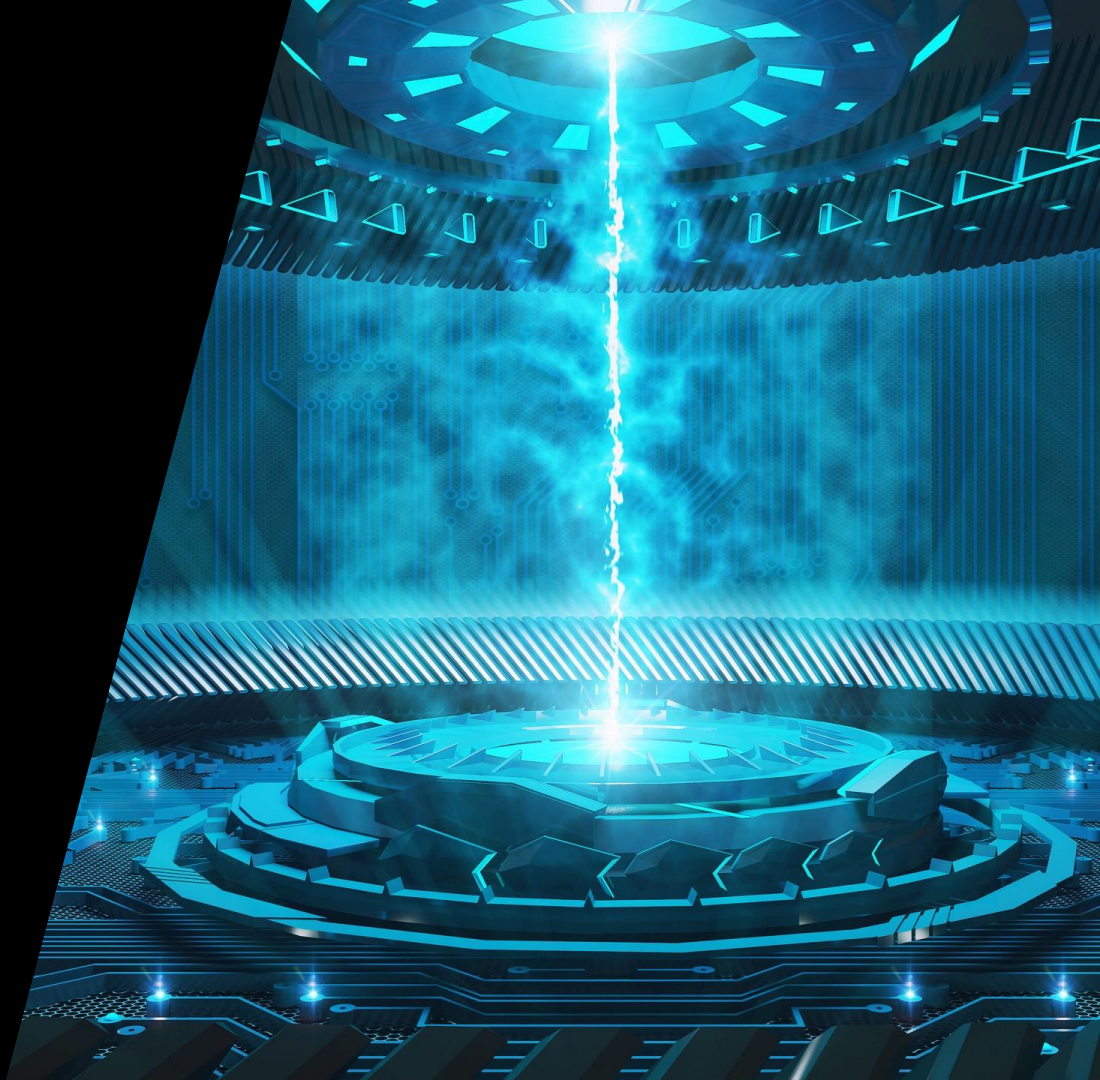




Questions?

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