

Out of This World

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It's been an exciting time for space lovers! The solar eclipse in 2017, the first image of black hole a few weeks ago, and it's also the theme for summer reading at the library this year! Here are some reads if you need some more space:

If you're interested in the scientific side, two great non-fiction titles are *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson and *A Brief History of Time* by Stephen Hawking. Both offer easy to read introductions to space, time, physics, and the nature of the universe. For a historic perspective, try *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly which focuses on the work of black women in the space program during the time of segregation and the civil rights movement.

If you're a fiction fan, try *The Martian* by Andy Weir, about an astronaut who becomes stranded on Mars after a storm separates him from his ship. As he tries to survive in space, people on Earth try to figure out a way to bring him home. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams is a classic about a man and his alien friend who escape Earth when it's about to be destroyed. *From a Certain Point of View* (edited by Elizabeth Schaefer) is a Star Wars anthology with stories by over 40 authors, each one told from the perspective of a minor character from the movies.

For younger readers, try *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs. It's about 12 year old Dash who lives on the moon and is trying to discover who killed a scientist with a secret. *Illuminae* by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff is the first book in the *Illuminae Files* trilogy, which follows a group of young people fighting against a powerful corporation that destroys their planet and forces them to flee into space. It's told in a unique format that includes court files, chat messages, blueprints, and more.

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