Outstanding Science Fiction and Fantasy Books

The complete list of the 235 finalist books for the Science Fiction and Fantasy Vote, nominated by National Public Radio listeners from all across the country and the NPR Science Fiction and Fantasy Panel, is listed below arranged alphabetically by the author’s name.

This listing is printed for the convenience and readers guidance for library patrons.

The First Law Trilogy, by Joe Abercrombie
The Eisenhorn Omnibus, by Dan Abnett
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams
Watership Down, by Richard Adams
The Incarnations of Immortality Series, by Piers Anthony
The Xanth Series, by Piers Anthony
Cat's Cradle, by Kurt Vonnegut
The Caves of Steel, by Isaac Asimov
I, Robot, by Isaac Asimov
The Naked Sun, by Isaac Asimov
The Foundation Trilogy, by Isaac Asimov
The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood
Oryx and Crake, by Margaret Atwood
The Windup Girl, by Paolo Bacigalupi
Novels of the Company, by Kage Baker
The Prince of Nothing Trilogy, by R. Scott Bakker
The Algebraist, by Iain M. Banks
The Culture Series, by Iain M. Banks
The Manifold Trilogy, by Stephen Baxter
Eon, by Greg Bear
The Last Unicorn, by Peter S. Beagle
The Demolished Man, by Alfred Bester
The Stars My Destination, by Alfred Bester
The Black Jewels Series, by Anne Bishop
The Last Coin, by James P. Blaylock
Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury
The Illustrated Man, by Ray Bradbury
The Martian Chronicles, by Ray Bradbury
Something Wicked This Way Comes, by Ray Bradbury
The Mists of Avalon, by Marion Zimmer Bradley
The Shattered Chain Trilogy, by Marion Zimmer Bradley
Earth, by David Brin
The Uplift Saga, by David Brin
World War Z, by Max Brooks
The Shannara Trilogy, by Terry Brooks
Stand On Zanzibar, by John Brunner
The Vlad Taltos Series, by Steven Brust
The Vorkosigan Saga, by Lois McMaster Bujold
A Clockwork Orange, by Anthony Burgess
The Codex Alera Series, by Jim Butcher
Kindred, by Octavia Butler
Lilith's Brood, by Octavia Butler
Parable of the Sower, by Octavia Butler
Wild Seed, by Octavia Butler
The Kushiel's Legacy Series, by Jacqueline Carey
Ender's Game, by Orson Scott Card
The Tales of Alvin Maker, by Orson Scott Card
The Yiddish Policeman's Union, by Michael Chabon
The Company Wars, by C.J. Cherryh
The Faded Sun Trilogy, by C.J. Cherryh
The Foreigner Series, by C.J. Cherryh
The Pride of Chanur, by C.J. Cherryh
2001: A Space Odyssey, by Arthur C. Clarke
Childhood's End, by Arthur C. Clarke
City and the Stars, by Arthur C. Clarke
Rendezvous With Rama, by Arthur C. Clarke
Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell, by Susanna Clarke
The Black Company Series, by Glen Cook
The Passage, by Justin Cronin
Little, Big, by John Crowley
House of Leaves, by Mark Danielewski
Dhalgren, by Samuel R. Delany
Memory and Dream, by Charles de Lint
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?, by Philip K. Dick
The Man in the High Castle, by Philip K. Dick
A Scanner Darkly, by Philip K. Dick
Ubik, by Philip K. Dick
VALIS, by Philip K. Dick
The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant, the Unbeliever, by Stephen R. Donaldson
The Gap Series, by Stephen R. Donaldson
Mordant's Need, by Stephen Donaldson
The Belgariad, by David Eddings
The Worm Ouroboros, by E.R. Eddison
When Gravity Fails, by George Alec Effinger
Deathbird Stories, by Harlan Ellison
The Malazan Book of the Fallen Series, by Steven Erikson
The Riverworld Series, by Philip Jose Farmer
Venus On the Half-Shell, by Philip Jose Farmer
The Riftwar Saga, by Raymond E. Feist
The Eyre Affair, by Jasper Fforde
1632, by Eric Flint
The Coldfire Trilogy, by C.S. Friedman
The Outlander Series, by Diana Gabaldan
Anansi Boys, by Neil Gaiman
Neverwhere, by Neil Gaiman
The Sandman Series, by Neil Gaiman
Stardust, by Neil Gaiman
The Difference Engine, by William Gibson
The Troy Trilogy, by David Gemmell
Neuromancer, by William Gibson
Pattern Recognition, by William Gibson
The Princess Bride, by William Goldman
The Sword of Truth, by Terry Goodkind
The Newsflesh Trilogy, by Mira Grant
Replay, by Ken Grimwood
The Magicians, by Lev Grossman
The Forever War, by Joe Haldeman
The Commonwealth Saga, by Peter F. Hamilton
The Night's Dawn Trilogy, by Peter F. Hamilton
The Gone-Away World, by Nick Harkaway
The Hollows Series, by Kim Harrison
The Stainless Steel Rat Books, by Harry Harrison
The Cat Who Walked Through Walls, by Robert Heinlein
The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress, by Robert Heinlein
The Number of the Beast, by Robert Heinlein
Time Enough For Love, by Robert Heinlein
Starship Troopers, by Robert Heinlein
Stranger In A Strange Land, by Robert Heinlein
The Dune Chronicles, by Frank Herbert
Riddley Walker, by Russell Hoban
The Farseer Trilogy, by Robin Hobb
The Liveship Traders Trilogy, by Robin Hobb
The Conan the Barbarian Series, by R.E. Howard
Battlefield Earth, by L. Ron Hubbard
Bridge of Birds, by Barry Hughart
Brave New World, by Aldous Huxley
The Inheritance Trilogy, by N.K. Jemisin
The Wheel of Time Series, by Robert Jordan
The Fionavar Tapestry Trilogy, by Guy Gavriel Kay
The Sarantine Mosaic Series, by Guy Gavriel Kay
Tigana, by Guy Gavriel Kay
The Deverry Cycle, by Katharine Kerr
Flowers For Algernon, by Daniel Keys
The Dark Tower Series, by Stephen King
The Eyes of the Dragon, by Stephen King
The Stand, by Stephen King
Beggars in Spain, by Nancy Kress
The Swordspoint Trilogy, by Ellen Kushner
The Last Herald Mage Trilogy, by Mercedes Lackey
The Valdemar Series, by Mercedes Lackey
Don't Bite the Sun, by Tanith Lee
The Dispossessed, by Ursula K. LeGuin
The Lathe of Heaven, by Ursula K. LeGuin
The Left Hand of Darkness, by Ursula K. LeGuin
Fafhrd & the Gray Mouser Series, by Fritz Leiber
Solaris, by Stanislaw Lem
The Space Trilogy, by C.S. Lewis
The Lies of Locke Lamora, by Scott Lynch
Wicked, by Gregory Maguire
A Song of Ice and Fire Series, by George R. R. Martin
I Am Legend, by Richard Matheson
The Saga of Pliocene Exile, by Julian May
Dragonflight, by Anne McCaffrey
The Road, by Cormac McCarthy
Dreamsnake, by Vonda McIntyre
Song for the Basilisk, by Patricia McKillip
Sunshine, by Robin McKinley
The City and the City, by China Mieville
Kraken, by China Mieville
Perdido Street Station, by China Mieville
The Scar, by China Mieville
A Canticle for Leibowitz, by Walter M. Miller
The Liaden Universe Series, by Sharon Lee & Steve Miller
Lud-in-the-Mist, by Hope Mirrlees
The Saga of Recluce, by L.E. Modesitt Jr.
The Deed of Paksennarion Trilogy, by Elizabeth Moon
The Elric Saga, by Michael Moorcock
Watchmen, by Alan Moore
Altered Carbon, by Richard K. Morgan
Hard-Boiled Wonderland and the End of the World, by Haruki Murakami
The Time Traveler's Wife, by Audrey Niffenegger
Lucifer's Hammer, by Larry Niven
The Mote In God's Eye, by Larry Niven
Ringworld, by Larry Niven
The Vurt Trilogy, by Jeff Noon
The Temeraire Series, by Naomi Novik
1984, by George Orwell
Animal Farm, by George Orwell
The Gormenghast Trilogy, by Mervyn Peake
The Heechee Saga, by Frederik Pohl
Last Call, by Tim Powers
Going Postal, by Terry Pratchett
Small Gods, by Terry Pratchett
The Prestige, by Christopher Priest
Gravity's Rainbow, by Thomas Pynchon
Revelation Space, by Alistair Reynolds
The Mars Trilogy, by Kim Stanley Robinson
The Callahan's Series, by Spider Robinson
Mindkiller, by Spider Robinson
The Kingkiller Chronicles, by Patrick Rothfuss
The Female Man, by Joanna Russ
Children of God, by Mary Doria Russell
The Sparrow, by Mary Doria Russell
Contact, by Carl Sagan
The Legend of Drizzt Series, by R.A. Salvatore
The Mistborn Series, by Brandon Sanderson
The Way of Kings, by Brandon Sanderson
The Neanderthal Parallax Trilogy, by Robert J. Sawyer
Old Man's War, by John Scalzi
The Illuminatus! Trilogy, by Robert Shea
Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley
Lord Valentine's Castle, by Robert Silverberg
Way Station, by Clifford D. Simak
The Hyperion Cantos, by Dan Simmons
Norstrilia, by Cordwainer Smith
The Lensman Series, by E. E. Smith
The Anubis Gates, by Tim Powers
Armor, by John Steakley
Anathem, by Neal Stephenson
The Baroque Cycle, by Neal Stephenson
Cryptonomicon, by Neal Stephenson
The Diamond Age, by Neil Stephenson
Snow Crash, by Neal Stephenson
Earth Abides, by George R. Stewart
The Crystal Cave, by Mary Stewart
The Change Series, by S.M. Stirling
The Acts of Caine Series, by Matthew Woodring Stover
More Than Human, by Theodore Sturgeon
Stations of the Tide, by Michael Swanwick
The Gate to Women's Country, by Sheri S. Tepper
Grass, by Sheri S. Tepper
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Silmarillion, by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Gaea Trilogy, by John Varley
Steel Beach, by John Varley
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, by Jules Verne
A Journey to the Center of the Earth, by Jules Verne
A Fire Upon the Deep, by Vernor Vinge
Rainbows End, by Vernor Vinge
The Snow Queen, by Joan D. Vinge
The Sirens of Titan, by Kurt Vonnegut
Slaughterhouse-Five, by Kurt Vonnegut
On Basilisk Station, by David Weber
The Time Machine, by H.G. Wells
The War of the Worlds, by H.G. Wells
The Once and Future King, by T.H. White
Doomsday Book, by Connie Willis
Memory, Sorrow, and Thorn Trilogy, by Tad Williams
The Otherland Tetralogy, by Tad Williams
To Say Nothing of the Dog, by Connie Willis
The Book of the New Sun, by Gene Wolfe
The Day of Triffids, by John Wyndham
The Thrawn Trilogy, by Timothy Zahn
We, by Yevgeny Zamyatin
The Chronicles of Amber, by Roger Zelazny
Lord of Light, by Roger Zelazny

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