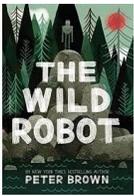


The Storytelling Guild's Winter 2020 picks for Grades 4 to 6

SCIENCE FICTION



[The Wild Robot](#) (2016)
Peter Brown

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

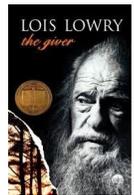
Lexile 740, Reading Level 5.1



[A Wrinkle in Time](#) series (1962)
Madeleine L'Engle

It was a dark and stormy night; Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. "Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course."

Lexile 740, Reading Level 4.7



[The Giver](#) series (1993)
Lois Lowry

While training to be the Receiver of Memory, Jonas experiences joy and sadness for the first time. He becomes convinced his society has given up too much, and he can no longer accept the sameness.

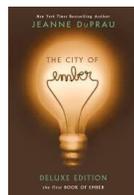
Lexile 760, Reading Level 5.7



[We're Not From Here](#) (2019)
Geoff Rodkey

After a year on Mars, Lan and Lan's family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom don't like humans. It's up to Lan's family to change the minds of Choom's inhabitants if humans hope to survive.

Lexile 740, Reading Level 5.0



[City of Ember](#) series (2003)
Jeanne DuPrau

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message

before the lights go out on Ember forever!

Lexile 680, Reading Level 5.0



[Masterminds](#) series (2015)
Gordon Korman

In the too-perfect setting of Serenity, New Mexico, Eli Frieden and twenty-nine other kids discover they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

Lexile 730, Reading Level 5.2



[The Strangers](#) Greystone Secrets series (2019)
Margaret Peterson Haddix

Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate a dangerous secret that will turn their world upside down.

Lexile 730, Reading Level 5.1



[The Ark Plan](#) Edge of Extinction series (2016)
Laura Martin

Scientists successfully cloned dinosaurs 150 years ago. Now, dinosaurs are once again at the top of the food chain, forcing humans to live underground to survive.

Lexile 790, Reading Level 5.4



[Space Case](#) Moon Base Alpha series (2014)
Stuart Gibbs

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.

Lexile 750, Reading Level 5.3



[This is War](#) Cats vs. Robots series (2018)
Margaret Stohl

The longstanding war between the Cats and the Robots escalates when each learns of an invention called the Singularity Chip.

Lexile 710, Reading Level 5.3