Browse with Themes on NoveList Plus

A New Way to Discover Stories You'll Love!

Themes by GENRE

- FANTASY
- SCIENCE FICTION
- HORROR
- MYSTERY + SUSPENSE

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- Video tutorial: Using Book Themes
- Webinar recording: Unlocking Themes to Improve Your Readers Advisory
- NovelList Blog: Create a Theme Playlist

A New Approach to Exploring Books

From opposite attract to fish out of water, Themes help readers find books with the types of plots they want. Themes are the (sometimes) hard-to-define elements of a plot that make a reader want to share the characters' relationships or drive a plot against time.

With dozens of themes across all genres, it's easy to match themes with other NovelList story elements to pinpoint just the right books for every reader.
Science fiction themes rely more on concepts and settings than on character types, from *rise of the machines* and *generation ships* to *fixing history* (again and again, while caught in a time loop).

**Browse all themes by genre to discover more stories you'll love.**

- **Alien invasions**
  Extra-terrestrial threats attack Earth, intending conquest, colonization, or total destruction. (adult, teen, ages 9-12)

- **Band of survivors**
  Teamwork makes survival in these stories of people working together — whether out of desperation or by choice — to survive disasters. (adult, teen, ages 9-12)

- **Boil the go**
  Humans set out to explore the cosmos, seeking greater understanding rather than new homes or resources. (adult, teen, ages 9-12)

- **Evil corporations**
  Skynet, SPECTRE — well, we all gotta do something that pays the rent. (adult, teen)

- **Fixing History**
  These characters travel through time to alter past events, thus repairing the present, or to set right events affected by other time travelers. (adult, teen, ages 9-12)

- **Generation ships**

- **Altered memories**
  These characters may not be able to trust their own minds after their memories are deliberately wiped or altered. (adult, teen)

- **Battle royale**
  People are pitted against each other in high-stakes competitions, often serving the interests of the powerful elite rather than their own. (adult, teen)

- **Climate change apocalypse**
  Characters in these stories must weather devastating changes in temperature as access to food or land are impacted by rising sea levels or spreading ice. (adult, teen)

- **First contact**
  Humans discover they’re not alone in the universe after all. (adult, teen, ages 9-12)

- **For the resistance**
  Corruption and injustic at the highest levels inspire organized resistance in these rebellious tales. (adult, teen, ages 9-12)

- **Human 2.0**