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A New Way to Discover Stories You'll Love!

From **opposites 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 book that hook a reader, like the **toxic relationships** of *Gone Girl* or Jason Bourne and his **race against time**.

With dozens of themes across all genres, it's easy to match themes with other NoveList Story Elements to pinpoint just-right books for every reader.

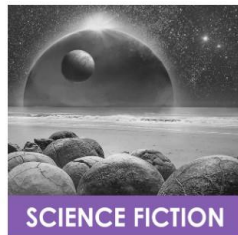
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Themes by GENRE



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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

Extraterrestrial lifeforms attack Earth, intending conquest, colonization, or total destruction. *(adult, teen, ages 9-12)*

Band of survivors

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

Boldly go

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

Evil corporations

Soylent Green, 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 injustice at the highest levels inspires organized resistance in these rebellious tales. *(adult, teen, ages 9-12)*

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