



## Fantasy and Science Fiction Recommendations

*This list wasn't commissioned by a patron but was instead developed by us to help a patron who was an avid fantasy/science fiction reader but was homebound and relied on a caretaker to find books for her. Since she wasn't able to select the books on her own, we thought it would help both her and her caretaker to have some readymade recommendations that she could select from, all from the comfort of her own home. Her favorite authors included Anne McCaffrey, Mercedes Lackey, and Alan F. Troop, and she didn't mind romance elements in her speculative fiction. I also wrote a separate urban fantasy list for her.*

- **Elizabeth Bear's books.** Engaging, believable fantasy/science fiction with detailed worldbuilding and strong female characters, recommended for Anne McCaffrey fans.
- **R.A. Salvatore's Forgotten Realm series.** Complex fantasy saga that weaves in the stories of multiple characters. Recommended for Mercedes Lackey fans.
- **Marion Bradley Zimmer's books.** Like McCaffrey's work, features strong female characters and rich worldbuilding.
- **Elizabeth Moon's books.** Fast-paced, character-driven fantasy about dynamic female characters. Recommended for McCaffrey fans.
- **Lois McMaster Bujold's books.** Complex characters and worldbuilding blended with engaging plots and a touch of romance.
- **Sharon Shinn's books.** Very character-driven fantasy/science fiction. Less complex and with more romantic elements than some of the other recommendations.
- **Andre Norton's books.** Action-packed but character-driven fantasy/science fiction with vivid worldbuilding. Recommended for McCaffrey fans.

