

HISTORIES: PAST, ALTERNATE, FUTURE (dystopia, steampunk, etc.)

Life As We Knew It by Susan Pfeffer (book 1 of 3)

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Gone by Michael Grant (book 1 in *Gone*)

In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have "The Power" and are able to perform supernatural feats and those who do not.

Matched by Allyson Condie (book 1 in a series)

Seventeen-year-old Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her, but when there is a "glitch" at her Matching ceremony, she is torn between marrying her best friend and a new love, which could bring disaster.

Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld (book 1 in *Leviathan*)

In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically engineered beasts.

Boneshaker by Cheri Priest (book 1 in a loose set)

Inventor Leviticus Blue creates a machine that accidentally decimates Seattle's banking district and uncovers a vein of Blight Gas that turns everyone who breathes it into the living dead. Sixteen years later Blue's widow and her teenage son Ezekiel are surviving--until Zeke impetuously decides that he must reclaim his father's name from the clutches of history.

World War Z by Max Brooks

An account of the decade-long conflict is told from the perspective of dozens of survivors who describe in their own words the epic human battle for survival.

Bloody Jack by L.A. Meyer (book 1 in *Bloody Jack Adventures*)

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

Ashes by Ilsa Bick

Alex, a resourceful seventeen-year-old running from her incurable brain tumor, Tom, who has left the war in Afghanistan, and Ellie, an angry eight-year-old, join forces after an electromagnetic pulse sweeps through the sky and kills most of the world's population.

Grave Mercy by Robin LaFevers (book 1 in *His Fair Assassin*)

In the fifteenth-century kingdom of Brittany, seventeen-year-old Ismae escapes from the brutality of an arranged marriage into the sanctuary of the convent of St. Mortain, where she learns that the god of Death has blessed her with dangerous gifts--and a violent destiny.