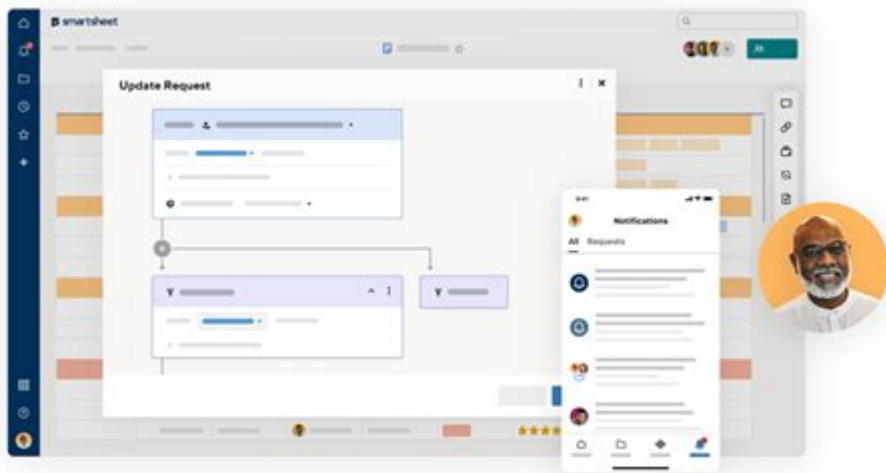


How do I filter thousands of free sci-fi novels to find quality reads matching my taste?

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The allure of free sci-fi novels is undeniable, offering an endless galaxy of stories without touching your wallet. However, this abundance can quickly become overwhelming, making it feel like searching for a specific star in a sky full of millions. The key isn't to read everything, but to develop a robust filtering system that guides you toward quality reads perfectly tailored to your taste.



Understand Your Sci-Fi Subgenre Preferences

Before diving into any database, take a moment to define what kind of science fiction truly excites you. Do you crave the detailed world-building and technological speculation of hard sci-fi, the grand adventures of space opera, the dystopian warnings of cyberpunk, or perhaps the mind-bending concepts of speculative fiction? Identifying your preferred subgenres (e.g., alien invasion, post-apocalyptic, military sci-fi, time travel, solarpunk, biopunk) is your first and most powerful filter. Many platforms allow you to search or browse by specific tags or categories, instantly narrowing your focus from thousands to hundreds.

Leverage Community and Review Platforms

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Look for Clues in Covers, Descriptions, and Author Information

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Refine and Iterate Your Search

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Interview with L.A. Goff, Author of *Freezing Reign*



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What's the story behind the story? What inspired you to write *Freezing Reign*?

The idea for this book began at my high school cafeteria table. My friends and I debated the pros and cons of being the only woman left on the planet. It was a discussion that captured my imagination. By the end of lunch, our "Oh yeah, millions of guys would want us" became "Oh no, millions of guys would want us." All personal freedom would be lost...terrifying stuff.

If you had to pick theme songs for the main characters of *Freezing Reign*, what would they be?

Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen.

What's your favorite genre to read? Is it the same as your favorite genre to write?

Like most readers, I have my favorite authors. There's nothing wrong with that. But as a writer, it can be a disability if I only pick up books in my genre. Romance authors should read Lee Child. Cozy mystery authors should read Rebecca Yarros. I am a Stephen King fanatic. He is a master at keeping readers on the edge of their seats and I learn something new about the craft every time I read one of his books.

What books are on your TBR pile right now?

Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros, The Maid by Nita Prose, and No Life for a Lady by Hannah Dolby.

What scene in your book was your favorite to write?

The auction scene was a blast to write. I built it like I was constructing a roller coaster. I identified the moments when I wanted to ratchet up the tension, plunge the readers into the depths, turn them upside down, and then drop them again. Writing the auction scene was all about connecting those moments with a quality track. I wanted the reader to feel safe while dangling on the edge of their seats. They needed to trust the engineer.

Do you have any quirky writing habits? (lucky mugs, cats on laps, etc.)

My dog naps next to me. He's as reliable as an alarm clock. When he needs to take a break and move around, I do too.

Do you have a motto, quote, or philosophy you live by?

I try to live by the 80/20 rule. Even with my best efforts, I will never please 100% of the readers who pick up my book. That can be hard for a perfectionist to accept so the 80/20 rule is the key to my sanity.



L.A. Goff is the author of the new book *Freezing Reign: A Dystopian Thriller*

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