

1) Spaceships (at least 10) – captains - wherefrom

Enterprise – James Tiberius Kirk – Star Trek (TV series)  
Prometheus – William Ronson – Stargate SG1 (TV series)  
Daedalus – Steven Caldwell – Stargate Atlantis (TV series)  
Destiny – Everett Young – Stargate Universe (TV series)  
Moya – John Crichton – Farscape (TV series)  
Battlestar Galactica – William Adama – Battlestar Galactica (TV series)  
Andromeda Ascendant – Dylan Hunt – Andromeda (TV series)  
Planet Express Ship – Turanga Leela – Futurama (TV series)  
Axiom – B. McCrea (there wasn't said his first name) – Wall-e (Movie)  
TARDIS – Doctor – Doctor Who (TV series)  
Millenium Falcon – Han Solo – Star Wars (Movies)  
Icarus – George Taylor – Planet of the Apes (Movie)  
Heart of Gold – Zaphod Beebleprox – The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy  
NSEA Protector – Peter Quincy Taggart – Galaxy Quest (Movie/parody)

## 2) Sci-fi vs. Fantasy, 5 sci-fi/fantasy books and series/movies + reasons why I like them

**Science fiction** differs from fantasy in that, within the context of the story, its imaginary elements are largely possible within scientifically established or scientifically postulated laws of nature (though *some* elements in a story might still be pure imaginative speculation). Exploring the consequences of such differences is the traditional purpose of science fiction, making it a "literature of ideas". Science fiction is largely based on writing rationally about alternative possibilities. The settings for science fiction are often contrary to known reality.

**Fantasy** is a genre that uses magic and other supernatural forms as a primary element of plot, theme, and/or settings. Many works within the genre take place on fictional planes or planets where magic is common. Fantasy is generally distinguished from science fiction and horror by the expectation that it steers clear of scientific and macabre themes, respectively, though there is a great deal of overlap between the three (which are subgenres of speculative fiction).

### Sci-fi series/movies

- 1) Stargate (SG1, Atlantis, Universe) – My first sci-fi series. Great story, great teams, great aliens, great effects, great everything. Simply flawless :-).
- 2) Battlestar Galactica – There are in fact no aliens, only robots (Cylons), but it is one of the best sci-fi show ever due to the psychological aspect and surprising development.
- 3) Farscape – When I saw it for the first time, I didn't like it much, but after the first season it gets better and better. And I love the scenes with Harvey in Crichton's head.
- 4) Star Trek 11 – The movie – I don't like Star Trek series, but the film was really good. You don't have to know the background and still enjoy it.
- 5) Star Wars – It's THE classic. I think no sci-fi fan can forego these movies. In addition, young Harrison Ford and Ewan McGregor, another two reasons to watch it (for me).

### Sci-fi books

I don't read sci-fi books much, I rather watch it. So, in my list, there are the only sci-fi books I have ever read. They are all from the master of this genre – Arthur C. Clarke and I didn't write any other reasons because I didn't want to make something up.

- 1) Sunstorm
- 2) Dolphin Island
- 3) The Nine Billion Names of God
- 4) A Fell of Moondust
- 5) The Sands of Mars

### Fantasy books

- 1) Lord of the Rings (J.R.R.Tolkien) – I put the LOTR on the 1st place here and also in the series/movies-section, because it's the classic of the classics and I think almost everybody will have it here, too. I read the books before seeing the movies and I really enjoyed both of them.
- 2) Harry Potter (J.K.Rowling) – Some say it's for kids... well, maybe, but it doesn't mean it will be boring for adults. Some parts are dark and Rowling doesn't have a problem to kill someone, even some of the main characters, so no baby-reading.
- 3) Inheritance Cycle – Eragon, Eldest, Brisingr (C.Paolini) – It's a little mixture of LOTR, Harry Potter and Chronicles of Narnia together, nothing new, but it's surprisingly good, way much better than the movie.
- 4) Sword of Truth (T.Goodkind) – I missed older fantasy stories like Xena, Hercules or Sinbad, so when I discovered those books, it felt really good to dive in this genre again. The TV series, The Legend of the Seeker, is very good, too.
- 5) The Golden Compass (P.Pullman) – Again, it's maybe a children's book, but in the fantasy world it doesn't matter. It's a thrilling story with a good idea. I've finished reading it about a month ago and I'm looking forward purchasing next two parts.

### Fantasy series/movies

- 1) Lord of the Rings – See number one in books-section. Peter Jackson is a genius because putting the LOTR books on the screen was considered foolishness... well, and we all know how it ended.
- 2) Stardust – It's something between fantasy and a fairy-tale. Nice story, great actors and Claire Danes is really shining like a star!
- 3) Underworld – I like vampire/werewolves movies – Underworld, Blade, Van Helsing, Twilight... There's action, tense, magic and love, all covered in a story of these ancient creatures. Great!
- 4) Pirates of the Caribbean – Reason number one: Johnny Depp. Reason number two: Johnny Depp. Reason number three: cute undead monkey. Reason number four – everything else in this perfect fantasy/pirate/action/romantic movie.
- 5) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Yes, I admit, I'm in love with Johnny Depp. But the Umpalumpas were great, too.

### 3) Sci-fi book vs. movie/series, compare

#### **The Lost World** (I hope it can be taken as sci-fi)

I've read a book by Arthur Conan Doyle and I've seen a movie from 1998 and TV series. I would like to start with the worst and end with the best, that means: movie – series – book.

I know there are more movies based on this popular book, some of them maybe good, but from my point of view, this version (from 1998) is terrible. Director is trying to be interesting and novel, but is quite boring instead. Dinosaurs are looking like toys and special effects are generally bad as well as the actors.

I liked TV series more. It's true that only things it has in common with the book are main characters, dinosaurs and the reason to visit the plateau. When they got there, it started to follow its own way, but it is not bad, the actors are charismatic, the plot is interesting and lots of scenes are funny. Though, the end is a little bit exaggerated...

I think in this case the rule – a book is mostly better than a movie – is outright. A. C. Doyle is really a good writer that proves high qualities. As well as in his detective stories with Sherlock Holmes, the main idea is brilliant, main characters all have a good characterization, it has a surprising and dramatic plot and even more surprising end. It is simply the best choice.

4) Quiz – 10 questions, 4 possibilities, explanation

1) The legates of the Ori in Stargate SG1 series were called:

- a. Priests
- b. Priors
- c. Apostles
- d. Mesiahs

Correct answer: b) The Priors were the legates of the ascended Ori who possessed great powers and spread their religion across the galaxy.

2) Natalie Portman's double in Star Wars as Princess Amidala/Padme was:

- a. Sienna Miller
- b. Amy Smart
- c. Mandy Moore
- d. Keira Knightley

Correct answer: d) It was Keira's first role in a big movie, but she wasn't famous back then and she showed her face just under a strong make-up.

3) Which piece was not written by Arthur C. Clarke?

- a. A Space Odyssey
- b. The Last Theorem
- c. A Meeting with Medusa
- d. Farmer in the Sky

Correct answer: d) Farmer in the Sky is a novel by Robert A. Heinlein.

4) What's a Raslak?

- a. An alien creature capable of telekinesis
- b. Name of the Peacekeeper's leader
- c. An alcoholic drink
- d. A home planet of Ka D'Argo

Correct answer: c) Raslak was a favorite alcoholic drink (especially Ka D'Argo's) in the Farscape series.

5) What was the first English sentence of Leeloo in the movie 5. Element?

- a. Help me
- b. Kill me
- c. Bite me
- d. Love me

Correct answer: a) She was hunted by the cops and she asked for help after she had fallen into the cab of Corben Dallas.

6) There was only one actor who starred in both Battlestar Galactica versions. Which roles did he impersonate?

- a. Helo and William Adama
- b. Apollo and Tom Zarek
- c. Chef and Saul Tigh
- d. Baltar and John Cavil (Cylon Number One)

Correct answer: b) Richard Hatch played Apollo (Lee Adama) in the original BSG series and an extremic leader Tom Zarek in the new BSG series.

7) Who/what do the Wraiths feed upon?

- a. Themselves (they are cannibals)
- b. Air (esp. CO<sub>2</sub>)
- c. Rocks
- d. People

Correct answer: d) Wraiths are creatures from Stargate Atlantis that suck life from people. They can also give it back to them.

8) Why did people from Jamestown name it after Jayne (in Firefly series)?

- a. He helped them to defeat their worst enemy
- b. He invented a cure against plague
- c. He built a big water plant
- d. By mistake

Correct answer: d) He actually robbed them, but when he was running away, the money accidentally fell out of the bag and people thought he gave it to them.

9) Father of Dave Lister from Red Dwarf was:

- a. Holly
- b. Rimmer
- c. Dave Lister (himself)
- d. Unknown

Correct answer: c) He had a child with Cristina Kochanska from other dimension and when he travelled back in time to the year of his birth, he realized he is his own father and left the baby under a pool table in a bar where he was later found... Simple, right? :-)

10) Heavy Raiders are from:

- a. Star Trek - Voyager
- b. Battlestar Galactica
- c. Babylon 5
- d. Torchwood

Correct answer: b) Heavy Raiders were small space vessels used by the Cylons in Battlestar Galactica series.

## 5) Dictionary

kosmická loď – spaceship  
hyperpohon – hyperdrive  
hyperprostor - hyperspace  
mimozemšťan – alien  
rasa, druh – race, species  
technologie – technology  
červí díra – wormhole  
černá díra – black hole  
horizont událostí – event horizon  
cestování v čase – time travelling  
android – android  
robot – robot  
kyborg – cyborg  
neprozkoumaná oblast – uncharted territory  
paralelní vesmír – parallel universe  
alternativní realita – alternative reality  
vesmírná bitva – space battle  
laserové zbraně – laser guns  
telekineze – telekinesis  
telepatie – telepathy  
psionika – psionics (PSI)  
vtělení – avatar  
klon – clone / klonování – cloning  
rychlost světla – speed of light (rychlejší než světlo – faster-than-light)  
teleportace – teleportation  
astrální projekce – astral projection  
kvantové pole – quantum field  
štíty – shields (štíty drží! – shields are holding!)  
maskovací zařízení – cloaking device  
nanotechnologie – nanotechnology  
stázová komora – stasis chamber  
sluneční soustava – solar system  
galaxie – galaxy  
sonda – probe  
kluzák – slider  
invaze mimozemšťanů – alien invasion  
průzkum vesmíru – space exploration