CHRISTINE RECOMMENDS..

Space Boy

by Stephen McCranie

Available as a free webcomic here



Amy, 16, grew up in a mining colony in deep space. When her father loses his job, she and her family must move back to Earth. To make the 30-year trip, they are cryogenically frozen. Now Amy must adjust to life in a new place and time. Technology has drastically changed and everyone her own age seems strange to her. The strangest of all is a mysterious boy named Oliver. Other people say he's dangerous and she should stay away from him. So Amy listens to them and that's the end of



the story. Just kidding! She gets totally involved in his business.

I love this series of graphic novels and it actually started as a webcomic. You can read over 200 "episodes" <u>here</u>.

Once & Future

by Amy Rose Capetta & Cori McCarthy

Available as an ebook & audiobook on the Libby app



When Ari crashes into Old Earth and pulls a magic sword from an ancient tree trunk, she learns that she is the latest reincarnation of King Arthur. Ari teams up with the wizard Merlin, who has aged backwards into a cranky old teenager, to defeat the tyrannical Mercer corporation that controls the government.

A space opera version of the Excalibur myth? Sure, why not? The new incarnation of King Arthur is a teenage girl? Yes, please! This retelling is not only gender-swapped, but also represents a variety of queer identities.

JULIE RECOMMENDS...

Leia: Princess of Alderaan

by Claudia Gray

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I have read a lot of Star Wars books and Claudia Gray's are some of my favorites. She just really gets the world and the characters and her writing makes me feel like I'm right back in that galaxy far, far away. This book is actually a prequel that tells the story of Leia before she became the Leia that we all know and love. Leia is only sixteen in this story and she is still has a lot to figure out about herself but you can already see the sparks of the revolutionary leader in her. If you're looking for a read that will feel familiar while also showing you a part of Leia you've never seen before then this is the book for you!





Star Wars, Vol. 1: Skywalker Strikes

by Jason Aaron

Available as an e-book
on the Libby app

Just like there are a ton of Star Wars tie-in books, there are a LOT of Star Wars comics. To be honest, not all of them are great. However, there are definitely some gems out there and this is one of them. The dialogue sounds like things the characters would actually say (not always a given with tie-ins) and the art is style is bright and engaging. The story takes place in the aftermath of *A New Hope*, when the rebels are riding high on the destruction of the Death Star but still have a long way to go before the Empire is totally defeated.