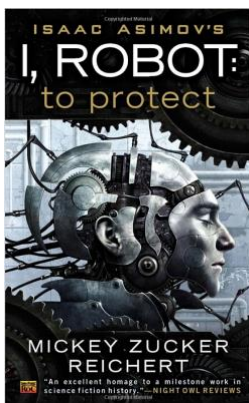




Sorting While Sheltering

I describe myself as a doer. Being stuck inside has made it challenging to do activities, so I have instead turned to house projects. Much to my dad's chagrin, I have torn out the old bar in my parent's home, repainted the living room, and organized many of their closets. Today, I decided to pick a project he would enjoy more. I sat down and had him pick out his favorite Science Fiction books. As a SciFi buff, he has over 200 books (so this was no small task). Below is a list of his top picks.

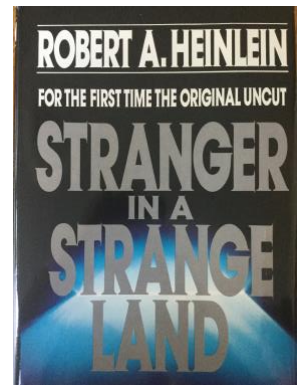


I, Robot by Isaac Asimov

This is an iconic SciFi book about robots. Asimov used good, accurate science in his Science Fiction books, which makes them even more compelling. "We save anything that was written or curated by Asimov" ~Cliff Lester

Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert A. Heinlein

“Given the last three weeks, I feel like a stranger in a strange land.” ~ Cliff Lester. This is about an earthling that was born and educated on Mars and is where the term grok comes from. Heinlein invented the Waldo (if anyone knows what that is).

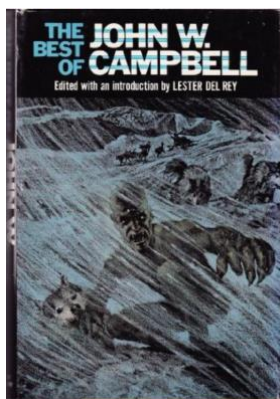
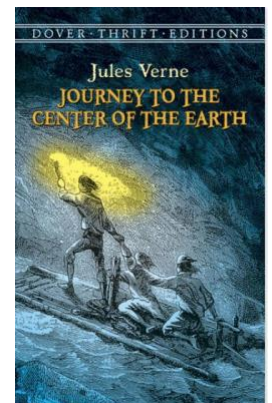


Dune by Frank Herbert

I enjoyed the story of how people survived on a planet with not much water. Preservation of water was the driving force of their lives. When you died the water in your body was recycled to the community.

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

This is a classic. Verne had a lot of ideas that later became real, like submarines. He was ahead of his time.

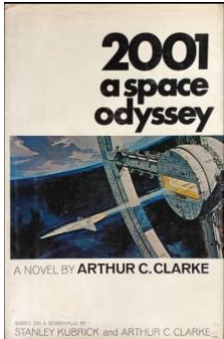


The Best of John W. Campbell edited by Lester Del Ray

John Campbell was the editor of a monthly science fiction magazine called Astounding Science. This is a great collection of his short stories.

Harvest the Fire by Poul Anderson

The mantle of Heinlein was passed on to Anderson, who is considered the successor of Heinlein. "I think he did a good job" ~Cliff.

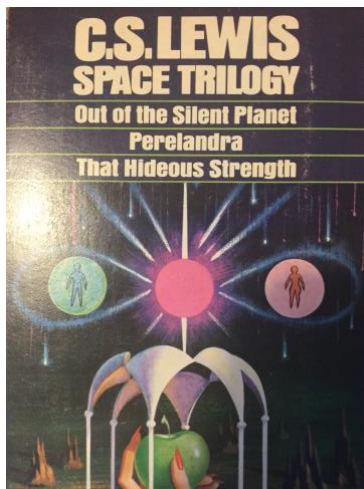
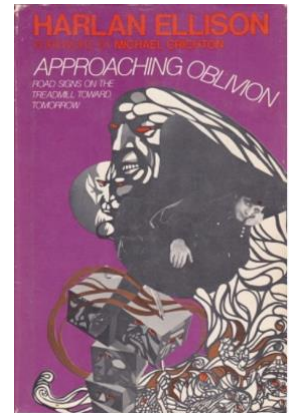


2001 a Space Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke

This is the book that everyone knows in science fiction and beyond. Pretty much everything he wrote is great, but this is the one that jumped genres. Of course, everyone knows Hal the computer.

Approaching Oblivion by Harlan Ellison

"I can't quite remember why Ellison jumped out at me, but give it a try" ~ Cliff Lester.



Space Trilogy by C.S. Lewis

Best known for the Narnia series, C.S. Lewis is a prolific author. While this space trilogy is technically fantasy, we included it because it is well worth a read. Coming soon a review of Cliff's favorite fantasy books!