

# The Best New Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year

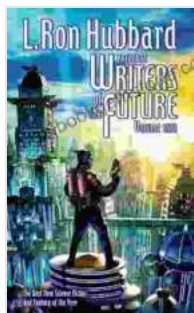
It's that time of year again: time to look back at the best new science fiction and fantasy books of the year. From space operas to dystopian thrillers to thought-provoking literary fiction, there's something for every reader on this list.

- **The Galaxy, and the Ground Within** by Becky Chambers (science fiction)
- **The Fifth Season** by N.K. Jemisin (fantasy)
- **Children of Blood and Bone** by Tomi Adeyemi (fantasy)
- **The Power** by Naomi Alderman (science fiction)
- **The Three-Body Problem** by Cixin Liu (science fiction)
- **Ancillary Justice** by Ann Leckie (science fiction)
- **The Broken Earth Trilogy** by N.K. Jemisin (fantasy)
- **The Expanse Series** by James S.A. Corey (science fiction)
- **The Red Queen's War** by Mark Lawrence (fantasy)
- **The Stormlight Archive** by Brandon Sanderson (fantasy)

## 1. **The Galaxy, and the Ground Within** by Becky Chambers

A beautifully written and emotionally resonant space opera that explores the themes of identity, belonging, and the search for home. The story follows a group of travelers as they journey across the galaxy, each with

their own unique story and perspective. Chambers' prose is lyrical and evocative, and she creates a vivid and immersive world that readers will be loath to leave.



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**Year** by Laurie Tom

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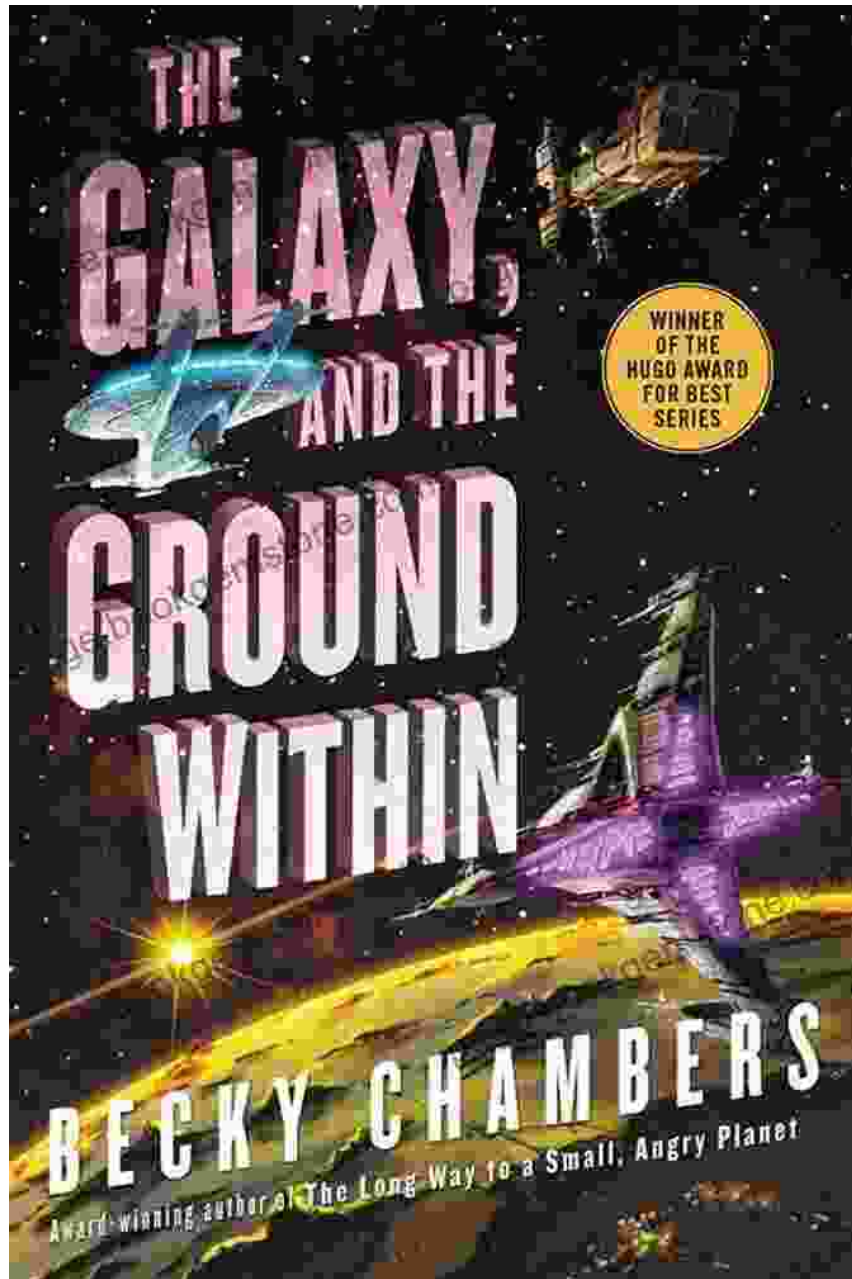
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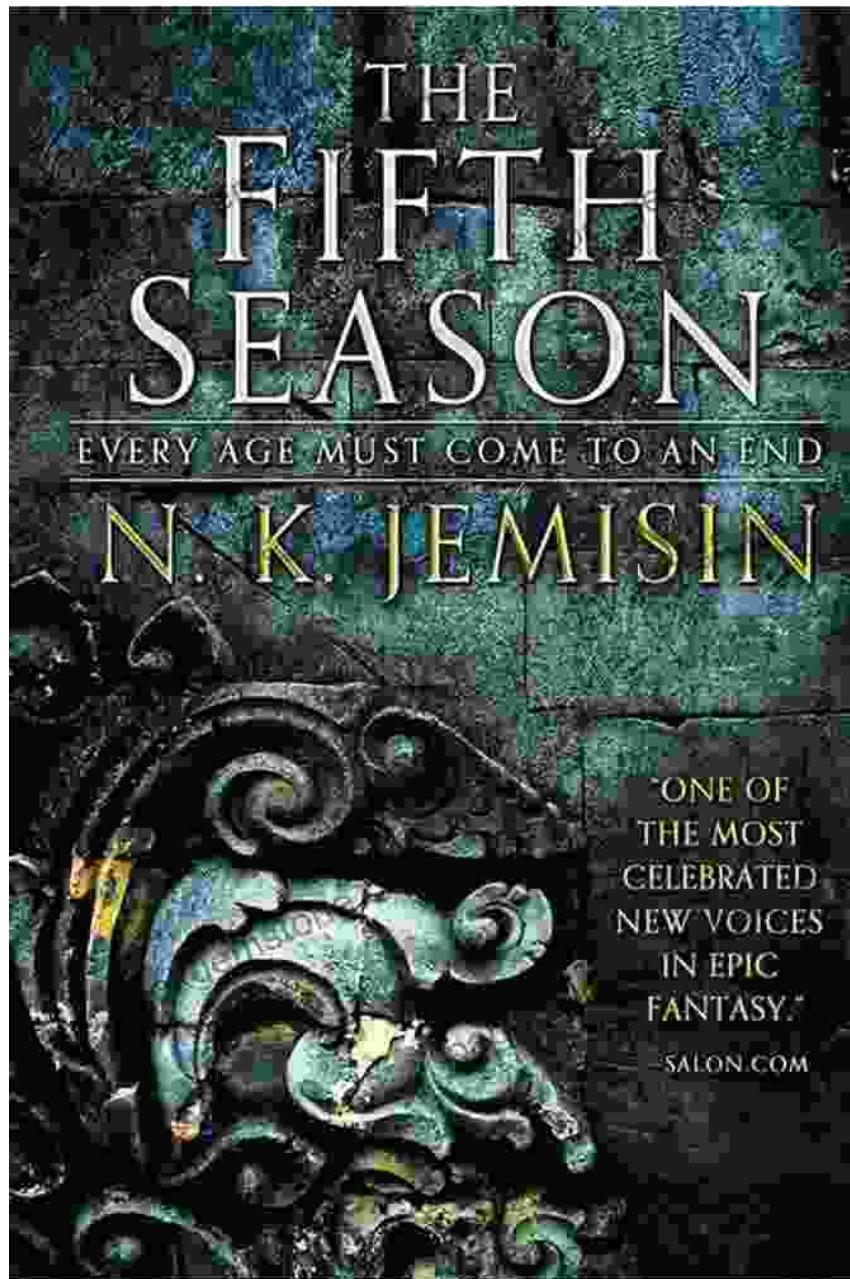
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## 2. The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin

A groundbreaking and award-winning fantasy novel that explores the themes of race, gender, and power. The story is set in a world where the earth is periodically ravaged by cataclysmic events known as the Fifth Season. Essun, a woman with the ability to control the earth's energy, must journey to the heart of the Fifth Season to save her family and her people.

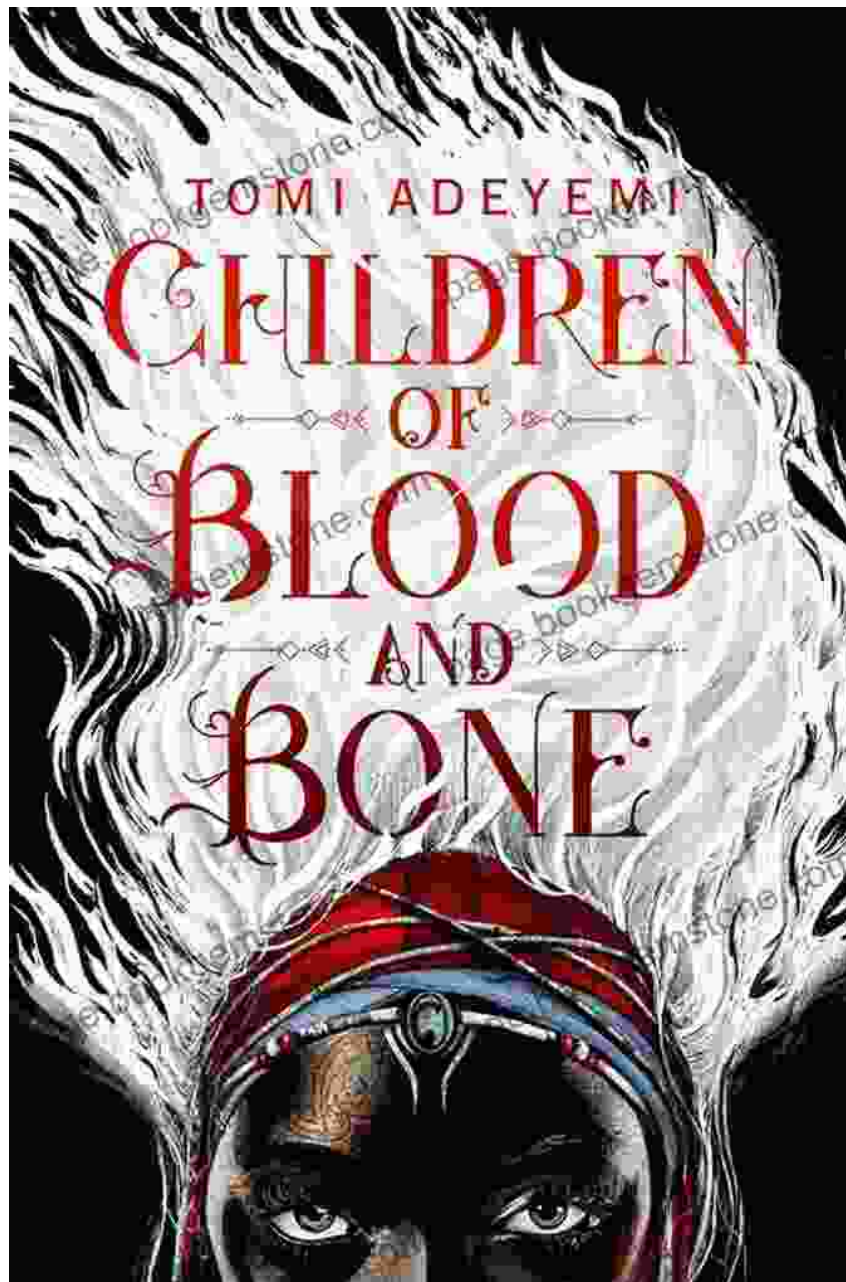


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### **3. Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi**

A vibrant and immersive fantasy novel that draws on West African mythology and culture. The story follows Zélie, a young woman who must fight to save her people from a tyrannical king. Adeyemi's writing is lyrical

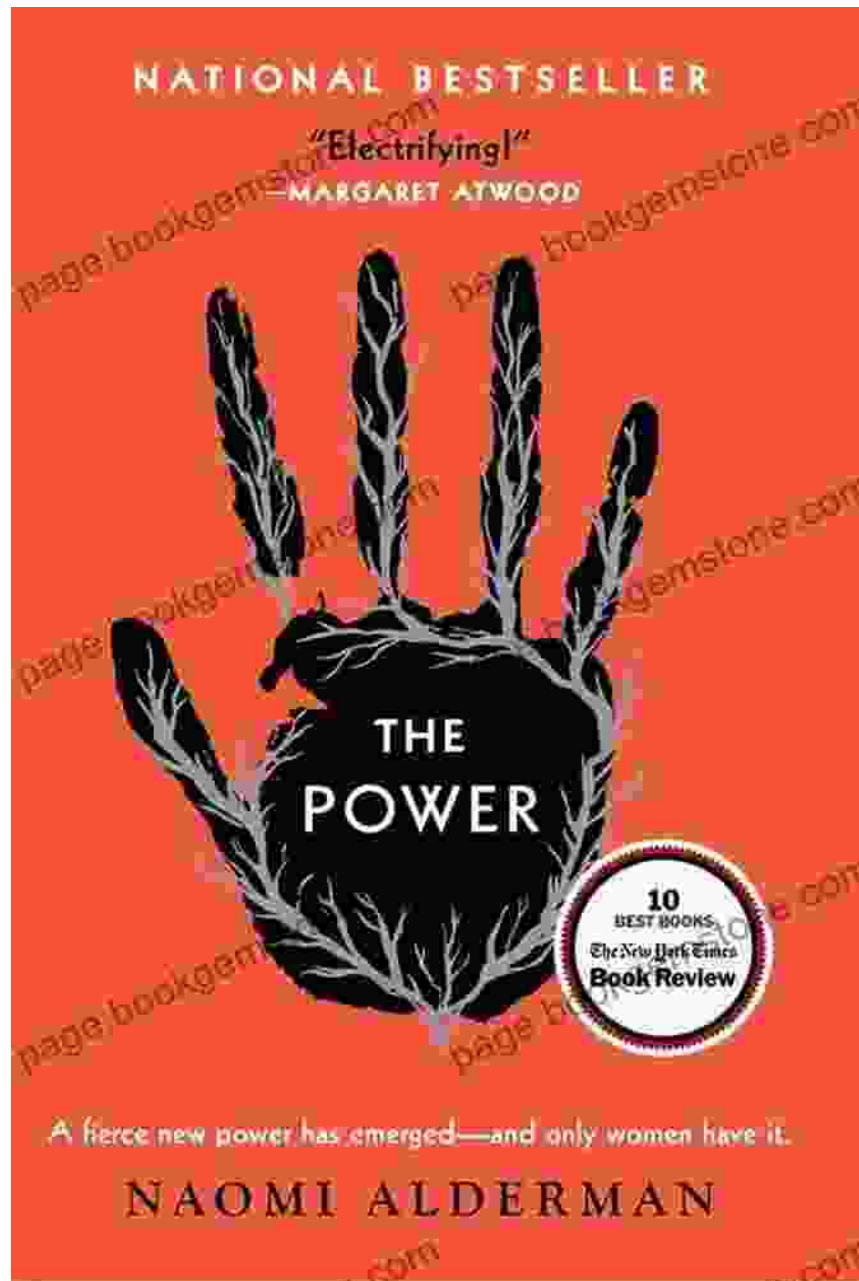
and powerful, and she creates a rich and believable world that readers will be eager to explore.



#### **4. The Power by Naomi Alderman**

A thought-provoking and timely science fiction novel that explores the themes of gender, power, and violence. The story is set in a world where women have suddenly developed the ability to generate electricity.

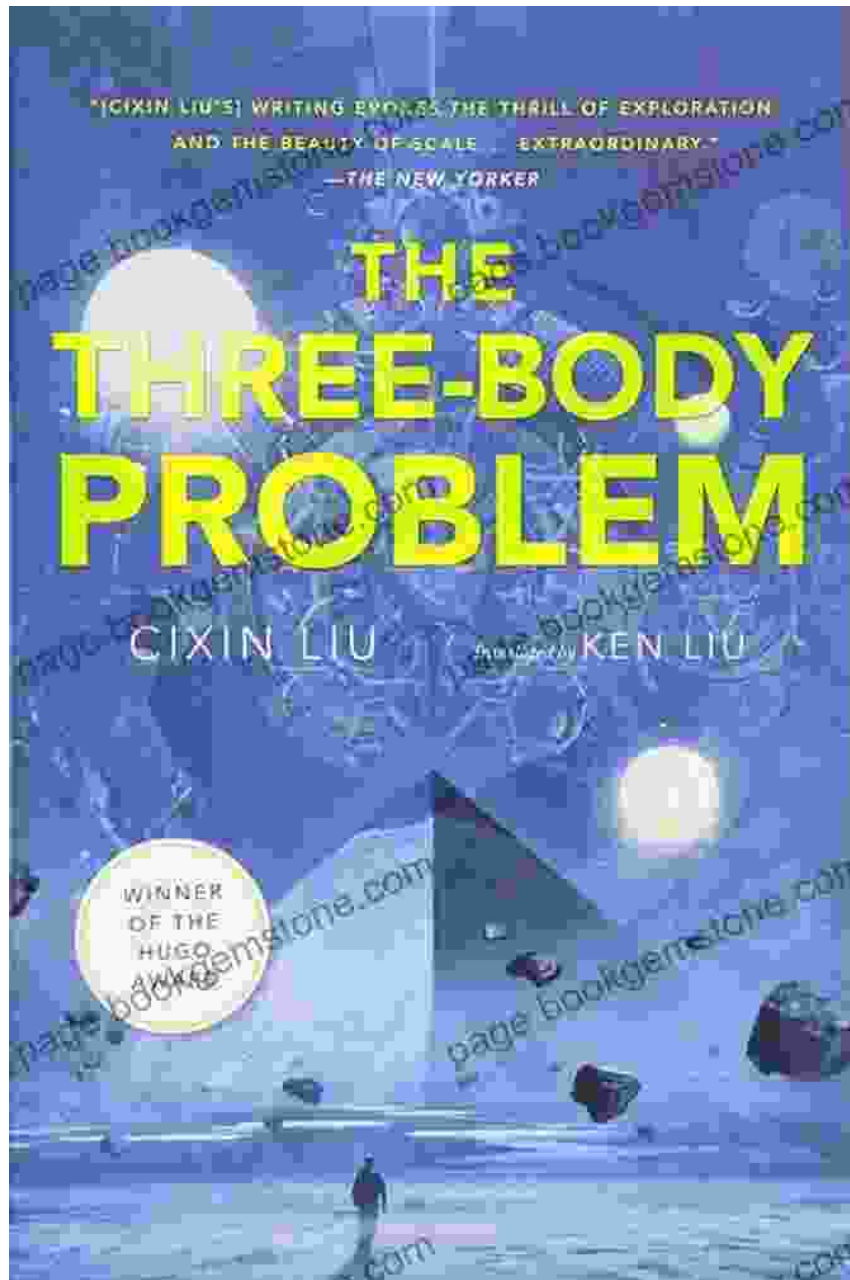
Alderman's writing is incisive and thought-provoking, and she raises important questions about the nature of power and the roles of men and women in society.



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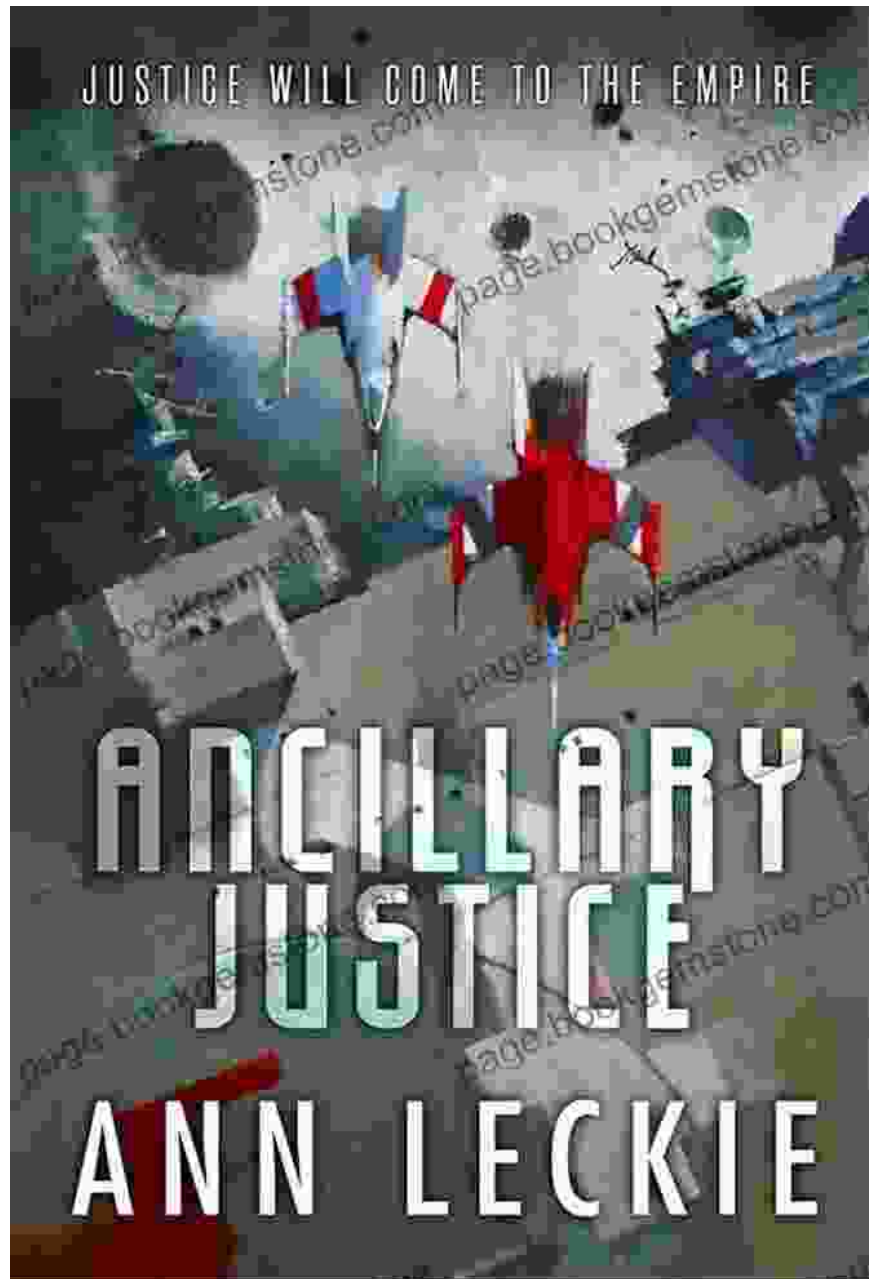
## 5. The Three-Body Problem by Cixin Liu

A sprawling and ambitious science fiction novel that explores the themes of first contact, the Fermi paradox, and the nature of humanity. The story begins with a group of Chinese scientists who receive a message from an alien civilization. As they try to understand the message, they are drawn into a conflict that could have devastating consequences for the entire human race.



## 6. Ancillary Justice by Ann Leckie

A groundbreaking and award-winning science fiction novel that explores the themes of identity, gender, and the nature of consciousness. The story follows Breq, an artificial intelligence that was once part of a vast starship. After the starship is destroyed, Breq must find a way to survive and find a new purpose in life.

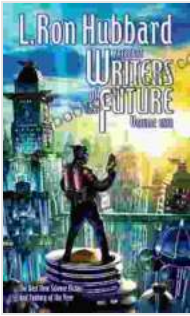


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## 7. The Broken Earth Trilogy by N.K. Jemisin

A powerful and moving fantasy trilogy that explores the themes of race, gender, and oppression. The story follows Essun, a woman



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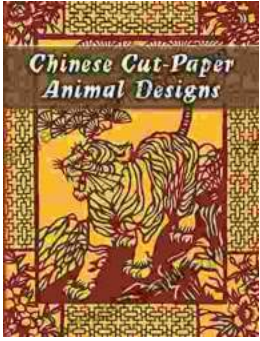
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