AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Frank Herbert

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

37 books · 3 series · List updated November 14, 2026

☐ 1956 *The Dragon in the Sea*
Novel
His first novel; also published as Twenty-first Century Sub and Under Pressure.

Dune
Series · 6 books · 1965–1985

Read in publication order.

☐ 1965 *Dune*
Book 1 · Novel
Won the Nebula and Hugo awards.

☐ 1969 *Dune Messiah*
Book 2 · Novel
The basis for Dune: Part Three.

☐ 1976 *Children of Dune*
Book 3 · Novel

☐ 1981 *God Emperor of Dune*
Book 4 · Novel

☐ 1984 *Heretics of Dune*
Book 5 · Novel

☐ 1985 *Chapterhouse: Dune*
Book 6 · Novel

Destination: Void
Series · 4 books · 1966–1988

Destination: Void was followed by three novels written with Bill Ransom.

☐ 1966 *Destination: Void*
Book 1 · Novel
Revised edition published in 1978.

☐ 1979 *The Jesus Incident*
Book 2 · Novel · with Bill Ransom

☐ 1983 *The Lazarus Effect*
Book 3 · Novel · with Bill Ransom

☐ 1988 *The Ascension Factor*
Book 4 · Novel · with Bill Ransom

- ☐ 1966 *The Eyes of Heisenberg*
  Novel
- ☐ 1966 *The Green Brain*
  Novel
- ☐ 1968 *The Heaven Makers*
  Novel
- ☐ 1968 *The Santaroga Barrier*
  Novel

ConSentiency

Series · 2 books · 1970–1977

- ☐ 1970 *Whipping Star*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1977 *The Dosadi Experiment*
  Book 2 · Novel

- ☐ 1970 *New World or No World*
  Anthology (editor)
  Interviews on the environment, which he edited.
- ☐ 1970 *The Worlds of Frank Herbert*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1972 *Soul Catcher*
  Novel
  Nominated for the National Book Award.
- ☐ 1972 *The Book of Frank Herbert*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1972 *The Godmakers*
  Novel
- ☐ 1973 *Hellstrom's Hive*
  Novel
- ☐ 1973 *Threshold: The Blue Angels Experience*
  Nonfiction
  A companion to a documentary about the Navy's Blue Angels flight team.
- ☐ 1974 *The Best of Frank Herbert*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1980 *Direct Descent*
  Novel
- ☐ 1980 *The Priests of Psi*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1981 *Nebula Awards Fifteen*
  Anthology (editor)

- [ ] 1981 *Without Me You're Nothing: The Essential Guide to Home Computers*
  Nonfiction · with Max Barnard
- [ ] 1982 *The White Plague*
  Novel
- [ ] 1985 *Eye*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1986 *Man of Two Worlds*
  Novel · with Brian Herbert
- [ ] 1992 *The Songs of Muad'Dib*
  Poetry
  His poetry, edited by Brian Herbert after his death.
- [ ] 2012 *High-Opp*
  Novel
  Published after his death.
- [ ] 2013 *A Game of Authors*
  Novel
  Published after his death.
- [ ] 2013 *Angels' Fall*
  Novel
  Published after his death.
- [ ] 2014 *A Thorn in the Bush*
  Novel
  Published after his death.