



## *Recommended Reads From Tom Bedson*

### ***2001: A Space Odyssey (Arthur C. Clarke)***

A book that was also a movie. I also like these books by Clarke, *Childhood's End*, *Rendezvous With Rama*, *The City and the Stars* and many others. Sci-Fi is just pure escape and pure fun.

### ***Captain Blood (Rafael Sabatini)***

Is a swashbuckling adventure tale set in the late 1600's based on true and accurate historical events. The characters while fictional their actions and adventures are based on and are an amalgamation of several real individual.

### ***The Chronicles of Narnia (C.S. Lewis)***

Most anything by C.S Lewis in that list would be *The Screwtape Letters*, *Mere Christianity*, *The Great Divorce*, *A Grief Observed* (a great "autobiography" about his struggles with God and Christianity and his crisis of faith. A very moving sometimes difficult tell of how he worked through the doubt and pain after the death of his beloved wife.) His Space Trilogy and others.

### ***The Count of Monte Cristo (Alexandre Dumas)***

It's a story about an unjustly accused and convicted man sentenced to life in prison, his subsequent escape and the plot for revenge.

### ***The Foundation Series (Issac Asimov)***

Originally a trilogy he added 4 more books 30 years later.

### ***The Lord of the Rings (J.R.R. Tolkien)***

Classic story of the fight between good vs evil. An absolute masterpiece of storytelling. One of the most detailed and imaginative works I have ever read.

### ***Protector, The Legacy of Heorot, Beowulf's Children, The Mote in God's Eye, A World Out of Time, The Integral Trees, The Smoke Ring, The Ring World, Footfall, Lucifer's Hammer and others (Larry Niven)***

I am a big Sci Fi fan and the short list includes books by Larry Niven.

### ***Scaramouche (Rafael Sabatini)***

A fictional novel based on true historical events and people. It is set in France during the revolution and is about class struggle, love, betrayal, revenge redemption etc. An intriguing take on the insanity that was France in late 1700's

### ***A Tale of Two Cities (Charles Dickens)***

Set in the cities of London and Paris just before and during the French revolution it is a story that depicts the best and worst of mankind. It is a story about love, betrayal, depravity, sacrifice and redemption. Well written it puts on display the horrors of that period of French history.

### ***Without Remorse, Sm of All Fears, A Clear and Present Danger, The Bear and the Dragon, A Debt of Honor, Rainbow Six and many others (Tom Clancy)***

I'm a big fan of the geopolitical intrigue and spy stuff and Clancy does it so well although he can get a little dark and graphic at times.

