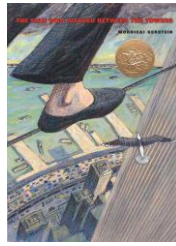


# Year 5 - Finches

## English

### Autumn 1



*The Man Who Walked Between The Towers* by Mordecai Gerstein



*Robot Girl* by Malorie Blackman.

### Science Fiction Novels.

Science fiction is a genre of literary fiction that aims to creatively represent real or imaginary concepts of science and technology.

These concepts can be part of the central theme of the work or the scenarios presented in it. In science fiction novels, the plot is usually set in the future.

Generally, science fiction stories address the negative consequences of the use of technology and science on society and individuals.

Some of the most influential science fiction books predicted important inventions in this field, such as robots and the atomic bomb. According to science, many of the elements within these stories are possible.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Aerial	A performer who does difficult tricks high above the ground, such as high wire.
Astonish	To fill with great surprise or amazement.
Construction	The process of building something, such as houses or shops.
Envy	The feeling of wanting what someone else has.
Frantic	Being very excited by worry or fear.
Genius	A person (or idea) that is incredibly smart or clever, far beyond what most people can do.
Humanoid	Being humanlike in appearance.
Inanimate	Not looking or acting like something which is alive.
Jarred	To crash or bump into something, making it move or jolt.
Organic	Something that is living or natural.
Performer	Someone who performs and entertains an audience.
Plummet	To fall at high speed.
Processor	The part of a computer where operations are created and controlled.
Salute	To show respect by raising the right hand to the forehead.
Sci-Fi	An abbreviation of Science Fiction.
Sentence	A punishment for a crime, which is decided in a court of law.
Sentient	Having the ability to think and feel.
Steeples	A tall, narrow tower on top of a building.
Unicycle	A one-wheeled bicycle.

### Biographies.

A biography is a detailed description of someone's life written by someone else. It is a non-fiction story based on facts, and biographers must do a lot of research to write them.

Biographies often include information such as the subject's date and place of birth and death, details of their family, their lifetime accomplishments, major events from their life, and also the impact that they have had on society.

Biographies can be written about famous figures such as inventors, athletes, politicians, and celebrities. Biographies written by the subject themselves are called autobiographies.

13<sup>th</sup> August 1949

Philippe Petit is born in Nemours, France.

1966

Petit, age 16, takes his first steps on a tight rope.

1968

Petit starts to plan his walk between The Twin Towers.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1971

Petit walks between the towers of Notre Dame De Paris.

1973

Petit walks The Sydney Harbour Bridge.

7<sup>th</sup> August 1974

Petit walks between the Twin Towers. He is up there for 45 minutes.

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2008

*Man On Wire*, documentary about Petit's WTC walk, is released.