



Novel Nexus

Helping Debut Authors get
Published

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Who am I?

- Writer, word enthusiast
- Data Scientist, number enthusiast
- Huge Science Fiction and Fantasy fan
- Unsuccessfully tried to find an agent for 4 separate novels



The background features a stylized landscape of white and light orange clouds against a pink-to-yellow gradient. Five blue rockets of varying sizes are scattered across the scene, some launching upwards and others positioned among the clouds. Small white stars are scattered across a dark purple sky at the top.

1.

Writer's Roadblock

When good books gather dust, not readers

Who Wants Your Book?

- Writing and rewriting is incredible and rewarding...but who is going to buy your book?
- Who is your target demographic?
- What genre does it fit into?
- What books is it similar to?

Finding a Literary Agent

- Why? They your industry champion
- Most publishing houses won't consider unsolicited manuscripts
- Finding them is hard. Most popular books' agents aren't looking for debut authors
- You need to write a kickass query letter
- It all starts with a BLURB





“Literary agents don’t take on every potential client who wants representation – unlike a lawyer or an accountant – because agents don’t get paid unless their clients get paid. So they need to be blown away or ‘hooked’ on a potential client’s project to take it on”

- Robert Lee Brewer, *Writer’s Digest*



A stylized illustration of a rocket launching upwards through a series of stylized, overlapping clouds in shades of yellow, orange, and pink. The background transitions from a light yellow at the bottom to a purple gradient with scattered white stars at the top.

2. Novel Nexus

A tool for finding agents

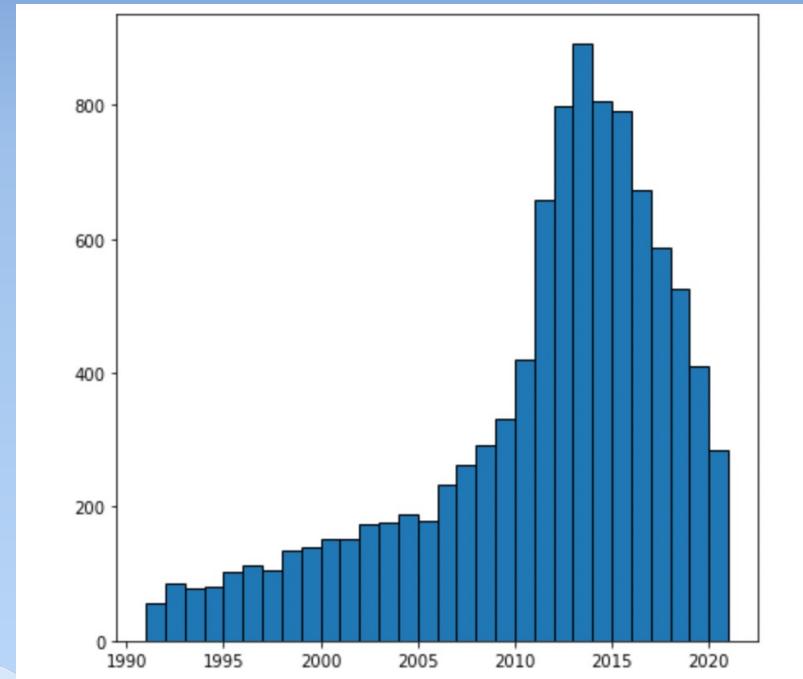
What Does it Do?

- Tells you the major Science Fiction subgenres and age demographics of your book blurb
 - Tells you what words affected your scores to help you edit your work
 - Tells you the top 10 books with the most similar descriptions to help you research agents



How Does it Work?

- Uses Natural Language Processing and machine learning to score your book description.
- Trained on 11,000 science fiction novels on Goodreads, mostly published in the last 30 years
- Uses TF-IDF vectorization – doesn't care about syntax, just words used



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Sub-Genre Scores

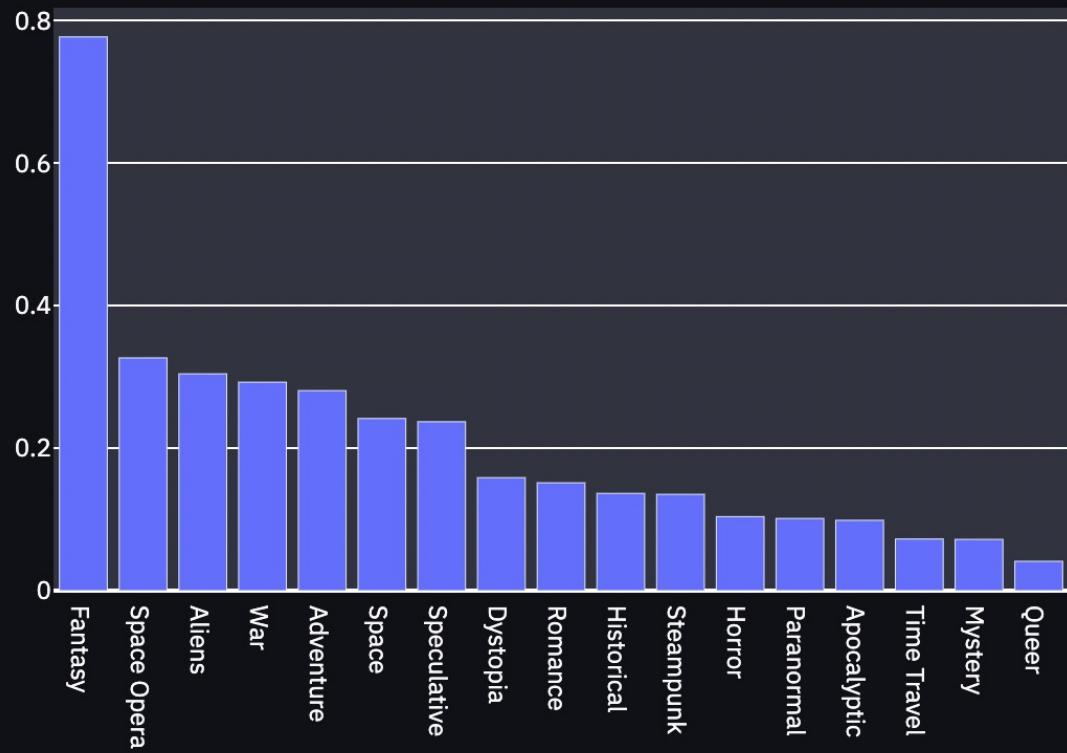
	Probabilities
Fantasy	0.7770
Space Opera	0.3266
Aliens	0.3042
War	0.2925
Adventure	0.2807
Space	0.2415
Speculative	0.2370
Dystopia	0.1586
Romance	0.1513
Historical	0.1365
Steampunk	0.1352

Important Words

	Value
planet	0.2811
political	0.2677
two	0.2573
years	0.2479
forced	0.2348
enemies	0.2343
part	0.2335
every	0.2004
way	0.1716
jack	0.1445
trilogy	0.1345

Age Group Scores

	Probabilities
Adult	0.8389
Young Adult	0.1499
Children	0.0112



Most similar #2:

Title: Unnatural Author: Alessandra Hazard Year: 2020

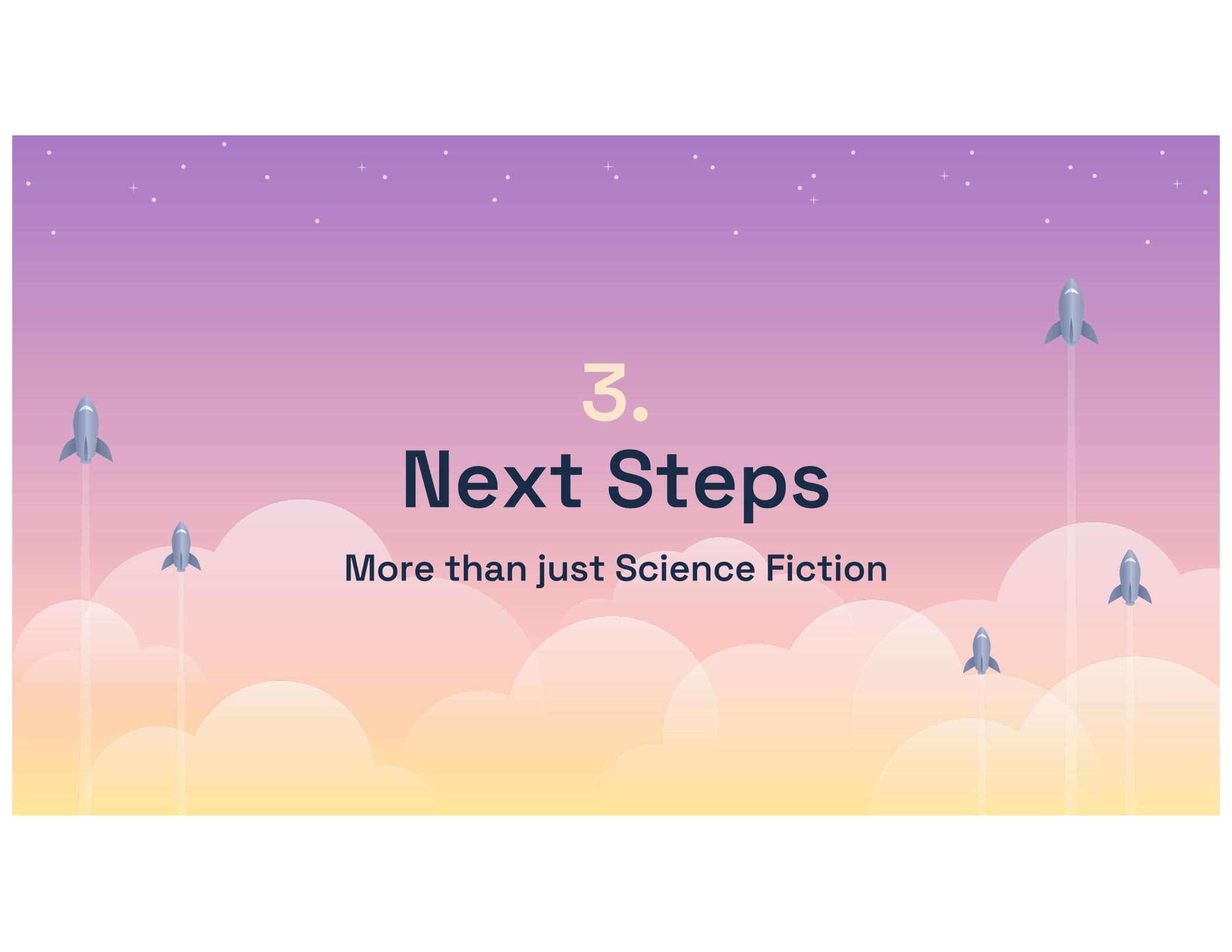
A planet at war. Two alphas forced into a political marriage. Attraction that defies all reason and logic... Or does it? The Kingdom of Pelugia and the Republic of Kadar have been at war for decades. Peace isn't popular, but the planet can't survive without it. Forced to marry an enemy prince for the sake of peace, Senator Royce Cleghorn doesn't like his husband, his alpha scent, or his damned pretty blue eyes. More than anything, Royce hates what Haydn makes him become: a primitive alpha cliché who'll do anything to mark his territory, even if that territory is his alpha husband. Royce likes omegas; he isn't into alphas, no matter how pretty their eyes are. It's just a weird territorial instinct. It has to be. Prince Haydn has always tried to be the perfect alpha his father wants him to be. He's the heir to the throne. He's a war general. He isn't supposed to bare his throat to an enemy alpha—and it isn't supposed to feel so good. Everyone knows a marriage between two alphas is a recipe for disaster. He isn't supposed to crave his husband—their marriage is just a political arrangement, nothing more. But when disaster strikes and loyalties are tested, which bond will be the strongest: their marriage, or their allegiances? This book is set in an omegaverse world similar to contemporary Earth, and it contains explicit content, mating cycles, scenting, knotting, and two men obsessed with each other. While mpreg exists in this world, it's only mentioned and doesn't appear on-page.

	Book_Title	Author_Name	Year_published	Book_
7426	Take Back the Sky	Greg Bear	2016	The conclusi
941	Unnatural	Alessandra Hazard	2020	A planet at
7703	Forged in Space	James David Victor	2017	Abandoned or
7400	Recruit	James David Victor	2017	Outgunned ar
8871	Beyond the Empire	K.B. Wagers	2017	The adrenal
7035	Unbreakable	W.C. Bauers	2015	The colonist
649	Shifter Planet	D.B. Reynolds	2015	Specialist A
6348	A Night Without Stars	Peter F. Hamilton	2016	The planet E
485	Severed	Evangeline Anderson	2016	Rylee Hale i
8717	Transformers/Ghostbust...	Erik Burnham	2020	Prime gets s
6306	Another World	Samuel Best	2020	Leaving Eart



Finding an Agent is Hard

You should use every tool available to you to make sure you find the right agent for you

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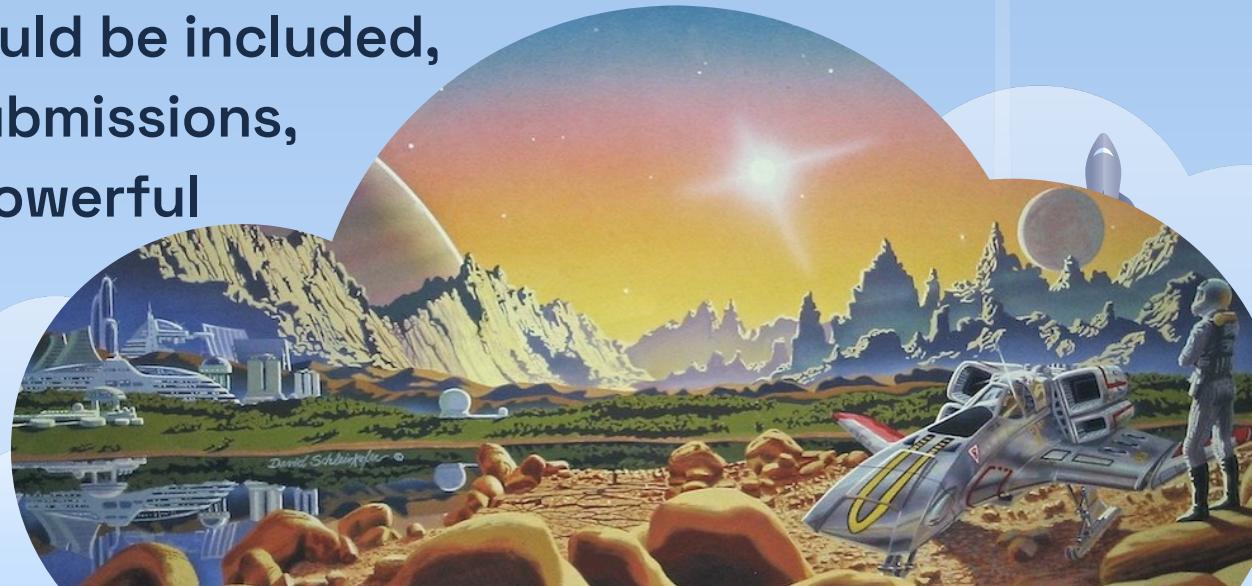
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Next Steps

More than just Science Fiction

There's More Coming!

- With an expanded dataset, we can identify books from other genres like mysteries, thrillers and literary fiction
- If agent information could be included, such as openness to submissions, it could become very powerful





Sometimes the hardest part is
knowing where to start

Thank You!

Any questions?

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