

Known Space Reading Order Checklist

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date	Title	Found In	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	1964 Aug	"The Coldest Place"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1965 Apr	"Wrong-Way Street"	<i>Convergent Series</i>	OPTIONAL? larryniven.net lists it as set in known space, but other sources disagree. A read through suggests it is at least not required reading.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1965 Jun	"One Face"	<i>Convergent Series</i>	OPTIONAL: Not strictly Known Space
<input type="checkbox"/>	1965 Jul	"Becalmed in Hell"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Feb	"Eye of an Octopus"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	short story, chronologically before "The Warriors"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Feb	"The Warriors"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	short story, chronologically after "Eye of an Octopus", also included later in "The Man-Kzin Wars"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Apr	"Bordered in Black"	<i>Convergent Series</i>	OPTIONAL: NOT strictly Known Space
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Jun	<i>World of Ptavvs</i>	<i>Three Books of Known Space, Standalone</i>	Novel
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Oct	"How the Heroes Die"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	chronologically before "Neutron Star"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Oct	"Neutron Star"	<i>Neutron Star</i>	chronologically after "How the Heroes Die". 'Neutron Star' is both a short story, and a collection of short stories. The collection <i>Neutron Star</i> contains the short story "Neutron Star"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Nov	"At the Bottom of a Hole"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	chronologically before "At the Core"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Nov	"At the Core"	<i>Neutron Star</i>	chronologically after "At the Bottom of a Hole"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1966 Dec	"A Relic of the Empire"	<i>Neutron Star</i>	

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<input type="checkbox"/>	1967 Feb	"The Soft Weapon"	<i>Neutron Star</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1967 Mar	"Flatlander"	<i>Neutron Star</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1967 Apr	"The Ethics of Madness"	<i>Neutron Star</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1967 May	"Safe at Any Speed"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1967 May	"The Adults"	<i>Protector</i>	later published as part 1 of <i>Protector</i> . You can read it when you read <i>protector</i> . None of the stories between "The Adults" and <i>Protector</i> will spoil "The Adults. Do not read <i>Protector</i> now, as it spoils <i>Ringworld</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1967 Aug	"The Jigsaw Man"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1967 Dec	"The Handicapped"	<i>Neutron Star</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1968 Feb	"Slowboat Cargo"	<i>A Gift from Earth, Three Books of Known Space</i>	serialization of A Gift from Earth. Can safely read <i>A Gift from Earth</i> now. <i>A Gift from Earth</i> is included in <i>Three Books of Known Space</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1968 Apr	"The Deceivers"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	later "Intent to Deceive", chronologically before "Grendel"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1968 Apr	"Grendel"	<i>Neutron Star</i>	chronologically after "The Deceivers"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1968 Jun	"There Is a Tide"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1968 Jul	"Wait It Out"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1968 Sep	<i>A Gift from Earth</i>	<i>Three Books of Known Space, Standalone</i>	Novel
<input type="checkbox"/>	1969 Jan	"The Organleggers"	<i>Flatlander</i>	later "Death by Ecstasy"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1970 Oct	<i>Ringworld</i>	Standalone	Novel

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<input type="checkbox"/>	1972 Mar	"Cloak of Anarchy"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1973 Jan	"The Defenseless Dead"	<i>Flatlander</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1973 Sep	<i>Protector</i>	Standalone	Novel
<input type="checkbox"/>	1975 Jan	"ARM"	<i>Flatlander</i>	chronologically before "The Borderland of Sol"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1975 Jan	"The Borderland of Sol"	<i>Crashlander</i>	chronologically after "ARM"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1979 Jul	<i>The Ringworld Engineers</i>	<i>The Ringworld Engineers</i> , Standalone	Novel
<input type="checkbox"/>	1980 Apr	<i>The Patchwork Girl</i>	<i>Flatlander</i> , Standalone	Out of print standalone Novel, also included in the <i>Flatlander</i> collection
<input type="checkbox"/>	1988 Jun	<i>The Man-Kzin Wars</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL: first book in the Man-Kzin Wars series, Novel
<input type="checkbox"/>	1989 Aug	<i>The Man-Kzin Wars II</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	1990 Aug	"Madness Has Its Place"	<i>Three Books of Known Space</i>	Short story from <i>Man-Kzin Wars III</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1990 Aug	"The Man-Kzin Wars III"	Standalone	OPTIONAL: Set in Known Space, mostly not written by Niven
<input type="checkbox"/>	1991 Jan 1	<i>Inconstant Star</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL: fix-up novel by Paul Anderson including Iron from <i>The Man-Kzin Wars III</i> . Also references "Inconstant Moon", which is not part of Known Space
<input type="checkbox"/>	1991 Sep	<i>The Man-Kzin Wars IV</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	1992 Oct	<i>The Man-Kzin Wars V</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	1993 Nov	"Procrustes"	<i>Crashlander</i>	chronologically before "The Color of Sunfire"
<input type="checkbox"/>	1993 Nov	"The Color of Sunfire"	read it here	chronologically after "Procrustes", officially available online

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<input type="checkbox"/>	1994 Apr	"Ghost"	<i>Crashlander</i>	<i>Crashlander</i> collection only, as frame story bridging the other stories together
<input type="checkbox"/>	1994 Jul	<i>Man-Kzin Wars VI</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	1995 Jun	"The Woman in Del Rey Crater"	<i>Flatlander</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1995 Jun	"Song of the Night People"	<i>The Ringworld Throne</i>	Short story that is embedded in The Ringworld Throne, which comes next, so just read that.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1995 Jul	<i>Man-Kzin Wars VII</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	1996 Jun	<i>The Ringworld Throne</i>	Standalone	Novel
<input type="checkbox"/>	1996 Sep	<i>A Darker Geometry</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL: This one has me confused. It seems to have been sold as it's own book, but also seems to be included in Man-Kinz VII. Until I purchase that book and verify, I will leave this in here. It was not written by Larry Niven
<input type="checkbox"/>	1998 Sep	<i>Choosing Names</i>	<i>Man-Kzin Wars VII</i>	short story
<input type="checkbox"/>	1998 Sep	<i>The Man-Kzin Wars VII</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL: "Choosing Names" is both the anthology title, and the title of one of the stories in the book. It includes works by others than Niven
<input type="checkbox"/>	2000 Oct	"Fly-By-Night"	<i>Stars and Gods, Man-Kzin Wars IX</i>	Short story set during The Man-Kzin Wars, later published in <i>Man-Kzin Wars IX</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2002 Jan	<i>Man-Kzin Wars IX</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	2003 Aug	<i>Man-Kzin Wars X: the Wunder War</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	2004 Jun	<i>Ringworld's Children</i>	Standalone	Novel

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<input type="checkbox"/>	2005 Oct	"The Hunting Park"	<i>Man-Kzin Wars XI</i>	Short story from <i>Man-Kzin Wars XI</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2005 Oct	<i>Man-Kzin Wars XI</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	2007 Oct	<i>Fleet of Worlds</i>	Standalone	Novel, first in the Fleet of Worlds series, co-written with Edward M. Lerner
<input type="checkbox"/>	2008 Sep	<i>Juggler of Worlds</i>	Standalone	Novel, co-written with Edward M. Lerner
<input type="checkbox"/>	2009 Feb	<i>Man-Kzin Wars XII</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	2009 Nov	<i>Destroyer of Worlds</i>	Standalone	Novel, co-written with Edward M. Lerner
<input type="checkbox"/>	2010 Oct	<i>Betrayer of Worlds</i>	Standalone	Novel, co-written with Edward M. Lerner
<input type="checkbox"/>	2012 May	<i>Man-Kzin Wars XIII</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	2012 Aug	<i>Fate of Worlds: Return from the Ringworld</i>	Standalone	Novel, co-written with Edward M. Lerner
<input type="checkbox"/>	2013 Dec	<i>Man-Kzin Wars XIV</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	2013 Dec	<i>Treasure Planet: A Man-Kzin Novel</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL: not even part of the Man-Kzin Wars. Very optional, Novel
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019 Feb	<i>Man-Kzin Wars XV</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	2020 Feb	<i>Freedom: A Man-Kzin Novel</i>	Standalone	OPTIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	2022 Nov	"Sacred Cow"	Analog Science Fiction & Fact November/December 2022	Short Story