The Bastard Legion
by Gavin G. Smith
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Thief and hacker Miska Corbin takes control of a prison spaceship and converts the inmates into her own private mercenary army, a legion that will help Miska on her quest.

Barbary Station
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Two engineers hijack a spaceship to join some space pirates—only to discover the pirates are hiding from a malevolent AI. Now they have to outwit the AI if they want to join the pirate crew—and survive long enough to enjoy it.

The Sol Majestic
by Ferrett Steinmetz
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Kenna, an aspirational teen guru, wanders destitute across the stars as he tries to achieve his parents’ ambition to advise the celestial elite.

Delta-V
by Daniel Suarez
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A billionaire recruits a team of adventurers to launch the first mining operation in space—with the aim of kick-starting an entire off-world economy—but the team soon discovers the extreme risks they’ll be facing.

Space Opera
by Catherynne M. Valente
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The fate of humankind and the Earth hang in the balance as galaxies compete for glory in a universe-wide musical contest where you must sing to survive.

The Clockwork Dynasty
by Daniel H. Wilson
F Wilson
A young anthropologist specializing in ancient technology makes the astonishing discovery that a race of human-like machines has been hiding among people for untold centuries.

Thrawn: Treason
by Timothy Zahn
F Zahn
When his defense program is halted in favor of a new Death Star project, Thrawn works to hold his position in the Imperial hierarchy only to receive a dire warning from Eli Vanto about his homeworld.

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