



[\*\*Airlock\*\*](#) by Tash McAdam

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\*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade ((Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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**Brick, a young thief, is terrified of outer space. But they're forced to escape Earth when a warrant goes out for their arrest.**

There's nothing left for them on the dusty, barren wasteland of Earth anyway. Brick stows away on a cargo ship headed for the moon. They reluctantly allow a local teenage enforcer named Amar to tag along. But the ship ends up containing unusual cargo and the crew members may not be who they appear to be.

Suddenly the spaceship is taken over by pirates, who imprison the crew in the airlock. Brick and Amar come up with a plan to rescue the crew. The only problem is that, in order to succeed, Brick must venture out into the deep darkness of space.

This short novel is a high-interest, low-reading level book for teen readers who are building reading skills, want a quick read or say they don't like to read! The epub edition of this title is fully accessible.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★“Immersive from the get-go, this novel is a quick-paced gem. The story is action-packed, with a plot that is always moving forward but still offers plenty of room for heart-fluttering moments between the protagonists...Engrossing and thrilling—this reluctant reader title should not be missed.” —[\*\*Kirkus Reviews\*\*](#)

“First-person narrator Brick is well fleshed out and the action is consistently brisk...With a relatable and compelling sci-fi/dystopian narrative, this should be an easy pitch for middle or high school reluctant readers.” —[\*\*School Library Journal\*\*](#)

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## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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[Airlock Teacher Guide](#)

### \*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.