

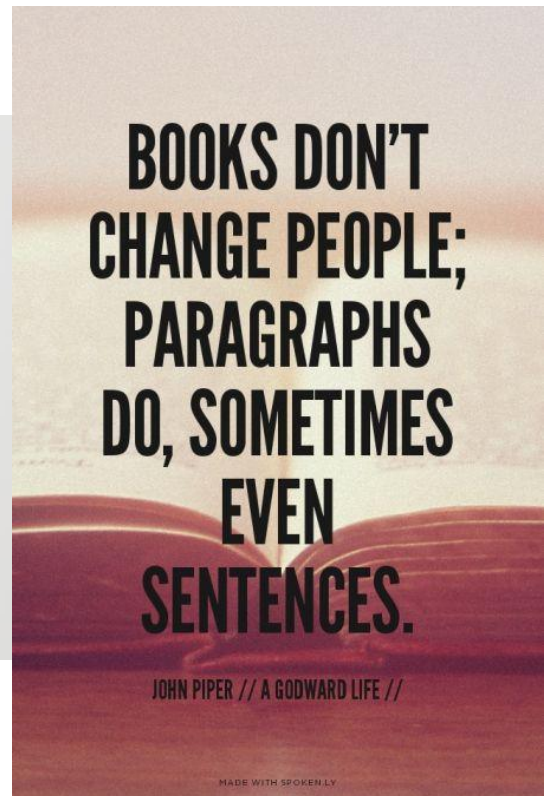
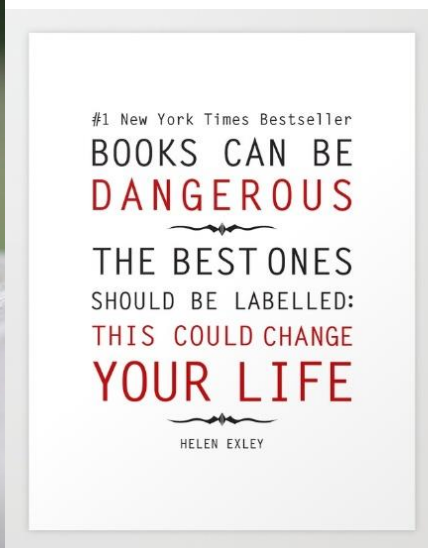
Must Reads

“Books can be *dangerous*. The best ones should be labeled: WARNING. THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.” – Helen Exley

* Inside: our compilation of our life-changing books by each passing 5th grade student!

Each book comes highly recommended from 5th grade students who’ve read the book and consider it a MUST READ – a book that will change your life, a book that will inspire you, a book that will leave you changed!

* These books are considered the *best of the best* by “we the students” – the Hewitt 2017 and 2018 and 2019 5th grade classes – and we are so excited we get to share and continue the love of reading! ENJOY OUR MUST READ LIST!



Title of Book: *Booked*

Author: Kwame Alexander

Genre: Poetry

Review: “This book is amazing! I just started it and I can’t put it down. I love soccer and I saw my friends reading it, so I knew this was the book for me. Even if you don’t like soccer or sports, this book is about life lessons for anyone who reads it. It is about a boy who goes through many crazy obstacles. I give it a 5 out of 5 stars!” – Sofia Shakhm

“This amazing book is not only about sports, it’s about life. It teaches you how to overcome your biggest fears. It’s about a 12-year-old boy (Nick) who is going through tough times and uses soccer to forget about the bad times. This book kept me up reading every night, and made me want to read more books by Kwame Alexander.” – Annie Madden

“I think this book is amazing! It is about life lessons. Nick has a really tough time adjusting. This book will keep you up at night. I loved it and you will, too!” – Hannah Reilly

“If you like soccer, you’re going to like this book. My teacher recommended this book to me and I loved it! I don’t know about you, but I think this book is ten times better than any other book!” – Spencer Ray

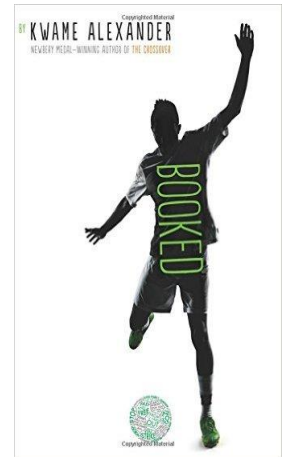
“This book is so amazing and cool! It is about a boy that loves soccer and he is going through a difficult time. Soccer helps him deal with everything and he has to learn to move on. My parents had to pull this book away from me at night - you won’t want to put it down!” – John Seward

“*Booked* is about a boy named Nick. He LOVES soccer and likes this girl named April. However, Nick has a hard time in school because all he thinks about is April and soccer. Read this book to find out more!” – Theodore Moore

“After eating breakfast, Nick liked to play FIFA online with his friend, Coby. His dad also bought him a new book to read incase he was ever bored. One day, Nick went to a party that this girl, April, invited him to. He also went on a date with April and they went horseback riding. You should definitely read *Booked* to find out what happens to Nick next.” – Dwayne Williamson

“I like this book because it is very exciting and uplifting. This book leaves you on an exciting cliffhanger, too!” – Patrick Brand

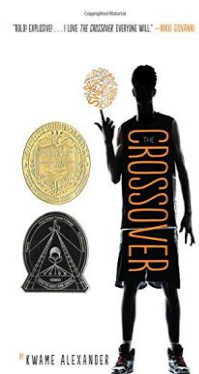
“I love this text because it was funny, sad and great. There are all different emotions are in this book. It leaves you with a cliffhanger at the end which leaves you wanting more.” – Alex Bounds



Title of Book: *Crossover*

Author: Kwame Alexander

Genre: Poetry



Review: “*Crossover* is one of the most amazing books I’ve ever read. This book made me see how fun reading is. Even if you don’t like sports, this book tells about growing up and becoming an adult. This book showed me that basketball brought together a family and tore it apart. *Crossover* is definitely a must-read book!” – Michael Melkonian

“If you like interesting sport books, you need to get this one! It is a 10 out of 10 and will make you want to read all of this author’s books. Even if you don’t like sports, this book is easily great for anyone.” – Bobby Galindo

“*Crossover* will have you at the edge of your seat because this story is unforgettable. This is a story about playing basketball and never giving up. I promise you’ll love this amazing book. It teaches you that you can do anything that you want to. I learned to never give up until I complete my dreams.” – Andre Galloway

“If you like sports and just good books, you will LOVE this book! If you don’t like poetry, this book will make you realize how cool poetry can be. It is about a boy who loves to play basketball. It shows how basketball brought a family together and tore them apart. The lessons and feelings you will have while reading this book are so deep. You have to read this book!” – Alex Sim

“Kwame Alexander is my favorite author now and I think he will be yours, too, if you read this book. It’s about a kid named Josh Bell who is the basketball phenomenon at school. His dad likes to call him “Filthy McNasty,” a nickname he got from a jazz song. The name Filthy McNasty stuck until Ms. Sweet Tea came around and fell in love with Josh’s twin brother, Jordan. An unexpected tragedy happens to one of Josh’s family members. How will Josh be when this happens? Read this book to get your answer!” – Spencer Ray

“*The Crossover* is about a boy named Josh. He also has a brother named Jordan. They both love playing basketball. Their dad, Chuck Bell, was a former basketball star. As you can see, the family loves basketball. I really enjoyed reading this book and I hope you love it, too!” – Nicholas Agoglia

“*Crossover* is a book that you will never want to put down. It is about two boys named JB and Josh and they both love to play basketball. Throughout both of their lives, they go through good times and bad times. I learned from this book that sometimes you have some horrible and sad days, but other times you have amazing and happy days. If you want to see what happens in this extraordinary book, you should read it right now!” – John Kufta

“If you are an emotional person, *Crossover* is your type of book and should definitely be putting on your reading list! It is about two brothers that love basketball and go through an awful time when their dad has two heart attacks and is in a coma. They go to high school where they are both on the school basketball team and go to the REC center every night to shoot free throws, three pointers and layups. My favorite character in the book is Josh because he can dunk and he doesn’t focus on having a girlfriend like his older brother, JB, does. Also, Josh is a great character because he is always there to back up JB. You should really look into checking out this book from your nearest library. Go read *Crossover* now!!” – Matty Marquardt

“Kwame Alexander describes Josh Bell as a shiny Corvette and his dad as an old Chevette. New school versus old school. Basketball and action. Brothers and family. Basketball as poetry. Even if you don’t usually like to read, you will love reading *The Crossover*!” – Miquan Burgess

"*The Crossover* is a book about two twin brothers. The main character is Josh Bell and his brother is JB. You can tell them apart because Josh is taller than JB and JB has dreadlocks. In the book, JB has a...oh wait, I can't tell you everything about the book! You're just going to have to read it yourself!" – Jayden Arevalo

"Do you like poetry? If so, this book is definitely for you! *The Crossover* is about Josh, a boy who is in the seventh grade with his twin brother Jordan, a.k.a. JB. The boys adore playing basketball and their dad is also really good at the sport. In fact, he won the basketball championship in high school. Josh's dad was even nicknamed "Da Man." This year, things seem to change for Josh and JB. JB gets a girlfriend and their dad's health starts to decline. To find out more, you will just have to read the book yourself!" – Emma Canty

"If you like basketball then *The Crossover* is the book for you! JB and Jordan, who are brothers, are very competitive. There are so many plot twists and sad moments in this book – it is definitely a must-read!" – Gavin McMahon

"I love this text because it is very detailed and has a lot of good parts. It also teaches lessons and teamwork. One more thing I like about *The Crossover* is how the two brothers get along and how they share their passion for basketball." – Ryan Schmitt

"I really connected to this book because it is about life and growing up. Josh and JB are twin brothers. They play basketball together and learn all about life together, too." –Savion Bassett

"At the top of the key I'm moving and grooving, popping and rocking. Why you bumping? Why you locking? Be careful though, 'cause now I'm crunking, crisscrossing, flossing, flipping and my dipping will leave you slipping.' *Crossover* is a book about a young basketball player who loves to rap. But his brother steals his talent and is better than him. Their dad also likes to play basketball and play them in games. I hope you will now read *Crossover*, I think that you and anyone will enjoy it." – Dante McPherson

"I am not a big fan of reading, but I really enjoyed *Crossover*. I liked it not only because it is a sports book, but also because the characters speak to each other the same way my friends and I do. I think anyone can relate to this book. I also like this book because it has poetry." – Brendan Sim

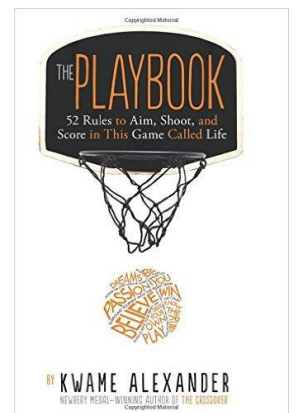
Title of Book: *The Playbook*

Author: Kwame Alexander

Genre: Poetry

Review: "Whether you like sports or not, this book will change how you feel about reading and poetry." – Owen West

"The Playbook is a dynamite book. If you like basketball and poetry, it's just for you. It is split into four quarters. In between the four quarters, Kwame Alexander talks about his life growing up. In the book there are 52 rules for shooting and scoring in this game called life. If you want to learn the rules, read it!" – Joseph Browne



Title of Book: *Solo*

Author: Kwame Alexander

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*Solo* is about a boy, Blade, whose father isn’t really nice. He doesn’t make the best decisions and learns from that. What will Blade do about this? Blade never felt like a part of his family, but he finds out something that answers all of his questions. What is it? Read to find out!” – Hannah Reilly

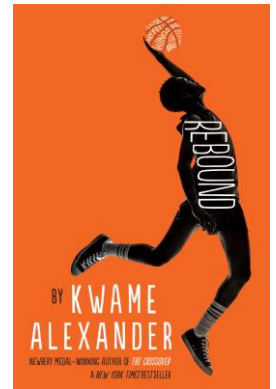


Title of Book: *Rebound*

Author: Kwame Alexander

Genre: Poetry

Review: “This year, Kwame Alexander has written five great books: *Booked*, *The Crossover*, *The Playbook*, *Solo*, and now *The Rebound*. *The Rebound* already tops all of them. If you read *The Crossover* then this book will ring a bell. It’s about Charlie Bell, the father of Josh. This book is all about his amazing story and about when he played ball. If you liked Kwame Alexander’s other books then you should definitely read this one, too!” – Spencer Ray



“This book has to be one of my favorites of all time because it not only talks about how Charlie (the dad from *The Crossover*) develops his love for basketball, it also lets you as the reader be there when he experiences his ups and downs in life. *The Rebound* is about facing rebounds both on and off the court.” – William Lomot

“This book is about a kid named Josh who loves basketball. His dad was also a famous basketball player. If you like basketball, too, then you should read this book! I would rate it a 10 out of 10.” – Nick Johnson

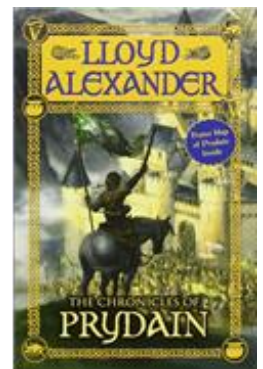
“*Rebound* is the prequel to *Crossover*. This book is about Chuck Bell going to his grandparents’ house over summer vacation. When he is there, he starts to like basketball because Roxie, his cousin, asks him to play for her team. At first, Chuck didn’t want to go to his grandparents’ house because he didn’t want to leave CJ and Skinny, his best friends. Read the book to see what happens!” – Daniel Gonzalez

Title of Book: *The Chronicles of Prydain (Series)*

Author: Lloyd Alexander

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “If you like books that slowly unravel while action happens in the mix, you will love this series! I always wondered what would happen in each chapter. Each book is a new goal that might surprise you.” – Ryan King

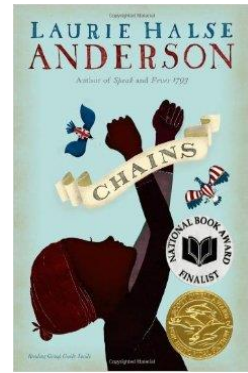


Title of Book: *Chains*

Author: Laurie Anderson

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “This book is a jaw-dropping book. It is historical fiction so if you are interested in history, this is your book. *Chains* teaches the lesson to never give up and to fight for what is right. It is about a girl in the American Revolution who has Loyalist owners but knows she has to fight for what is right.” – Nicholas Papadopoulos



Title of Book: *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*

Author: Tom Angleberger

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book made me laugh until it hurt! It’s about a kid named Dwight who makes an origami Yoda that gives him advice! He then gets his friends (Tommy, Kellen and Harvey) to get their friends (Lance, Murley, Sarah and Anna) to form an origami army against their mean principal. To find out how who wins this war, read *Origami Yoda!*” – Collin Anderson



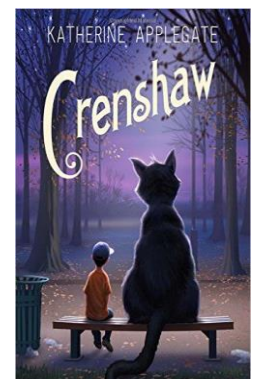
Title of Book: *Crenshaw*

Author: Katherine Applegate

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This is an unforgettable story about family, friendship and being resilient. Jackson and his family aren’t doing well and are having financial problems. His parents, sister and dog may end up having to live in their minivan, again. If you like to imagine what other kids go through, this book is for you! It makes you appreciate your family and your prized possessions, and to not take things for granted. It is such a good book!” – Sean Clairine

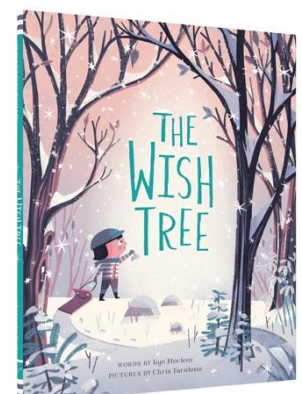
“If you like books about hope and family then *Crenshaw* is the book for you! However, the book has some very sad parts in it. The family faces many difficulties, including the dad having some health problems. Read the book to find out more!” – Andrew Ardito



Title of Book: *The Wish Tree*

Author: Katherine Applegate

Must Reads



Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book is about a red oak tree that everyone calls “Wish Tree.” One day, the person who has the tree closest to their property decides that they want to cut it down. However, the animals care greatly about the Wish Tree and this changes everything. Read this interesting book to find out more!” – Adriana Galindo

“I loved *Wish Tree* because it was about a tree named Red. This tree is special because it is where people make wishes. I think you will really enjoy this book!” – Emily Kramer

Title of Book: *The One and Only Ivan*

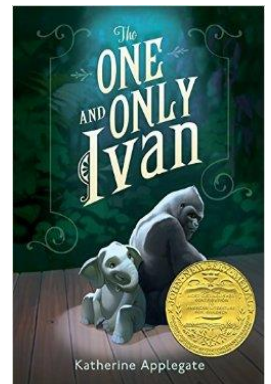
Author: Katherine Applegate

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*The One and Only Ivan* is a true story that has one common moral – never break a promise. The storyline was definitely both sad and happy but when you finish it, you might want to read it again and again. This book is about a gorilla who creates friendships and makes a promise.” – Maggie Miller

“Do you like to read about talking animals? If you do, you should read this book! The main character of this book is Ivan, a gorilla. Ivan lives in a mall in a room made glass. He used to live in the jungle but they moved him into a shopping mall. Ivan doesn’t really miss the jungle. He makes a lot of friends where he is now. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant. She was taken from her family to live in the mall, just like Ivan. Ruby brings changes with her to the mall and it’s up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.” – Keudy DeLeon

“This book is so good. It is about a gorilla named Ivan and an elephant named Ruby. They travel into their past and face their greatest fear, the future. This book teaches you have to face your fears.” – Amalia Breen

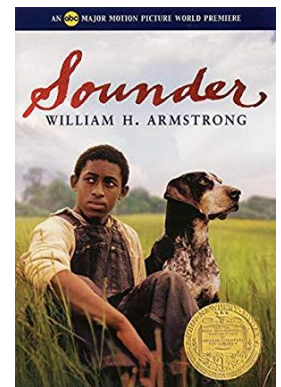


Title of Book: *Sounder*

Author: William H. Armstrong

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “The book *Sounder* is a story about an African American boy living with his sharecropper family. His family had some difficulties after his father was imprisoned for stealing a ham from work. People should read this book because it teaches about family, life decisions and challenges.” – Dylan Gibson

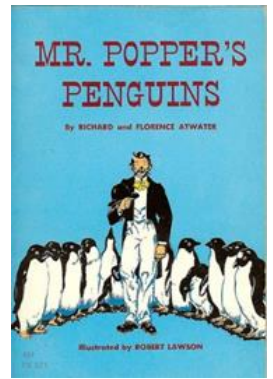


Title of Book: *Mr. Popper's Penguins*

Author: Florence & Richard Atwater

Genre: Fiction

Review: "Mr. Popper receives an unexpected delivery of a penguin from an explorer named Admiral Drake. After a few months, Mr. Popper has 12 penguins! How does he end up with 12 penguins? I can't tell you! Mr. Popper travels across the country performing shows with the penguins and it changes his life. This book will make reading time fun!" – Daniela Argondizzo

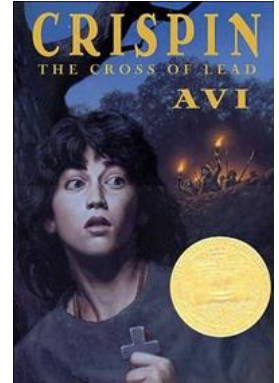


Title of Book: *Crispin*

Author: Avi

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: "If you are interested in adventures, you are in luck! Crispin has always only been called Asta's son. Crispin is from a peasant family and his first name is not important to anyone. He didn't even know his own name until he was 13! Then, his mother suddenly dies and he is left with no family, home or possessions. He is wrongly accused of a crime and if he wants to stay alive, he has to flee his village. His journey to freedom is terrifying and thrilling!" – Arthur Giblin

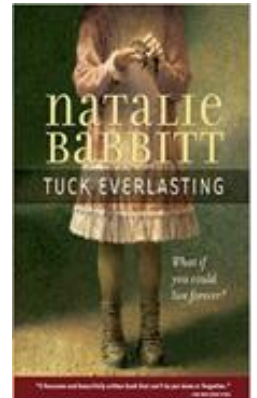


Title of Book: *Tuck Everlasting*

Author: Natalie Babbitt

Genre: Fantasy Fiction

Review: "This book starts out as an okay book and you feel like not much will happen. Then, about three chapters in, it gets so amazing! It becomes so mysterious! It is magical and wondrous and I couldn't put it down. Believe me when I tell you that you've never read a book like this and you will love it!" – Isabelle Maina

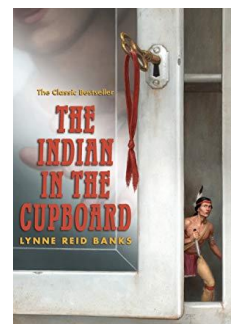


Title of Book: *The Indian in the Cupboard*

Author: Lynne Reid Banks

Genre: Fantasy

Review: "I love this book! I think it is so interesting because the day after Omri's birthday, Patrick gave him a gift that had a toy Indian in it. This toy Indian was no ordinary toy. His brother also gave him a cupboard. Omri put the Indian in the cupboard. The next day, the Indian came alive! The only reason it came alive is because of the key. The key had a red ribbon on it and the key was magical! After the Indian came alive, Omri was in shock!" – Allie Fingleton



Title of Book: *The Thing About Jellyfish*

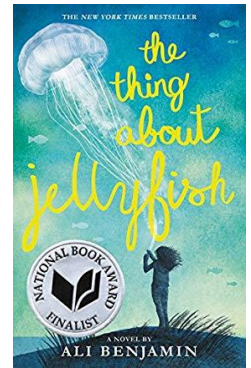
Author: Ali Benjamin

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book will have a special place on your favorite book list. With many twists and turns, places where you will cry and some where you’ll laugh, I really think you’ll love this book. Trust me, it’s hard to put down!” – Kayleigh Miller

“*The Thing About Jellyfish* shows how something ordinary can turn out to be extraordinary.

This book is about a girl named Suzy who absolutely loves jellyfish. She does a school project on the species and even learns about jellyfish experts, which leads her to learn about one of the most dangerous creatures on the planet: the Irukandji jellyfish. Her best friend, Franny, somehow drowned during a beach vacation but Suzy never truly believed this, as Franny has been an incredible swimmer since the first day they met. This makes Suzy think that maybe Franny didn’t just drown. She believes that maybe an Irukandji jellyfish stung her. In this book, Suzy goes on an incredible adventure in the hopes of proving that Franny didn’t just drown when she died.” – Alice Miller



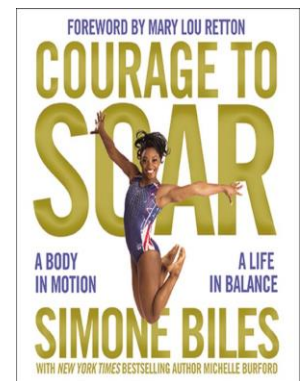
Title of Book: *Courage to Soar*

Author: Simone Biles

Genre: Autobiography

Review: “This amazing book is an autobiography about Simone Biles’s life. It tells about her journey to the Olympics and how she became the great gymnast she is today.

Courage to Soar tells about Simone’s friends, school, competitions, family and training in the gym. This book is incredible and I hope you consider reading it! I couldn’t put it down – it quickly became one of my favorites!” – Sienna Connolly

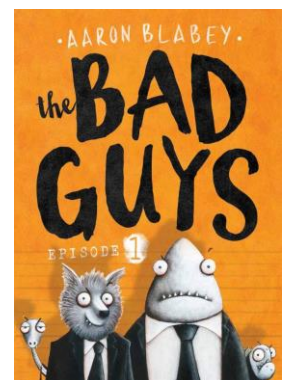


Title of Book: *The Bad Guys Series*

Author: Aaron Blabey

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book is about a group of different animals who are bad guys. The main character, Mr. Wolf, is the first of the bad guys to turn good. Then, Mr. Wolf tries to make the other bad guys become good. Mr. Wolf went up to every bad guy’s house and knocked on their doors. First, he went up to Mr. Sneake’s house. Second, he went to Mr. Piranha’s house. Last, he goes to Mr. Shark’s house. After that, Mr. Wolf started a good guy’s club with the bad guys, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake and Mr. Piranha. Then, after the good guys’ club, all of the bad guys turned good and then they went on to save all of the dogs from the dog pound. This book proves that even bad guys have a little bit of good in them!” – Patrick Sullivan



“Book 2 is even funnier than the first! I just love it. They try to be good, but they don’t realize they’re doing bad things. They think they are being good! These books are so funny and very entertaining.” – Jonathan Wynn

Title of Book: *Bloomberg*

Author: Michael Bloomberg

Genre: Autobiography

Review: “Have you heard of one of the most successful entrepreneurs in the world? His name is Michael Bloomberg. His autobiography teaches readers about business and what it takes to become a wealthy businessperson. Trust me, he has learned a lot of valuable lessons that everyone can benefit from hearing about. One of my favorite things about this book is that I learned a lot of new words from reading it. Sorry I can’t tell you more, but one thing I *can* tell you is that you should go and buy this book!” – Lailah Jones

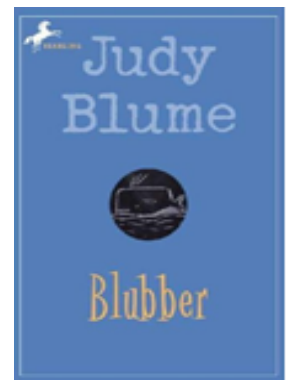


Title of Book: *Blubber*

Author: Judy Blume

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*Blubber* is about real-life bullying. It taught me that if anyone is bullying you, you need to stop them. Once you read this book you won’t want to put it down!” – Jadynn Lopez



Title of Book: *Raft*

Author: Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

Genre: Fiction

Review: “The book *Raft* is an amazing book. The ending is outstanding and even the beginning is great! This book is about a girl named Robie that goes on a plane to search for her mother and father. On the plane ride over to an island in Hawaii, the plane crashes in the water. Robie barely made it out alive with Max (the pilot)! The water was shark infested. Max and Robie decided to float to shore. The book *Raft* is a great book to check out from the library. It has lots of action, love and hunger.” – Lachlan Tarpey



Title of Book: *The Name of this Book is Secret*

Author: Pseudonymous Bosch

Genre: Mystery

Review: “In this book, two sixth graders, Max and Cass, find a note asking for help from an allegedly dead magician. They go on a journey to find this magician. Along the way, they find out that there is a 500-year-old secret society that wants to kill them. They also find out a secret that they can rule the world!” – John Schmidt

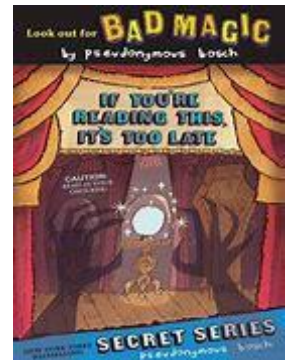


Title of Book: *If You're Reading This, It's Too Late*

Author: Pseudonymous Bosch

Genre: Mystery

Review: “Cass and Max-Ernest are back in this sequel to *The Name of This Book is Secret*. After getting a letter from the so-called dead magician, Pietro, they find him alive! They also find another secret society called the Terces Society. They work for good and keep the secret from the Midnight Sun. They find out about the Homunculus, an ancient being who was created by Lord Pharaoh, the creator of the Midnight Sun. Will Cass and Max-Ernest get to the Homunculus, or is it already too late?” – John Schmidt

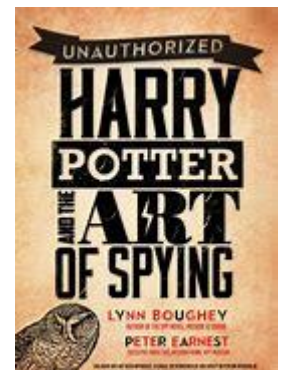


Title of Book: *Unauthorized Harry Potter and the Art of Spying*

Author: Lynn Boughey

Genre: Fiction/Fantasy

Review: “I saw everyone browsing through this book and really loving it so I thought that I would give it a try. This book has cool puzzles, codes to break, word searches and everything you need to know about being a spy. However, if you haven't read or seen any Harry Potter books or movies then don't read this book!” – Aaron Weisenburger

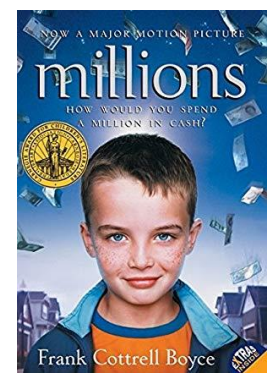


Title of Book: *Millions*

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce

Genre: Fiction

Review: “One day a bag came flying out of the air and landed on a boy's feet. The bag had a million dollars in it! The boy and his brother were suddenly rich. But there was one problem, they had to spend the money in one day. They didn't know what to do! Turns out, the money was stolen and fell from a plane.” – Aidan Doyle

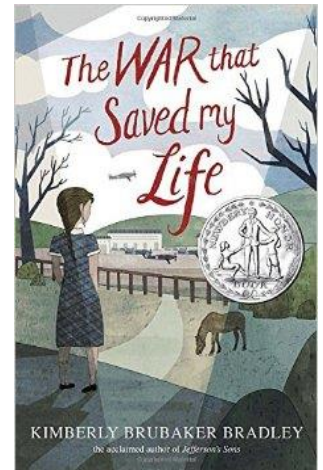


Title of Book: *The War that Saved My Life (Series)*

Author: Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “*The War that Saved My Life* is a fantastic book filled with suspense, joyous moments and one very big cliffhanger while Ada and Jamie fight for their lives. Read about the amazing journey Ada and Jamie go through to get out of the abusive situation they are stuck in. Throughout their journey, they learn many new things. Ada even learns how to use a toilet at the age of eleven. *The War that Saved My Life* is the best book that I have ever read! I encourage other people to read it because it is a fantastic piece of literature with a very intriguing storyline that makes you want to read more. Caution: if you are one of those people that cry from very sad things or cry tears of joy often, I would not recommend that you read this book. However, if you are not one of these people, please read this captivating story!” – Cayla Katz



“This is an amazing story about 9-year-old Ada and her little brother Jamie escaping their abusive mother and their one room apartment. It will leave you up all night wanting to know what is next. It makes you thankful for what you have. The story takes place during World War II. You will be crying with tears of joy and sadness. This book should definitely make a spot on your must-read list!” – Kathleen Conlon

“I recommend this book because it tells about a girl’s hard life during World War II. No matter what happens to her, she stays strong and is always brave.” – Leann Truesdell

“This book is about a girl named Ada and her little brother, Jamie. Both are abused by their mother, mainly because Ada has a crippled foot. This story is about how they escape and find new hope. You should read this book and if you like it, you should try the sequel, *The War I Finally Won*.” – Lilah Thorne

“*The War that Saved My Life* is about a girl named Ada who was born with a clubfoot. Her and her brother Jamie were sent to live with a woman named Susan during World War II. A lot of action and drama happens throughout this story. It is a book that you will never put down. I loved it so much that I’m now reading *The War I Finally Won*.” – Dylan Walsh

Title: *The War I Finally Won*

Author: Kimberly Bradley

Genre: Realistic fiction

Review: “*The War I Finally Won* is the sequel to *The War that Saved My Life*. It is about a girl named Ada living with her brother and her guardian, Susan. The story takes place during WWII. No one knows who they can trust. When a new Jewish girl moves in to study mathematics with Susan, no one in the house can trust her. She hides in her room and doesn’t talk to anyone. Will Ada be able to trust this mysterious girl? Read this book to find out for yourself!” – Bridget McCormack

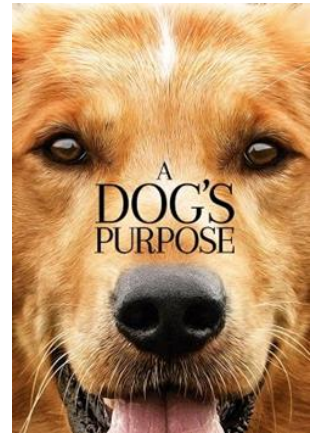


Title of Book: *A Dog's Purpose*

Author: W. Bruce Cameron

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*A Dog's Purpose* is not only the emotional story of a dog's many lives, but also a dog's commentary on human relationships and the unbreakable bonds between man and man's best friend. The main character in this book had various names such as Toby, Bailey, and Ellie. He became different dogs over many, many years until he could finally fulfill all of his purposes. The dog believed that he/she only had one purpose, but the truth is that he/she had more than one! This is a stunning book that shows us the true meaning of friendship and loyalty. It teaches us that love never dies and that our true friends are always with us. It shows us that every single creature on this planet is born with a purpose.” – Aaron Weisenburger



“*A Dog's Purpose* is by far my most favorite book ever! It's about a dog who lives many different yet equally special lives. During these journeys, the dog learns different lessons and always bring joy to his/her owner. One life in particular, however, is his/her favorite. His/her owner is a boy named Ethan. When the dog dies, he/she does everything in his/her power to try and find Ethan again. Will he/she find him? Read the book to find out!” – Lilah Thorne

“*A Dog's Purpose* is about a dog who goes through many different lives. This book is both sad and happy. It made me cry at some parts and laugh at others. You should definitely give this book a try.” – Jack Gilgan

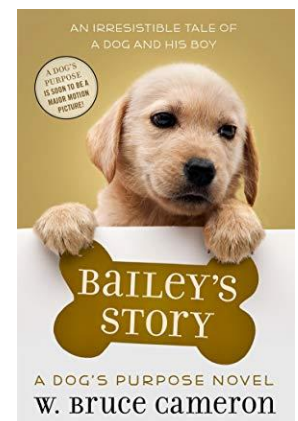
“Roof! Roof! ‘The dog catcher is too close! We are not going to make it!’ Pant! Pant! Imagine if you were a dog. Now imagine being petrified. Will Bailey get caught and be killed in the pound? Or will she escape and either find a nice home, or live in a box on the streets? Read more to find out if Bailey dies young or lives a good, but hard life.” – Keira Mullaney

Title of Book: *Bailey's Story: A Dog's Purpose*

Author: W. Bruce Cameron

Genre: Realistic Fiction

“*Bailey's Story: A Dog's Purpose*” describes the life of a beloved pet from the canine's own point of view. From rough beginnings in a puppy mill, to life as the happy friend of “his boy” Ethan. *Bailey's Story* will warm readers' hearts and deepen their love for mankind's best friend.” – Ava Curtis

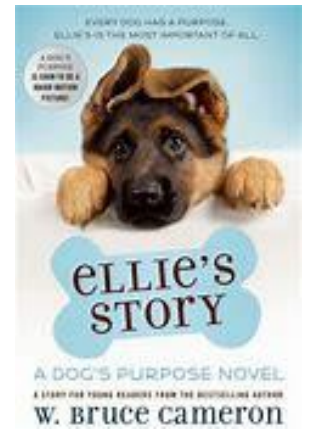


Title of Book: *Ellie's Story*

Author: W. Bruce Cameron

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "Ellie is a dog who was trained to do one thing: find. She gets to work with a police officer named Jakob. *Ellie's Story* is a heartwarming story that any animal lover will absolutely adore! Read this book to find out what happens to Ellie during one of her finds!" – Keely McCormack

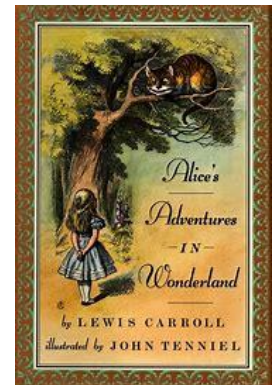


Title of Book: *Alice in Wonderland*

Author: Lewis Carroll

Genre: Fiction

Review: "We have all heard the story of Alice in Wonderland, whether it's about the talking caterpillars, crazy mad hatters or something even more strange! However, I bet you haven't read *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll! From giant puppies in the forest to playing with Dodo birds on the beach, this Wonderland has many curiosities and is very different than the one we've all heard about! In my opinion, this version is way better! Enjoy – but beware of the Queen of Hearts!" – Elena Mingorance

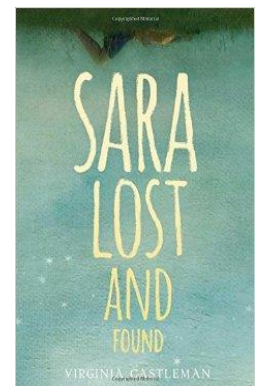


Title of Book: *Sara Lost and Found*

Author: Virginia Castleman

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "This book made me laugh, cry, smile and frown. With 320 pages, I couldn't put it down. Sara and her sister are bouncing from place to place, hoping to find a loving and caring family who would be willing to adopt Sara and her 11-year-old sister. This book makes you appreciative, care a lot and become so thankful for what you have." – Eva Garcia



Title of Book: *The Chocolate Touch*

Author: Patrick Skene Catling

Genre: Fantasy Fiction

Review: I love this book because I love chocolate and I like the twist that happens. I think this book is very creative. I also thought it was really cool that whatever he touched turned into chocolate. I think this book was very exciting!" – Michael Lynch

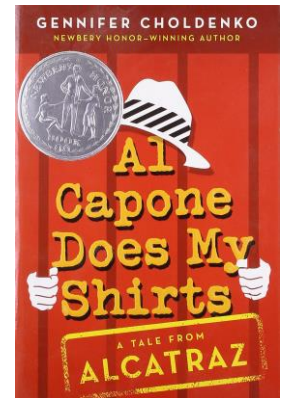


Title of Book: *Al Capone Does My Shirts*

Author: Gennifer Choldenko

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*Al Capone Does My Shirts* is a book about a family living on Alcatraz Island, which is a maximum security prison. This is the last place you would expect to find a family. Moose Flanagan and his sister, Natalie, hate it there because they have no friends, except for maybe a notorious criminal. I like this book because it is entertaining, especially when the family eats meals prepared by a two-time murderer. How cool is that?!” – Ryan Kennedy

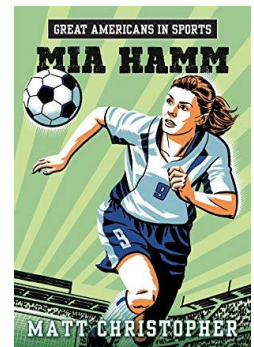


Title of Book: *Great Americans in Sports: Mia Hamm*

Author: Matt Christopher

Genre: Biography

Review: If you enjoy playing soccer, then you should read this book about Mia Hamm. After I read it, she inspired me to become a better soccer player. I loved learning about all the things that we have in common. She taught me to keep believing in myself and don't let anything drag you down. I hope you listen to my advice and read the book!” – Mia DiSalvo

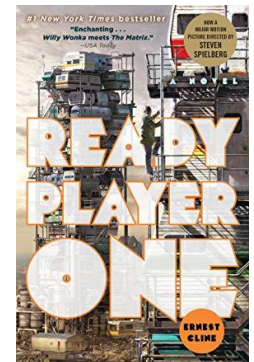


Title of Book: *Ready Player One*

Author: Ernest Cline

Genre: Fiction

Review: “*Ready Player One* is an action packed virtual reality story. It is amazing book and you need to read it!” - Donovan Sherwood

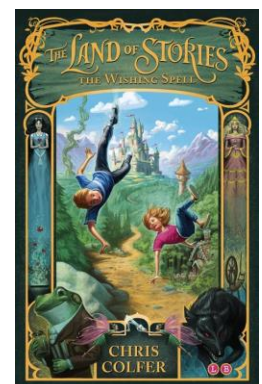


Title of Book: *The Land of Stories (Series)*

Author: Chris Colfer

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “I love fantasy and magical books. If you do, too, then *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* is for you! It is a beautiful, funny, sad and suspenseful story. It's about twins named Alex and Conner. While they go through deadly obstacles, you won't be able to get your nose out of this book! I loved it so much and I'm sure that you will, too!” – Chelsea Devine



“Have you ever wished there was a fairy tale world where all of the fairy tales you’ve ever heard of as a kid were true stories? Well, if you have then you should read *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*! *The Land of Stories* is a great six-book series for you to enjoy. It is about Alex and Conner Bailey, twins who one-day stumble upon a pond and a fairy tale world in which all of the fairy tale characters come to life! I would recommend this book for you if you like crazy adventures and have a sense of humor. It helped me become closer with two of my best friends - we even started a book club because of it!” – Daniel Gonzalez

“*The Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns* is about two twins (Alex and Connor) who have to find items in order to make the Wand of Wonderment. They need the wand to defeat the evil enchantress who is trying to take over the fairytale world! *The Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns* is filled with suspense, drama and happiness. If you like fantasy then this book is for you!” – Kate Palya

“Have you ever wished that there was some other world or dimension other than ours? Well, there is in *The Land of Stories: A Grimm Warning*! This book is about the French Armée invading a fairytale world. Twins Alex and Connor have all of the weight on their shoulders to stop thousands of soldiers from invading this fairytale world. Before you read this book, I would definitely recommend starting from the first book (*The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*). This book series is one of my most favorite series ever!” – Ryan Borruso

“*The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* is an amazing book about two kids named Alex and Connor. These boys have to pass deadly obstacles on a long journey that they take. When I was reading, I couldn’t get my face out of this book!” – John Seward

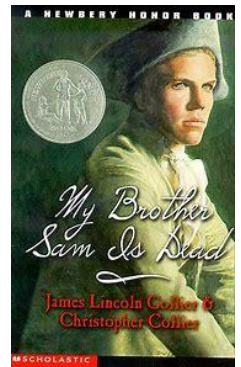
“I love this text because there are magical things and I love magic. This book is about a brother named Connor and a sister named Alex going on an adventure. They went into this very secret book their Grandma gave them. It is so exciting! This is why I love this book!” – Jack Kourtsounis

Title of Book: *My Brother Sam is Dead*

Author: James Lincoln Collier

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “Imagine having to choose between your brother and your father – you can only choose one, but how? Well, this is what Tim Meeker has to do. His brother, Sam, has enlisted in the Patriots’ Army. However, his dad is a Loyalist, which leaves Tim torn. Will Tim join his father and fight against his brother or will he join his brother and fight against his father? Find out by reading *My Brother Sam is Dead*.” – Bridget McCormack



Title of Book: *Gregor the Overlander (Series)*

Author: Suzanne Collins

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “This book will keep you up all night reading. It is about a boy named Gregor that stumbles into the mysterious “Underlands.” This book is full of action and will leave you awestruck.” – Luke Maier

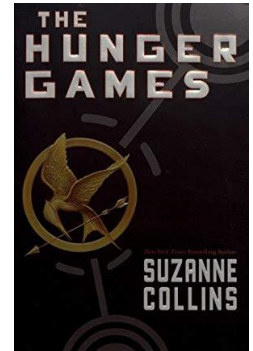


Title of Book: *The Hunger Games*

Author: Suzanne Collins

Genre: Science Fiction

Review: “Imagine a dark gray morning, your name in a bowl with someone’s hand swirling around. If your name was picked, there was a 1 in 24 chance of you living. Imagine your little sister being picked at the age of 12. Do you let her live or let her die? The hardest decision of your life! Will it be your life or your sister’s life? Join Katniss Everdeen on her exciting journey. Will she make it or will she die?” – Ella Jane Darcy



Title of Book: *Walk Two Moons*

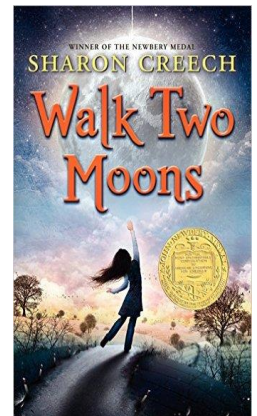
Author: Sharon Creech

Genre: Fiction

Review: “If you like captivating books that are heartbreaking, happy and funny all in one, then this is the book for you. It kept me up each night! It is about a girl and her mother who run away. I give it a 5-out-of-5 stars rating!” – Isabelle Maina

“Trust me, if you pick up this book, you will spend hours on end reading it. This book is about a girl and her grandparents trying to find out what happened to her mother. It shows you that even in dark times, there is always a light to guide you.”

– Madelyn Maina



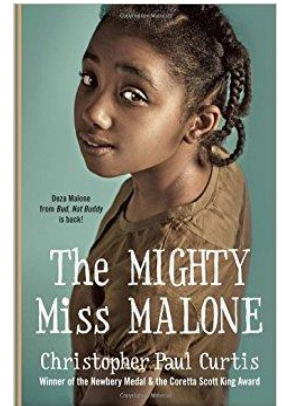
“Are you looking for a cliff-hanging book? Well, then, what are you waiting for? Head over to your library or bookstore! Salamanca Tree Hiddle, also known as Sal, is the main character in this book. She is on a mission to find her mother. Her best friend, Phoebe Winterbottom’s mom, goes missing but then comes back. If you want to learn more, go get *Walk Two Moons*!” – Hannah Porter

Title of Book: *The Mighty Miss Malone*

Author: Christopher Paul Curtis

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “This book is a perfect book for all ages that will keep you wanting more. In this story, Deza, the main character, has overcome some pretty hard obstacles in search of her dad, who is trying to find work in one of the most difficult periods of time in American History.” – Patrick Mullin

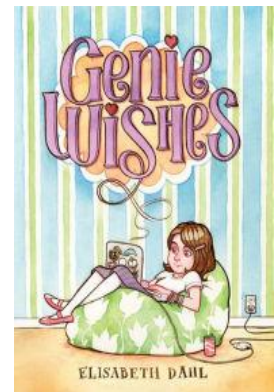


Title of Book: *Genie Wishes*

Author: Elisabeth Dahl

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book is about a girl who is going through 5th grade. She faces the “mean girls” which, in the beginning, really makes her upset, but in the end she knows how to deal with them. This book taught me to always try to fit in with everybody, be nice to all and to keep friends.” – Valentina Casale

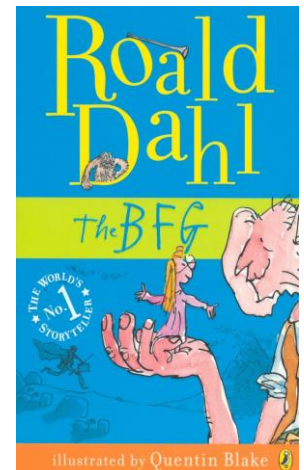


Title of Book: *The BFG*

Author: Roald Dahl

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “If you like adventure and fantasy, *The BFG* is the book for you. If you were wondering what “BFG” stands for, it stands for “Big Friendly Giant”. *The BFG* starts with a little girl named Sophie who is still awake in the middle of the witching hour (midnight). Sophie tip-toes to the window to shut the curtains when suddenly, a giant looks through the window of the orphanage and takes Sophie far away from home. I loved this book because of how creative it is. It was even made into a movie in 2016. This book came out in 1982 and, well, it blew up! It was a hit! This book is well-known and I hope you love it!” – Jack Shrimpton

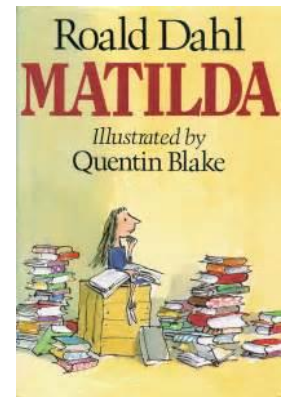


Title of Book: *Matilda*

Author: Roald Dahl

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book is about a girl named Matilda who goes to kindergarten. Her teacher is nice but her school has the meanest principal in the world! The principal is unpredictable because you never knew what she was going to do next. Matilda knows even more than grown-ups and one day she finds out that she has brain power and she saves the school. If you like what you hear then I suggest you read this book! I rate it five-out-of-five stars!” – Marina Ioannou



Title of Book: *Untwine*

Author: Edwidge Danticat

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “Two twins were holding hands just as they had been the second they were born. Their tiny fingers were stuck together. They would need to be untwined, but would it be their last day to hold on? Does this seem interesting? If so, go get the book *Untwine*, by Edwidge Danticat! It is about a family who gets into a car accident...but was it really an accident? You need to read to find out. This book is very mysterious and overall, an outstanding book!” – Cate Ford



“This book is filled with drama but worth the read. It includes twin sisters and a few sad bits to bring out tears. It isn’t a sad book overall, but it touches your heart. You will love this book!” – Maureen Clancy

“It’s a normal night. You’re on your way to your sister’s concert when...BAM!!! It happens. You are now the victims of a car crash. Your dad tried to turn away from the person who crashed into you. Your mom is screaming everyone’s name at the top of her lungs. You and your twin sister grab each other’s hands. But the question is, will it be the last time the two hands meet? You end up in the hospital, floating in and out of consciousness while also reliving old memories. You stay at the hospital recovering for awhile. You go home having always thought that the accident was truly an accident...but was it really?” – Lily Hubler

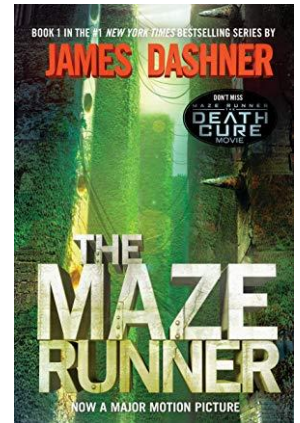
“*Untwine* is an amazing book about two twin girls, Giselle and Isabelle, who were born with their hands together. Their little fingers are eventually “untwined.” Then one day, the family is in a car accident on their way to Isabelle’s concert. But was it really an accident? Gisele is in the hospital wondering where Isabelle and her parents are. She doesn’t know what’s going to happen next. I think you should read this mind-blowing, exciting, heart-racing book!” – Olivia Cesario

Title of Book: *The Maze Runner*

Author: James Dashner

Genre: Science Fiction

Review: “Imagine that you wake up in a pitch black metal box and remember nothing from your past except that your name is Thomas. After a while, a hatch opens and light pours in. A little while later, you learn that you are in a place called the Glade. You also learn that you’re surrounded by a maze filled with beasts, called griever, that come out at night. Luckily the walls close every night. But one night, the walls stop closing. Now it is up to Thomas to help the gladers escape.” – Gavin Morin



“*Maze Runner* is a very good book, that I could not put down! It is about a group of teenagers who are trapped in the center of a maze. The teenagers cannot remember anything, but, they do know that they must get out of the maze. That is why some of the boys are runners, who go out into the maze to try and find a way out. But, they must come back by dark, that is when the doors close and the monsters come out! The boys are safe as long as they are in the center when the doors close. But when the doors don’t close....” – Cillian O’Comhraí

“*The Maze Runner* is a book that takes its readers on Thomas’ (a thirteen year old boy) adventure at a terrifying yet intriguing place, where there are threats around every corner. I enjoyed this book because it was so interesting and I couldn’t think about anything else; especially the part when Thomas is being chased through the maze by hideous beasts.” – Lauren Ferazani

Title of Book: *The Lemonade War*

Author: Jacqueline Davies

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This fierce lemonade war between brother and sister will make you create pictures in your mind and drag you into summer. The ice-cold lemonade stands will leave your mouth watering and the interesting story will leave you wanting more. I never really loved reading until this book! This book made me want to open more books and continue to read.” – Cassie Hawkins



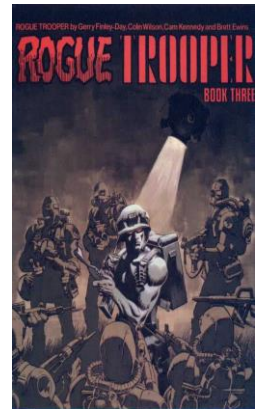
“If you like a competition, then this is a book for you. If you are a fan of deception and lemonade, I think you would enjoy this book. It’s a great summertime adventure with a few twists. It is also a very funny and amazing book that took me hours to put down! The characters, Evan and Jessie, have three days each to sell lemonade and whoever makes more money by Saturday keeps their money and the siblings’ money.” – James O’Connell

Title of Book: *The Rouge Trooper- Adventures of Nu Earth 3*

Author: Gerry Finley-Day

Genre: Science Fiction

Review: “If you like adventure, science fiction and mystery, you’ll love this book! I loved it! The tale is of a huge war going on throughout the galaxy. The Northerners and Southerners fight over who should rule the galaxy. The Southerners get desperate and create a robotic soldier called the Genetic Infantry who can breathe in toxic air. They were all killed except for one: Rouge Trooper! In this book, he looks for a special liquid to revive his friends. Read this book to see what happens. If you like these types of books, it will also be one of your favorites!” – Brendan Russell

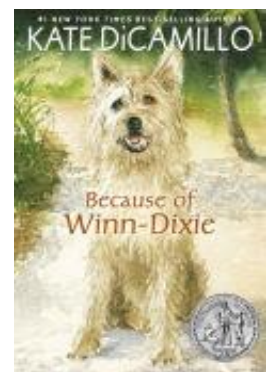


Title of Book: *Because of Winn-Dixie*

Author: Kate DiCamillo

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “All you could hear is the sound of crickets and Opal’s (the main character’s) footsteps. Opal calls out “Winn-Dixie” over and over again. All of a sudden, it starts to rain cats and dogs. *Swish!* Do you want to read more? If you do, go quick and get the book, *Because of Winn-Dixie*, by Katie DiCamillo. I know you will like this book the second you lay eyes on it! I know I did!” – Ava Seidenstein



“*Because of Winn-Dixie* is a great book that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Reading about Opal and Winn-Dixie’s big adventures, this book is a great way of seeing what true friendship really is. When I read this book, it changed my life and it made me realize that a great friendship is always something you want to have.” – Isabelle Jocelyn

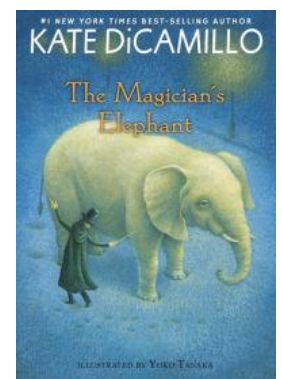
“*Because of Winn-Dixie* is an amazing book that you can’t put down! It is about a girl named Indiana who found a stray dog (Winn-Dixie) in a grocery store. Indiana picked the name for the dog from the store. When she sees the dog, she absolutely falls in love with him! Ever since she found the dog, he never leaves her side. *Winn-Dixie* is the best book and you have to read it to find out more!” – Charlotte Piccola

Title of Book: *The Magician’s Elephant*

Author: Kate DiCamillo

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book grabs your attention right at the very start. The setting is staged in the past, and is about a boy named Peter who is owned by an old soldier name Vilna



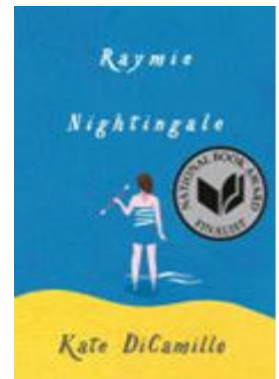
Lutz. This book is unlike most that you'll ever come across, and you will feel different after you read it. It is one you won't forget." – Michael Kramer

Title of Book: *Raymie Nightingale*

Author: Kate DiCamillo

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "In the beginning of this book, you may think that you are bored, but the book quickly shows you just how good it is! Raymie Clarke's father has run away. If she wins the Little Miss Central Florida Tire Contest, she will be featured in the newspaper. If that happens, maybe her dad will see her and come home. In this heartwarming story about friendship, you will cry, laugh and feel every other emotion. I am sure anyone will love this truly amazing book." – Kayleigh Miller

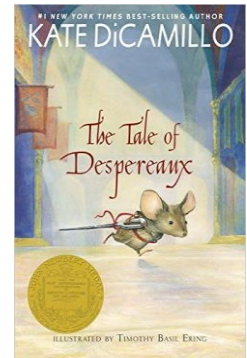


Title of Book: *The Tale of Despereaux*

Author: Kate DiCamillo

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "This is a great book because you learn not to judge anyone because of their size. In this book, a mouse shows bravery and goes through a lot of adventure." – Paris Bailey

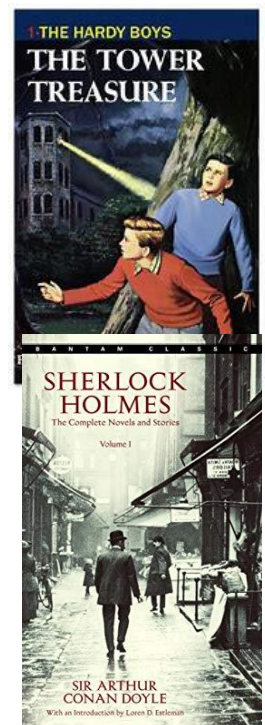


Title of Book: *The Hardy Boys: The Tower Treasure* (1st Edition)

Author: Franklin W. Dixon

Genre: Mystery/Fiction

Review: "If you want action, mystery and cliff-hanging suspense, read *The Hardy Boys: The Tower Treasure*. It features the thrilling adventures of America's favorite detective duo, Frank and Joe Hardy, in their quest to bring criminals to justice. You should definitely go and pick up this book now!" – Aaron Weisenburger



Title of Book: *Sherlock Holmes*

Author: Arthur Conan Doyle

Genre: Mystery

Review: "*Sherlock Holmes* is a book for people who love mysteries! This book will keep your mind guessing until you finally find out who committed the crime. Sherlock Holmes is about the greatest detective in the world, alongside his partner Dr. Watson. It is a book told in the first person point of view and is told by Dr. Watson. I suggest reading this book with a parent as

there can be many challenging words. In this book, there are many different stories such as: 'The Red-Headed League' and 'A Case of Identity.' This is a great book for anybody who loves mysteries! – Lachlan Stack

Title of Book: *The Running Dream*

Author: Wendelin Van Draanen

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "Imagine running everywhere and getting first place in all of your races. That was life for Jessica until she was in a horrible car crash which forces her to be in a hospital bed for what seemed like forever. This book is an emotional rollercoaster filled with tons of drama, hope and faith. Jessica wonders if she will ever run again..." – Addison Coletti



Title of Book: *Out of My Mind*

Author: Sharon Draper

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "I have lots of things that I want to say and so does Melody Brooks, except she can't say them. Melody is the main character in the book *Out of My Mind*. She is as smart as a NASA astronaut but is not allowed to jump into space like other kids. Melody has to wait on Earth in Room H5 until the 5th grade happens. Melody is put in classes with normal kids and begins to make friends. She breaks down every barrier in her path. One of Melody's barriers is talking. Will she be able to overcome her challenge? If you want to find out, go visit the library and check out this book! It is a page-turning book with lots of suspenseful, happy and sad moments!" – Madeline Steere



"This is a book I would totally recommend in a heartbeat! This awesome book is about a girl named Melody who is a spastic bilateral quadriplegia, which is a fancy name for a disease where you can't move your legs or arms or anything from the neck down. She also can't talk but has an amazing vocabulary and a fascinating mind. Now don't get frightened, she is a normal girl otherwise. I'm telling you, you won't be able to put this book down! Before I go, you may be asking, "will she ever talk?" Well, my answer is...you tell me after you read the book! – Riley Perna

"*Out of My Mind* is an amazing and outstanding book! The book is about a girl named Melody who is disabled and can't walk, talk or eat on her own. She knows she's different from everyone else, but Melody is unique in her own special way. The theme is to be careful for what you have and to never give up! If I had to rate this book, I would give it a 1,000 out of 1,000!!! So go pick the book up from your local library!" – Olivia Cesario

"Think of a girl who has millions of words and thoughts swimming around in her head but can't say a single one. *Out of my Mind* is about a girl named Melody who has Cerebral Palsy and can't do anything without assistance. She is as smart as Albert Einstein but can't show her brilliance because she is stuck in room H5 at her school, being treated like a baby. Eventually, Melody is placed in regular classes and makes some friends. She faces many challenges in 5th grade...especially speaking. Will she be able to survive the year? Find out for

yourself by reading *Out of My Mind*, a page-turner that is full of suspense. You won't want to put the book down!" – Bridget McCormack

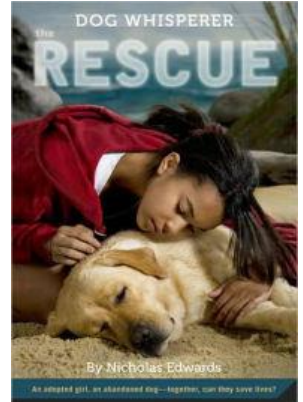
"Trapped. Imagine living life like that. Eleven year-old Melody has a photographic memory and her mind is able to remember everything. She is the smartest kid in the school, but how can anyone tell just by looking at her? They don't think she is capable of learning. She can't walk or talk. If only she could speak up..wait until you read this book. You will be amazed at where her journey takes her!" – Maeve Britt

Title of Book: *Dog Whisperer: The Rescue*

Author: Nicholas Edwards

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "*Dog Whisperer: The Rescue* is a wonderful book. It's about a little African American girl who has dreams of drowning until the third night, where she sees something or someone washed up on a rock on the beach. Then she goes outside without her parents following behind her. Her name is Emily. Emily finally figures out what washed up on the beach, and it was...well, you will just have to read this fantastic story by Nicholas Edwards to find out!" – Mylie McCabe

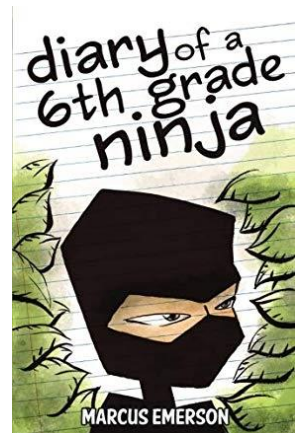


Title of Book: *Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja*

Author: Marcus Emerson

Genre: Fiction

Review: "*Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja*" is about a boy named Chase Cooper, and it is his first day of school. This book is a Must Read because it has many twists and turns that I was not expecting. It also has very powerful messages such as, 'Doing the wrong thing is not really worth it.' You should definitely open up this book and read it!" – Enrique Dorrego

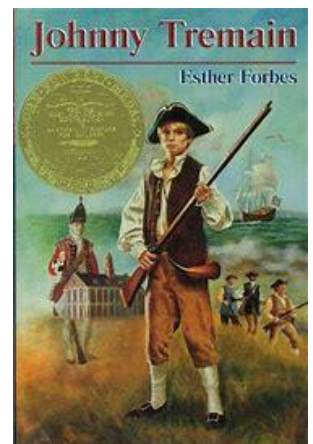


Title of Book: *Johnny Tremain*

Author: Esther Forbes

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: "*Johnny Tremain* is a great adventure story by Esther Forbes. This story takes place during the revolutionary war when things were tough. When Johnny was little, his mom died and he went to live with the Hancocks. He then left this family to live with the very rich Lytes family. However, Mr. Lyte accuses Johnny of stealing a cup, so Johnny runs away. He meets a boy named Rab and they become best friends. Rab goes on to fight in a war and gets shot. If you want to find out more about Johnny's



family history, Rab or anything else, you need to read this incredible book!" – Joseph Browne

Title of Book: *Christmas Carol and the Defenders of Claus*

Author: Robert L. Fouch

Genre: Fantasy

Review: "Carol LOVES Christmas! She loves everything about it! And she wishes it could be an all-year-round event. After her mom's death and her dad's disappearance, she's left with the last person in the family – her grumpy Uncle Christopher. Then, on a magical trip to New York City, she meets the real Santa. Santa tells her she will be training to be a defender of Claus. I wish I could tell you more but you'll have to go and find out for yourself!" – Adriana Galindo

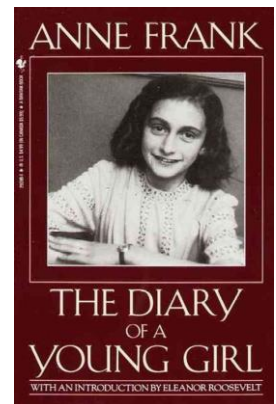


Title of Book: *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*

Author: Anne Frank

Genre: Non-Fiction

Review: "Anne Frank went into hiding when she was 12 years old. She was with her family and the Van Dann family at the time. They were given limited food and couldn't make a sound. They all stayed hidden in an attic behind many doors, which were covered by a bookshelf. How does her story end? Read to find out more!" – Hannah Reilly



Title of Book: *Belly Up*

Author: Stuart Gibbs

Genre: Fiction

Review: "There is a new waterpark/safari opening in Florida. One of the attractions is a hippo pond where people can see these animals firsthand through a chain link fence. A couple of days after it opens, the star hippo goes belly up! What happened? Who did this? What will they find in the autopsy? Read to find out!" – Keely McCormack



Title of Book: *Space Case*

Author: Stuart Gibbs

Genre: Fiction

Review: “Do you wish you lived on the moon? If you said yes, then *Space Case* is the book for you! It’s an action-packed murder mystery on Moon Base Alpha. Dashiell Gibson is one the first humans to live on the moon. He isn’t exactly excited to be there. He misses his friends and Earth. But his feeling changes when a person at Moon Base Alpha suddenly walks on the moon and dies. Want more? If you do, go to a library near you or order it online today!” – Liam Livingston

“I picked this book as a reward from the summer reading triathlon. When I first started reading it, I didn’t think I could finish. Later on, I almost asked if I could stay home from school just so that I could read it! I learned from this story that you just have to move on in life. In this book, the main characters, Dash and Kira, learn a life lesson. I think that you should take a couple of minutes of your free time and check it out – you won’t regret it!” – John Kufta

Title of Book: *Spy School*

Author: Stuart Gibbs

Genre: Realistic Fiction, Mystery, Action

Review: “I think this is a must-read book because it tells you that you don’t have to be the best to be great. The main character, Ben, is a normal boy until he gets recruited to spy school. He makes many friends but he has to fight the school enemy, Spyder. He’s not the best spy but he is smart. What will he do to win?” – Alex Vargas

“The *Spy School* series is a must-read for people who love action and mystery. Ben Ripley goes from being a regular student (except for his amazing math skills) one day to a CIA junior spy the next! He is surprised when a spy shows up at his house after he gets home from school. This man offers him a choice that will change his life. After reading this book, you will have a different perspective about reading no matter how much you dislike it! If you want to learn more, read all of the stupendous books in this series!” – Max Levine

Title of Book: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library*

Author: Chris Grabenstein

Genre: Fiction

Review: “If you’re a person who admires puzzles and escape mysteries, you’ll love this! I really enjoyed this book! I give it 5 ½ stars out of 6! A boy named Kyle Keeley is invited



to a library with other kids. The trick is to get out of the library by finding clues and messages. Will he ever get out?” – Nicolas Albarano

“I loved this book from start to finish! It was about a boy named Kyle Keeley. Kyle got to go to his favorite board game maker’s library and they locked him and his friends inside. Did he escape? Read the book to find out!” – Tatum Hunter

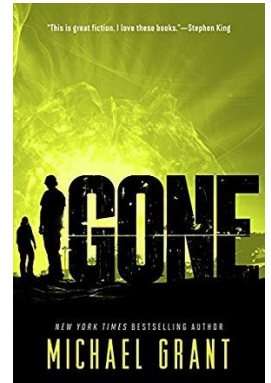
“Once you start reading this book, you can’t put it down! I stayed up all night, just to finish it! You will love it. There are three kids that are trying to figure out mysteries to open new things and escape before Mr. Lemoncello gets to work in the morning.” – Lexi Giannone

Title of Book: *Gone*

Author: Michael Grant

Genre: Science Fiction

Review: “Sam Temple is a normal kid. He’s listening to his teacher lecturing about Math (I can relate!) when he pops out of existence, like everyone ages 15 and older. They are trapped in town. This ‘special’ town in California where anyone over the age of fifteen disappears. Then the kids develop powers. Everyone is in town square while a building is on fire! Sam climbs up there. In her apartment a girl sees him when he walks up to her. She blasts fire out of her hands at him. Definitely a ‘Buy all the books and read them all in one day’ series. I think you would be interested in a world with no adults!” – Malachi Burns-Sharoff



Title: *Prisoner B-3087*

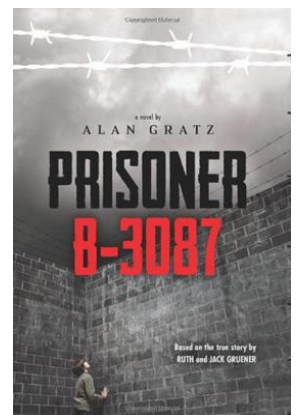
Author: Alan Gratz

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “Try to imagine living in the time period of the Holocaust while you were about our age (ten years old). This book is based on a true story and it is one of the best stories I have ever read! It is about a young Jewish boy named Yanek who had to face many sad and hard times in his life. He had to go through 10 concentration camps all by himself.” – Marisa Botta

“This book is truly amazing! The story is about a boy named Yanek who lives in Poland in the 1940s. He has been taken to ten concentration camps and has clearly been through a lot. If you want to read a marvelous book about history then this book is for you!” – Adriana Galindo

“*Prisoner B-3087* will have you appreciate the time period that you live in now. In this book, Yanek Gruener is one of the few survivors of the Holocaust. He started out with a normal life. Unfortunately, being Jewish was very dangerous in the 1930s because you were taken to a concentration camp. Most of the people who were sent to these camps did not end up coming back. After going to a concentration camp, you were sent to work



at the mercy of the Nazis. The plot in this book is very unpredictable. You would love this book from the very first page!” – Cole Schiefelbein

“This book is amazing! Yanek is a boy trying to survive the Holocaust. During this time, there is very little food to eat and a lot of work to be done. Yanek has seen many people die of starvation. Before the Holocaust, he had a very normal life – he played outside and went to school. Will he be able to survive? What will happen to him? Read to find out!” – Hannah Reilly

“A Jewish boy in Poland in the late 1930’s is trapped in a Nazi nightmare. After surviving at home for a while, he is caught by the Nazis. Will he find his parents? Will he survive? Read *Prisoner B-3087* to find out!”
– Max Levine

“This book is about a boy named Yanek. If you like to learn about history, I think this would be a good book for you! Once I started to read it, it is so good, that I just could not put it down!” – Henry Kasschau

“I love this book because it tells you that there is always hope. Yanek is the last one and he still has hope that he can live. It gives all readers hope!” – Alex McDermott

“Ten different concentration camps, one boy. Yanek Gruener is a Jewish boy living in Poland during the invasion of the Nazis. As he realizes the cruelty of the Nazis, his memory of being normal fades away. All he has to do is SURVIVE. Easier said than done.” – Jack Mullin

Title of Book: *Refugee*

Author: Alan Gratz

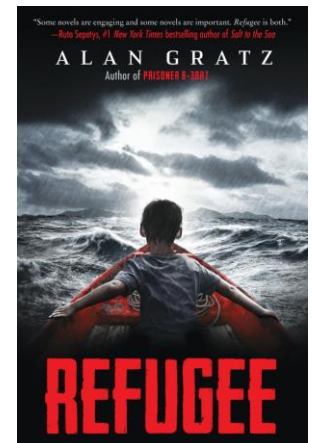
Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “The book *Refugee* is about three kids named Josef, Isabel and Mahmoud. Josef is a Jewish boy who is living during the Nazi occupation. Isabel’s story is about leaving Cuba to go to the United States. Mahmoud’s story is about the bombings that the United States carry out over Syria. He is setting sail to go to Germany. Do you think they will all make it to their destinations? Read this book to find out!”
– Charlotte Piccola

“*Refugee* is my all-time favorite book! It is about these three kids and their families who go on dangerous adventures while their country is going through tough times. When you read this book, it will probably be your favorite must-read, too!” – Tatum Hunter

“This book is about three stories of kids who have to leave their homes. Although it is a sad and mysterious book, it is one of my all-time favorites!” – Adriana Galindo

“This book is by far my favorite. It is about the Holocaust. The main character’s name is Yanek Gruener. He is Jewish and faces discrimination. Now, he faces Hitler’s new laws. Will he survive? You’ll have to read it to find out! – Anna Pottonat



“Runaways. Strays. Refugees. This is what life was like as a Jew during World War II. Life is unfair. Josef and his family try to escape on a boat and go halfway around the world. Will they escape the destruction that Hitler and his Youth Program have brought to Germany? After Cuba’s government falls, people starve and riots break out all over the country. Isabel and her family set out on a raft to try and find safety in America. In Syria in 2015, the country is torn apart by violence. Isis is dropping bombs and flying missiles towards them. Mahmoud and his family get in a car and try to get to Europe and hopefully find peace. *Refugee* is definitely one of my top three books and maybe it will be yours, too! You need to read this amazing book!” – Sienna Connolly

“Three kids from different parts of the world, at different times of history, try to make an escape from an awful situation to a safe place. During tough times, these kids show determination and courage. Watch all of the stories make shocking connections about refugee experiences, but most importantly, how each kid becomes a hero and shows true signs of bravery.” – Jonathan Muscarella

Title of Book: *The Fault in Our Stars*

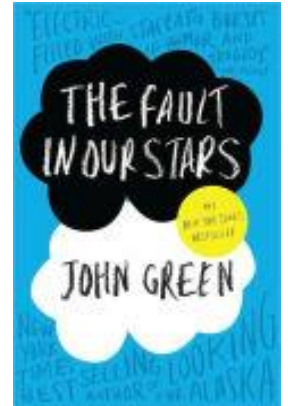
Author: John Green

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*The Fault in Our Stars* is a nail-biting book! You won’t be able to put it down. A girl named Hazel was diagnosed with cancer. She meets friends along her journey that change her forever. I rate this book a 10 out of 10.” – Chloe Shimkin

“I love this book. It is very exciting and sad. This text is about a girl named Hazel who has stage 4 lung cancer. When she meets Augustus, everything changes. Read to find out what happens!” – Jack Muscarella

“I love this book because it is so emotional. It is about the ups and downs of cancer and the journey.”-Nicole Vanco



Title: *Kid Owner*

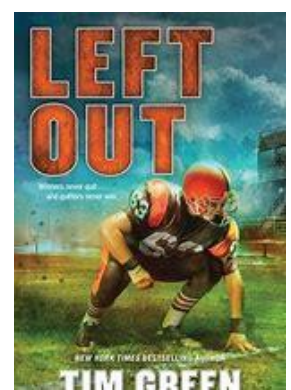
Author: Tim Green

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This is by far the best book I’ve ever read! It is about a twelve-year-old boy whose parents are divorced and his father owns the Dallas Cowboys. One day, when his father passes away, the boy inherits the Cowboys team. However, his dad had remarried and had another son. Is it a fight for who will truly own the Cowboys? Read the book to see how it turns out!” – Collin Anderson



Must Reads



Title: *Left Out*

Author: Tim Green

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “Think about your favorite sport. Now imagine not being able to play it. That’s exactly how the main character, Landon, feels. He can’t play football because he wears hearing aids. *Left Out* shows that you should always try your hardest and never give up. It is a great book for kids who love sports in grades 5-8. There is a quote that I think captures the theme of this book: “You miss a hundred percent of the shots you don’t take” (Wayne Gretzky). This book inspired me and I think it will inspire you, too! Landon was brave enough to take a shot...are you?” – Peter Gerbasi

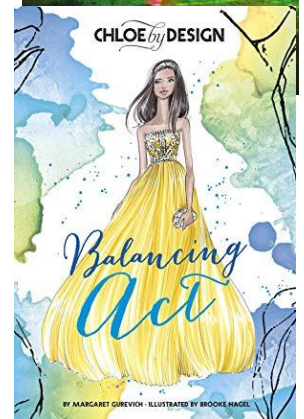
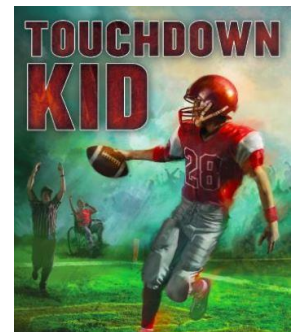
“*Left Out* is superb! It is about a deaf boy named Landon who wants to play football. He has cochlear implants and a special helmet. Other kids make fun of him. This book is suspenseful, sad, happy and can also make you mad. While reading, you will root for Landon. It will even shock you at times! Landon just wants to be normal. Landon realizes football is harder than he thought. But one move changes Landon’s football career. Brett Bell becomes an unlikely friend. Brett’s family helps Landon overcome bullies and makes sure that he is not left out.” – Matthew Abate

Title of Book: *Touchdown Kid*

Author: Tim Green

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book is a very good book. It is about a boy named Cory who just lost his dad. He is a normal boy and goes to a normal school. He got a scholarship to a boarding school to play football. You will love this book once you start it!” – Patrick Sullivan



Title of Book: *Balancing Act*

Author: Margaret Gurevich

Genre: Fiction

Review: “Chloe Montgomery is in New York City standing on the stage of Teen Design Diva. After all she has been through in the competition, she made it to the final three. The three judges, Jasmin, Hunter and Holly, came onto the stage, ‘And the winner of Teen Design Diva is...’ Chloe was so nervous she felt like she could barely breathe. ‘Chloe Montgomery,’ the judges announced. Chloe just stands there in shock! She couldn’t believe she won! She was so excited she couldn’t wait to be a part of Stefan Meyers fashion industry. Three months later, Chloe loves her job, but there is just one problem. Chloe doesn’t really have time for her friends and family anymore, especially when Fashion Week is coming up and there’s a mean girl trying to sabotage her. She doesn’t know if she can keep up the balancing act. If you like fashion, you will

love this book! It has amazing illustrations and it will keep you on the edge of your seat! I would give this book 5 stars for the excitement and the illustrations.” -Madeline Trenaman

Title of Book: *Among the Hidden*

Author: Margaret Haddix

Genre: Fiction

Review: “*Among the Hidden* is an amazing book. It is about this boy, Luke, who lives when parents are only allowed to have two children. He is the third child in his family and he isn’t allowed to eat or do anything with his family. Read this book to find out what happens!” – Tatum Hunter

“*Hidden* is a true story about the Holocaust. When Fanya was living in Poland, she never expected to go through any of this. She had been hiding ever since Germany took over Poland, and she had many hiding places. How would you handle life if you had to hide?” – Hannah Reilly



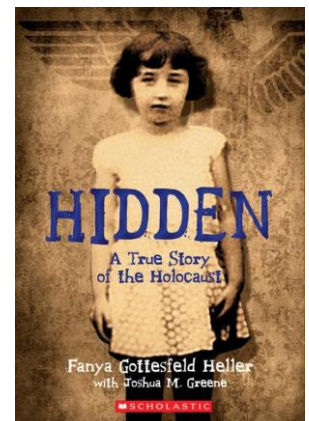
Title of Book: *Hidden: A True Story of the Holocaust*

Author: Fanya Gottesfeld Heller

Genre: Non-Fiction

Review: “*Hidden* is a very good book about a girl named Fanya. She is a survivor of the Holocaust and went through some very rough times. She has hidden in chicken coops, attics, and more! Some parts of this book can be sad but it is very exciting overall. If you are interested in the Holocaust or you like suspenseful books, then this is the book for you!” – Keely McCormack

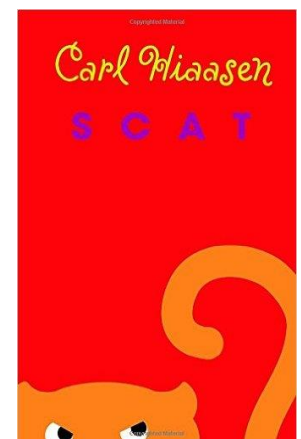
“*Hidden* is a true story about the Holocaust. Fanya is a girl who lives in Skala, Poland. For awhile, Fanya was safe because the Nazis didn’t invade Poland, but then...BOOM! The Nazis invaded their country and Fanya’s family knew they had to go into hiding. If you are interested in reading about how Hitler treated Jewish people during this particular time period in Europe then you should definitely read this book!” – Charlotte Piccola



Title of Book: *Scat*

Author: Carl Hiaasen

Genre: Realistic Fiction



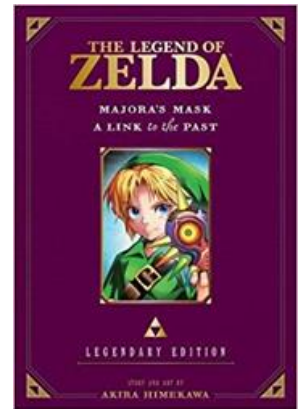
Review: “This book will make you want to keep reading. From the first page, you’re hooked! It is mainly a mystery but there are also many funny and sad parts. It’s about the most feared teacher ever disappearing from a field trip but her students are actually relieved. They begin to investigate and what they find is a twisted plot that they could never have imagined. You will be stunned and love every twist and turn in this book!” – Ava Paternostro

Title of Book: *The Legend of Zelda Majora’s Mask*

Author: Akira Himekawa

Genre: Adventure

Review: “In this book, Link, the main character, looks for his friend, Navi. However, a skull kid who is a child who died in the Lost Woods has a mask that sends him to a different dimension! The skull kid turns Link into a Deku and he can’t turn back into a human unless he goes back in time. Find out about how Link battles monsters in Termina (the new dimension) and destroy the demonic mask, Majora’s Mask!” – Conor Stack

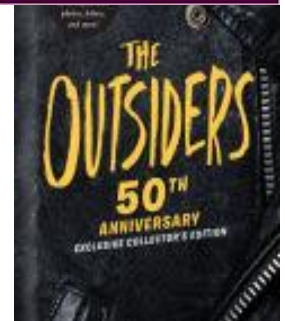


Title of Book: *The Outsiders*

Author: S.E. Hinton

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton is a dramatic and suspenseful book about a variety of characters but mainly about Ponyboy. Yeah, you read that right! Don’t put this book down just because of their names. I liked this book because the author paints a clear and realistic picture in your mind about the characters and their parents at a young age. Luckily, he isn’t alone. He has two other brothers named Sodapop and Darry.” – John Giraldo



“Imagine yourself living in the city, poor and with no parents. You would probably be interested in reading *The Outsiders*. *The Outsiders* is about a boy named Ponyboy and his brothers, Sodapop and Darry. Their parents have died and they are troubled kids. Their friends either have no parents or terrible parents that beat them. I enjoyed reading this book because it has a lot of adventure. There are also many details in it that will blow your mind. If you are booklover, you will love *The Outsiders*!” – Maggie Russell

Title of Book: *Ugly*

Author: Robert Hoge

Genre: Biography

Review: “This book is amazing! It is about Robert Hoge’s life story. He was born with a facial deformity. At first, his mother did not want to keep him. Robert struggles in life but makes it through. I loved this book!” – Hannah Reilly



Must Reads

“Robert was born with a tumor on his face and short, twisted legs. He survived many surgeries and discovered that kids and adults could be cruel to him because of his appearance. He refused to let the judgements bring him down. If you’ve ever felt worried about the way you look, you will see yourself in Robert!” – Adriana Galindo

“This book is about Robert, a boy who is born with a tumor the size of a tennis ball. The tumor is right where his nose is supposed to be. Sadly, his parents don’t want to take him home with them after he is born. Roger has many surgeries to try and make his face look more normal. Will he get made fun of at school? Read to find out!” – Will Jackson

“Robert Hoge was born with a giant tumor on his forehead, severely distorted facial features and legs that were twisted and useless. His mother refused to take him home or even look at him. Robert eventually goes home to a life that, against all odds, was filled with joy. You should read this touching story.” – Marisa Botta

Title of Book: *The Fourteenth Goldfish*

Author: Jennifer L. Holm

Genre: Fiction

Review: “Ellie leads a perfectly normal life...until her grandfather comes to visit and he’s 14 again! It turns out that her grandfather unlocked the key to eternal youth! But is it a change for the better, or worse? This book keeps you thinking and I think you’ll like it just as much as I did!” – Lilah Thorne

“*The Fourteenth Goldfish* is an amazing book! You won’t be able to put this book down! It is about this girl, Ellie, who never likes change. She misses fifth grade. Her parents are separated and suddenly, this weird teenage boy is on her lawn. Who is it? Read this book to find out!” – Charlotte Piccola

Title of Book: *Sunny Side Up*

Author: Jennifer L. Holm

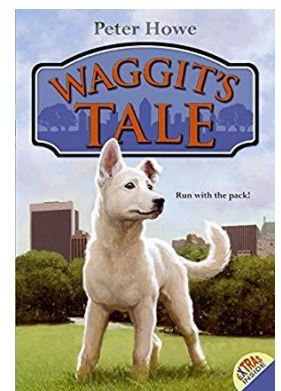
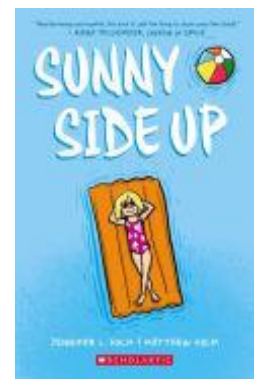
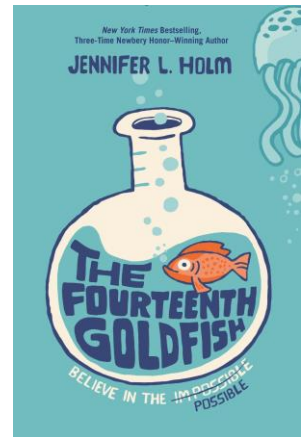
Genre: Fiction

Review: “I think this book is a must-read book because it shows you that you can find friends in unexpected places. When you think you are bored, there’s always an up-side to things! You can make the best of the situation.” - Bella Harrison

Title of Book: *Waggit’s Tale*

Author: Peter Howe

Genre: Realistic Fiction



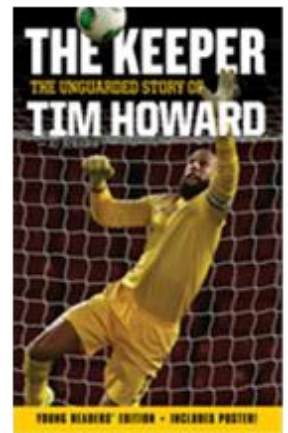
Review: “This tale tells about a young pup who is abandoned from his master. A team of abandoned dogs that lives in Central Park finds him and invites him to join their team. They give him a name ‘Waggit’ because of his oversized tail. He learns that each member of the team has a job to help the team thrive in the park. You should definitely read this book because it describes how teamwork is important. Friends and teammates should always stick together.” – Lizzie Livingston

Title of Book: *The Keeper*

Author: Tim Howard

Genre: Autobiography

Review: “Tim Howard is a professional goalkeeper. He suffered from OCD and Tourette Syndrome. He grew up poor but managed to be the best goalkeeper in the world. I rate this book a 10 out of 10!” – Chloe Shimkin

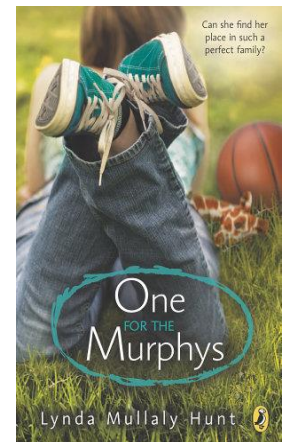


Title of Book: *One for the Murphys*

Author: Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This amazing book kept me up every night, even after my parents told me to go to sleep! I loved this book because it taught me to be brave, even if you are going through tough times. I didn’t really like reading books until I found *One for the Murphys* and I highly suggest reading it! You won’t be able to put it down, and you definitely won’t regret picking it up!” – Reese Haley



“This book is my absolute, no-doubt-about-it, favorite book! Carley is brave and tough, even though she experiences many hard times. Once you pick this book up, you can’t put it down!” – Claire Bohan

“In this book, drama unfolds quickly as Carley’s father punches her and her mother does nothing to help! Carley moves into a foster home with the Murphys, which is life-altering. Her new life with the Murphys shows her what it is like to live in a loving home. I would highly recommend this book!” – Alice Miller

“Comedy, mysteries, foster homes, family, love. Sound appealing? If so, you may want to read *One for the Murphys*. This book is made up of all of these characteristics and more! In this book, the main character, Carly, faces a tough childhood and is put into foster care. She is placed with the Murphys, a sappy family. Will she ever find her place? On top of this, Carly has to face the obstacles of 8th grade. You have to read to find out for yourself what these obstacles are. I loved this book and hope that you will, too! I honestly couldn’t keep my nose out of it. In conclusion, I hope you read *One for the Murphys*.” – Ava Molly Steele

“*One for the Murphys* is a heart-warming story about a brave girl named Carley. One day, Carley is living in Las Vegas with her fun outgoing mom and stepdad. Slowly, her family begins to fall apart. She is put into foster care and eventually ends up in the Murphys’s picture-perfect house. She automatically feels like she will never fit in here. Later, she realizes that this is the kind of family she wants to be a part of: a family who sticks together and loves each other, a place where she feels at home. When Carley’s mother gets better, will Carley

have to leave this family that she has come to truly love? I definitely recommend reading this book. Once you pick it up, you will not be able to put it back down. I give it a rating of 100 out of 10!" – Molly McFeely

"Carley Conners is a kind but rough around the edges type of character. She was taken away from her mother and then placed in a foster home. When she first arrived at the foster home, she did not enjoy it. She thought that Mrs. Murphy is too nice, and the oldest boy Daniel was too snappy and rude. She wants to leave and is thinking about her own mother nonstop. But will the youngest boy, Michael Eric, make her want to stay?" – Reagan Zelles

Title of Book: *Fish in a Tree*

Author: Lynda Mullaly Hunt

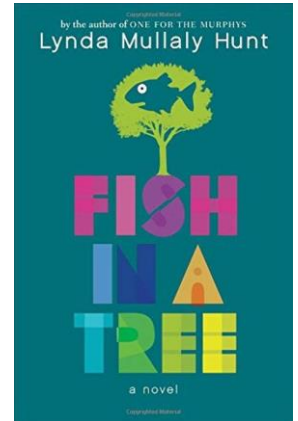
Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "This story is about Ally Nickerson, a girl with dyslexia. Due to her dyslexia, Ally often refuses to do work and makes silly distractions. In this book, you watch Ally find friends and accomplish all of her goals!" – Lilah Thorne

"*Fish in a Tree* is an amazing book. It is about a girl named Ally who has dyslexia but doesn't know it. It incorporates being kind to one another. I absolutely loved this book and I know that you will, too!" – Charlotte Piccola

"*Fish in a Tree* is an amazing book! It is about a girl who can't read. When she reads, the letters seem to move around. When her teacher has a baby, a substitute teacher comes in and helps her. I hope that if you read this book, you love it too!" – Tatum Hunter

"This book is an inspiring story about a girl who has dyslexia, which means she sees letters backwards. She doesn't have any hope for learning to read until her new teacher helps her. Mr. Daniels knows that someday she will be able to read so he encourages her to continue trying and to never give up. I would definitely rate this is a 5-star book!" – Molly McFeely

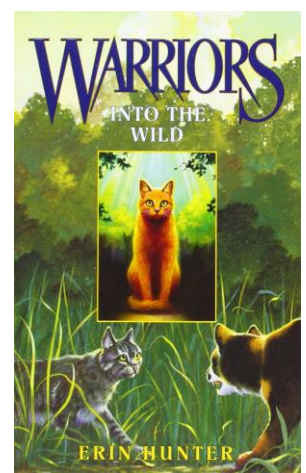


Title: *Warriors* (Series)

Author: Erin Hunter

Genre: Fiction

Review: "With six sets of books in the series, this will keep you hooked for a long period of time! There are currently six sub-series, each containing 6 books. Once you read this book, it won't take long before you read all of the other books in the series. It follows the lives of four different clans of cats and the adventures the wild cats face. These cats have humanistic qualities that will



make you become so attached to them. You will be left crying over them. With intense situations and a very interesting storyline, I'm sure anyone will find this to be their favorite book, just as I have!" – Kayleigh Miller

"Book #3, *Dawn of the Clans: The First Battle*, is even more amazing than the first books! If action and drama interest you, this book is screaming your name!" – Sean Clairine

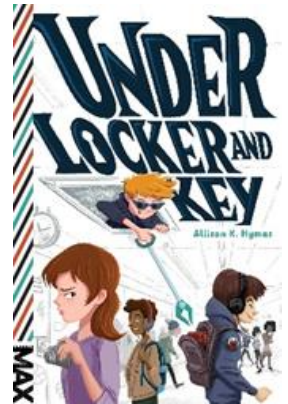
"The series *Warriors: The Prophecies Begin*, by Erin Hunter, is a must-read! The six books are full of suspense, treason and action. I only recommend this series for grades 5 and up because, beware, there is a death! A normal housecat named Rusty is eager to go into the forest. His friends warn him that there are fierce wildcats in the forest that eat fur and bones. Rusty doesn't listen to his friends and goes into the dark forest anyway. He pinpoints a mouse and then BAM! He gets attacked by one of the fierce wildcats. Rusty might be just a housecat but he is braver and stronger than the wildcats." – Chris Diez

Title of Book: *Under Lock and Key*

Author: Allison K. Hymas

Genre: Fiction

Review: "If you like action, suspense and silliness, this book is perfect for you! Jerry is a retriever and he has an enemy spy. The enemy spy is Rebecca and she is trying to bust Jerry so that he can't help people anymore. Get the book from your local library to find out more!" – Jonah Schwarz-Van Praag

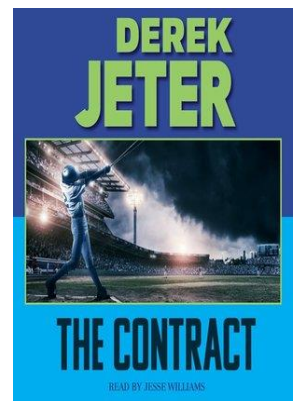


Title of Book: *The Contract*

Author: Derek Jeter

Genre: Fiction

Review: "If you like baseball, this is the perfect book for you! This book is about Derek Jeter's life during his little league days. This story will teach you many good life lessons, such as how to be a good teammate and a friend. It will also teach you what it takes to achieve your dreams. I thought it was a good book and I hope you do, too!" – Collin Anderson

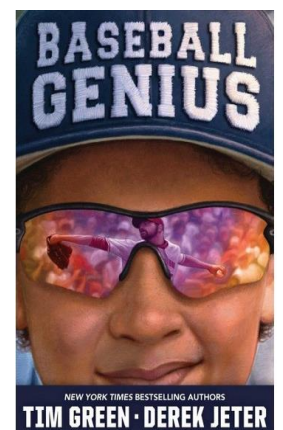


Title of Book: *Baseball Genius*

Author: Tim Green and Derek Jeter

Genre: Fiction

Review: "*Baseball Genius* is an amazing book! Even if you don't like baseball, it will be a book that you will think about all day and night and it will stick to your hands like glue! It is about a boy that wants to play travel baseball but he doesn't have enough money. He



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tried to steal something but got caught. You need to read this book to find out the rest - you will never believe what happens next! Hopefully you will be able to finish this book before the second one comes out. In Spring 2018, this book made me even more excited to play baseball and I give this book a 10-out-of-10!" – Kyle Roeder

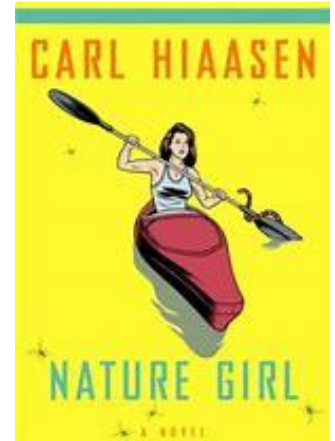
"If you like baseball then this is the perfect book for you! Last year, I read the first book in this series and I was completely hooked. I couldn't wait for the second book to come out and it finally did! This book is about a kid named Jalen who makes some hard choices. For instance, he has to choose between going to his championship game or saving the Yankees legend's career, going for a fastball or a slider. Jalen is a normal kid whose dad owns a restaurant until JY finds out about his baseball powers. After that, Jalen and his dad go from being poor to being rich. His dad's restaurant turns into a tourist attraction. If you have not read this book, I think you should! It is the best baseball series out there!" – Kyle Roeder

Title of Book: *Nature Girl*

Author: Jane Kelley

Genre: Fiction

Review: "No wifi, no cell phone, no T.V. and no best friend – the horror! Well, that's what eleven-year-old Meghan Knotts went through for a week – no, an ENTIRE SUMMER! This book will keep you on your toes and make you want to read more and more. Between being lost in the middle of nowhere and a romance between her sister Gina and her friend Sam, there's so much that happens! Meghan decides that she can't take it so she goes on a journey through the mountains to find her best friend. Will she make it? Sorry, can't tell you! You're going to have to read the book yourself to find out!" – Addison Coletti

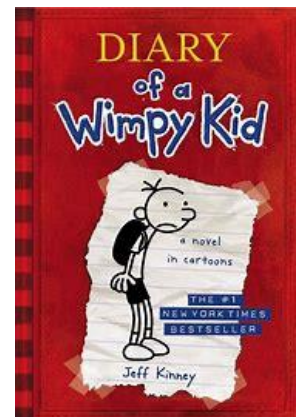


Title of Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

Author: Jeff Kinney

Genre: Comedy

Review: "*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is a great book. It's funny and humorous. If someone asked me what my top-ten favorite books are, this would definitely be on the list! I love this book so much because of all of the funny comics and how it just keeps me on my feet, making me wonder what will happen next. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is mostly about a boy named Greg Heffley who thinks he's really cool – but he's not. His best friend is Rowley Jefferson. They are both in middle school and do not really like it. Greg thinks he deserves all of this respect and everything but he doesn't. If you want to feast on more information about Greg's life then you'll have to read the book for yourself!" – Michael Mayerhofer



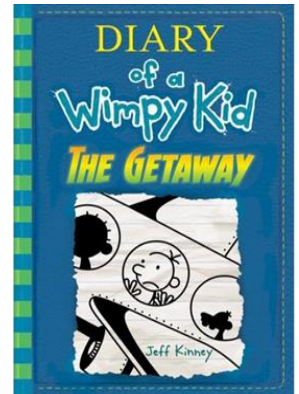
“Do you like to laugh? If you do, then *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* is the book for you! Rodrick and William make their friends laugh a lot. This book is a Must Read book because when you are sad, it will make you smile a lot!” – Kevin Rodriguez

Title of Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway*

Author: Jeff Kinney

Genre: Comedy

Review: “Do you love comedy books that make you laugh nonstop? Well, then, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway* is the book for you! This book is a must-read because it is simply made for people who love to laugh. If you do not like comedy books or you like a more serious book, I recommend that you do not read it. In this book, the Heffley Family decides to skip Christmas to go to a luxurious island of paradise called Isla De Corales, where Greg’s mom and dad had their honeymoon. Greg Heffley and his family get into so much trouble...what did they do, you ask? You’ll have to read to find out! So, what are you doing just standing there and reading this book review? Go to the library and borrow this book before it’s too late!” – Matt Rothschild



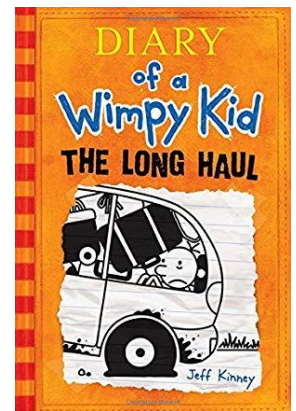
“It was a lazy day in the Heffley’s house settling into winter break. Mrs. Heffley suggested that they go on vacation, where their parents had their honeymoon! Missing Christmas! Having to wake up so early tomorrow! It took forever to get to the airport and security was a total zoo! Once they got on the plane, it was a no show. Babies crying, no place to sit. This was no vacation.” – Ava Koziarz

Title of Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul*

Author: Jeff Kinney

Genre: Comedy

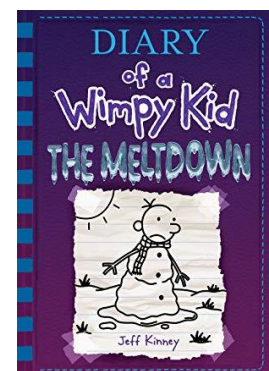
Review: “This book is definitely a Must Read! It is really funny. For example, I don’t want to give anything away, but I am going to tell you these words: ‘Raccoons in the washing machine.’ I know that you’re interested now!” – Michael Marmorale



Title of Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown*

Author: Jeff Kinney

Genre: Comedy



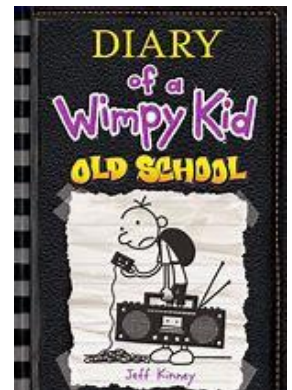
Review: “Imagine sitting in the freezing cold with no hot air. Well if you want to see how Greg and his family survive the frosty winter, trapped in the house with no heat, then read this book.” – Karter Kasschau

Title: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School*

Author: Jeffery Kinney

Genre: Humorous Fiction

Review: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* is about Gregg, an average kid in middle school, losing all of his electronics for a month! He uses his time without them wisely by opening a lemonade stand. He also loses a toothpaste cap down the drain, which is going to be a huge problem because his dad is obsessed with making sure that Gregg puts the cap back on. Gregg decides to go on a field trip so that he won't have to deal with the punishment. When one of the counselors gets sick, Gregg is in for an unpleasant surprise! Read the book to find out more!” – Will Jackson



Title of Book: *Slacker*

Author: Gordon Korman

Genre: Fiction

Review: “*Slacker* is a book that teaches you not to stay indoors all the time playing video games. You need to get out and have experiences and make friends! *Slacker* is about a kid named Cameron who didn't want to leave his couch. He skips doing his homework and hanging out with friends but he learns a valuable lesson in the end.” – James Mullen

“*Slacker* is about a beaver named Cameron Boxer who plays video games all day in his basement. Cameron and his friends made a fake club that makes it seem like they go to school, but they don't. One time, he was playing video games and he almost let his house burn down around him! Read this book to find out what happens!” – Jack Gilgan

“Do you ever just want to hang out with your friends and stay home? Imagine not even having to go to school! *Slacker* is a book about just that. Cameron Boxer and his friends soon realize that it isn't all fun and games staying home. They are faced with a huge problem and they need to make it right..and FAST!!” –Mia McGivney



Title of Book: *Schooled*

Author: Gordon Korman

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This one-of-a-kind book will have you staying up late just to read every page! A boy grew up with his hippie grandmother who home schooled him. When he is enrolled in middle school, an unforgettable journey takes place. With a very interesting storyline and intriguing characters, this book will certainly take a spot in your list of favorite books!” – Kayleigh Miller



“This book is amazing! It is about a young boy who is a 60s hippie and gets mixed up in a real non-perfect world. It shows everyone’s story (the girl, the bully, and the friend) so you get each of their perspectives. It is the type of book that makes you feel like you are one of the characters and you feel their pain. This is a book you won’t want to put down for a second! I give it a 5 out of 5-star rating!” – Nicolas Albarano

“*Schooled* is an absolutely breathtaking book that you will never forget! It is a book that will definitely appeal to you if you’ve ever felt like an outcast – and we all have at one point or another. This book is about a 13-year-old boy named Capricorn Anderson. He has to deal with some bullying problems after he is sent to a normal school after years of being homeschooled on a farm. This book is astonishing and will easily be one of your favorite must-reads!” – John Siliezar

Title of Book: *Zoobreak*

Author: Gordon Korman

Genre: Fiction

Review: “A monkey is gone?! Who would have taken a monkey from someone’s backyard? The better question might be, who has a monkey in their backyard? Will the team be able to get that monkey back? And who is the team? Find out in *Zoobreak*!” – Benjamin Fox

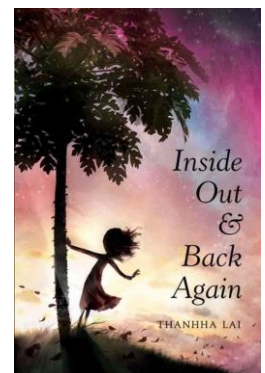


Title of Book: *Inside Out and Back Again*

Author: Thanhha Lai

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*Inside Out and Back Again* is an amazing book that you have to read! It is about a girl named Há who is living during the Vietnamese War. Her father is in the navy and all of a sudden he disappears. Do you think he will appear again? Read this fascinating book to learn more!” – Charlotte Piccola



“Living in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War has been a struggle for 10-year-old Há. This book starts off in Tét in 1975 – the Year of the Cat. It tells you about the adventures of Há for one year – about her escape from

Saigon to America, moving to Alabama, going to school, learning English and much, much more! To learn more about Há's adventure, read this book for yourself!" – Emma Canty

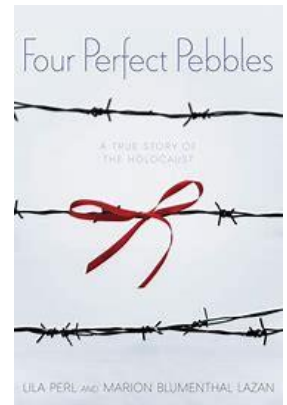
"Living in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War was very hard. People were starving because there was a limited amount of food. It was also often very hot. Há, who was ten years old at the time, didn't want to leave her home, though, because it meant that she had to leave her beloved papaya tree behind. Sadly, Há, her four brothers and her mom left on a boat to find safety and they ended up in America. They went to live in Alabama, where Há started 5th grade at a new school. Read this book if you want to know how life was for Há after her big move. I know you will really enjoy this book if you decide to read it – I couldn't put it down!" – Sienna Connolly

Title of Book: *Four Perfect Pebbles*

Author: Marion Blumenthal Lazan

Genre: Autobiography

Review: "*Four Perfect Pebbles* is a sad and heartbreaking book. In 1939, when Marion was just five years old, her family moved from Germany to Holland. They left Germany because they were Jewish and didn't want to risk staying. At first, Marion's family (the Blumenthals) stayed at a relative's house for a little while. They had visas for traveling to the U.S. and tickets to sail there. Sadly, they had to postpone their travel date for three months because the Germans had invaded Holland. Soon, they were put into a concentration camp. After a couple of years, they were able to sail to America but their dad had already died of typhus. Now, many years later, Mrs. Lazon lives happily with her husband, telling the world about her amazing life story." – Elizabeth Barnes



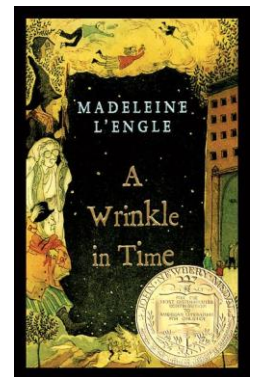
"This book is about Hitler's rise to power in Germany as experienced by the Blumenthal family. Marion, Albert and their parents were sent to the remorseless concentration camp of Bergen-Belson. To distract herself from the terrible situation she was in, Marion played a game with herself called "Four Perfect Pebbles. While she waited in the fields for roll call, Marion would try to find four pebbles of a similar shape and size. She thought that if she could do this on any given day, it meant that her family would stay alive and together. Marion played this game with herself for about six and a half years. This book is an incredible and heartwarming story about someone living during the Holocaust. You should really read this book after you finish reading my review. Now go, go, go!" – Sienna Connolly

Title of Book: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Author: Madeleine L'engle

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "*A Wrinkle in Time* is about a girl named Meg. Meg is on a journey with her brother and her friend to find her father. They go through some obstacles and meet new people along the way. Will Meg find her father? Read to find out how this story ends!" – Kerin McDevitt

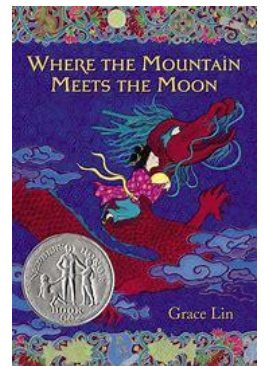


Title of Book: *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

Author: Grace Lin

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “This book is a great must-read! It is about a girl named Minli who hopes that the man of the moon can change her family’s fortune so that they won’t be poor anymore. If you like adventure, this is your type of book because Minli takes such a long journey. I hope you decide to read it!” – Matty Marquardt



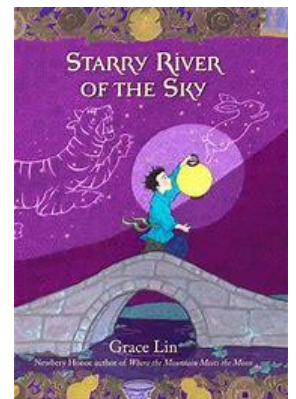
“This story is mostly about how Minli goes on an adventure to find the old man of the moon. On her journey, she meets many mysterious and magical creatures while also hoping to find riches. I have never read a book as fast as I did with this one because it was so good that I couldn’t put it down! I highly recommend it!”
– Keudy DeLeon

Title of Book: *Starry River of the Sky*

Author: Grace Lin

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “If you liked reading *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* then you will like reading its sequel, *Starry River of the Sky*. It is mostly about a boy named Rendi and how he ran away from home. Now he is living in a strange village and working as a chore boy in a restaurant called Village Inn. When Rendi gets to the village, he realizes that Master Chao and Widow Yan, the owners of Village Inn, keep getting mad at each other. Read this book to find out why!” – Keudy DeLeon

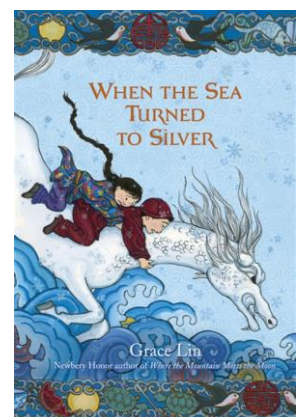


Title of Book: *When the Sea Turned to Silver*

Author: Grace Lin

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “This book is about a girl named Pinmei whose grandma is a storyteller that a lot of people know. One day, the Emperor took Pinmei’s grandma. Pinmei and Yishan (her best friend) go on a journey to find her. Read this adventurous book to find out more!” – Adriana Galindo

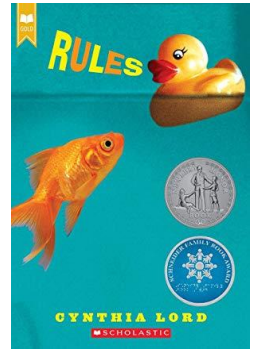


Title of Book: *Rules*

Author: Cynthia Lord

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “The Must Read book that I like is *Rules*. I chose this story because it helps people understand the rules that they should follow. There were some important rules that David needed to learn in the book. ‘If someone says hi, you should say hi back.’ I think it’s a good idea that everyone reads this book!” - Alex Banilower

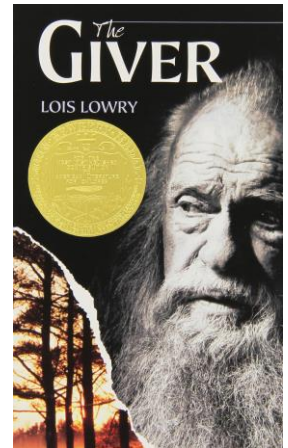


Title of Book: *The Giver*

Author: Lois Lowry

Genre: Fiction

Review: “Cameras everywhere. Grey and black. Not for Jonas. Slowly, colors out of nowhere! That deeply impacts the Ceremony of 12. Maybe he will be the Giver! Read this book to find out!” – Lilah Thorne

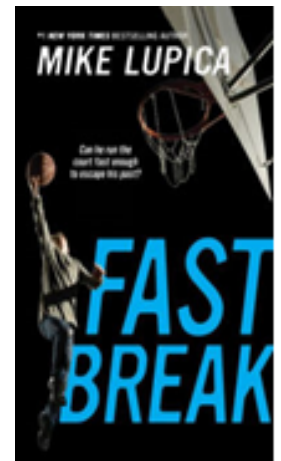


Title of Book: *Fast Break*

Author: Mike Lupica

Genre: Realistic Fiction

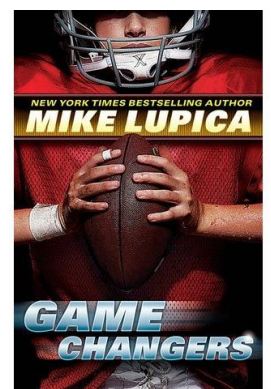
Review: “Are you a basketball fanatic like me? Do you enjoy being on a basketball team with your friends? If you answered yes to both of these questions, you should read *Fast Break*! This book is about kids who are on the same elite basketball team and go to school together. They are all really good friends that hang out almost every day. I like this book because it is about basketball. Another reason I like this book is because it is kind of funny.” – Harry Johnson



Title of Book: *Game Changers* (Series)

Author: Mike Lupica

Genre: Realistic Fiction



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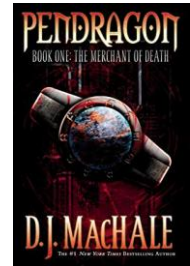
Review: “This book is about a boy named Ben McBain, who is talented at football. He wants to be the starting quarterback but his coach’s son already is. Overall, I loved reading this book. I hope you love it, too!” – Nicholas Agoglia

Title of Book: *Pendragon*

Author: D.J. MacHale

Genre: Science Fiction

Review: “Imagine you have an uncle that can travel to different dimensions. One day your uncle asks you to go to a different dimension to retrieve a diamond. While you’re trying to get the diamond, suddenly your uncle gets kidnapped! Will the uncle escape? This book will make you want to read every book in the series!” – Christian Todaro



Title of Book: *The Best Friend Next Door*

Author: Carolyn Mackler

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*The Best Friend Next Door* is a great book! I loved reading it because it was about a girl whose best friend lived next door and then she moved. When a new girl moved in she was devastated, but then she learned that the new girl is really nice, and they become friends. This book teaches you that you can be friends with anyone.” – Juliette Piccola



“*The Best Friend Next Door* is a magnificent book. It is about a girl named Hannah whose best friend lives next door but moves away. A new girl moves in and at first, Hannah is devastated, but then she becomes close with the new girl and they become best friends! I thought this book was amazing and I know you will, too!” – Charlotte Piccola

Title of Book: *Girl's Best Friend*

Author: Leslie Margolis

Genre: Fiction

Review: “If you like dogs and mysteries with unexpected twists and turns, then you need to get this book!” – Isabelle Maina

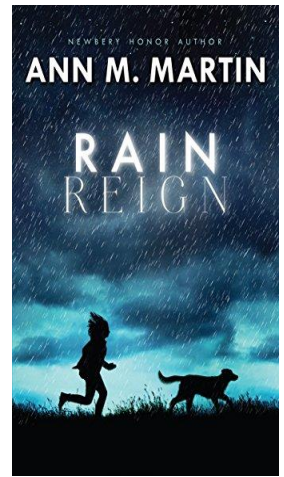


Title of Book: *Rain Reign*

Author: Ann A. Martin

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “If you’re looking for a book that you will not be able to put down, this is a perfect one for you! It’ll make you smile and cry. If you like books, dogs and amazing stories, this is a great read that will show you that you should be thankful for what you have. Rose, a 10-year-old girl, is diagnosed with a syndrome at a very young age and is obsessed with homonyms. This book intrigued me just looking at the front cover. The second I opened the book, I was sucked in and could not put it down. You will love every page of this book! It is definitely one of the best books I have ever read.” – Eva Garcia



“*Rain Reign* is an amazing book that I really couldn’t put down. The character is a girl named Rose, who has autism. She loves her dog named Rain, and she also loves homonyms. This book will make you want to keep reading until you finish!” – Ava Paternostro

“Attention dog lovers! If you haven’t heard of empathy and sympathy, you might have trouble relating to this book because of Rose’s situation. Eleven-year-old Rose is autistic and lives with her Dad, until one day her father gets her a stray dog and Rose names it Rain. Rain runs away during a vicious storm and Rose refuses to stop searching for him. Rose already has enough problems with understanding her classmates. If you don’t read this book, you will regret it!” – Jordan Koziarz

“Rose, who has autism, is obsessed with homophones. She purposely named her dog (Rain) after a homophone. When a storm hits her town and she loses her dog, she goes on a mission to find Rain. Your heart will break and your spirits will soar after reading this powerful book written from Rose’s point of view.” – Adriana Galindo

“*Rain Reign* is about a girl named Rose. She is ten years old and is diagnosed with a syndrome. Rose loves homonyms. One day, her dad finds a dog in the back of a restaurant and she names it “Rain,” which has a homophone, “Reign.” But, something happens...read to find out!” – Kerin McDevitt

“I love this text because it is about a girl named Rose who loves her dog, Rain. She doesn’t know, though, that tough obstacles will come her way. This is an amazing book!” – Kaitlyn Chatoff

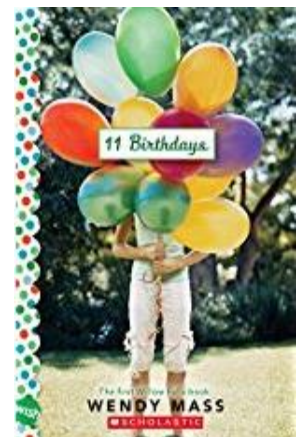
Title of Book: *11 Birthdays (Series)*

Author: Wendy Mass

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “Each book focuses on a few kids and how they all became friends in the last book. This book taught me to always help friends no matter what happens.”
– Aryiana Ventura

“This book is about friendship. Once you read it, you will never think about leaving your true friends. – Adriana Galindo



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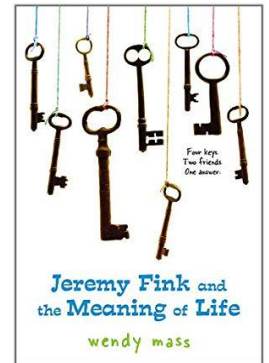
"I love this book because it has a vibe that says, 'You read this book.' This book is about a girl and a boy, Amanda and Leo. They were best friends until Leo said some pretty mean things about their friendship. Now after their 11th birthday, the next day, it's their birthday again! It happens again until....You will have to read the book. This is why I love this book and you should read it!" – Fayola Allison

Title of Book: *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life*

Author: Wendy Mass

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "*Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* is about a boy who is not ready to turn 13. Jeremy will not even walk more than 4 blocks by himself. With the help of Jeremy's friend, Lizzy, he felt brave and set out on an adventure to find a special key. This key will open the box that contains the meaning of life." - Luca Iacobellis



Title of Book: *Breakaway*

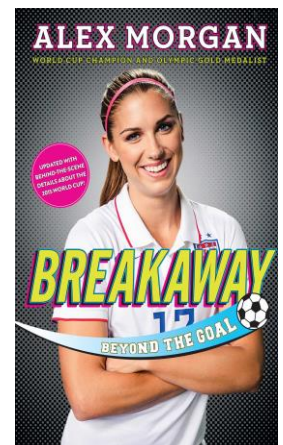
Author: Alex Morgan

Genre: Autobiography

Review: "Alex Morgan is a world-famous soccer player and she writes amazing books. I give it a 5-out-of-5 star review. You will not be able to put this book down!" – Sofia Shakhm

"Alex Morgan is a professional soccer player. She overcomes injuries and goes through rough times, but she always rises above. She is a role model for many young children. I rate this book a 10-out-of-10!" – Chloe Shimkin

"Alex Morgan has some bumps in the road like all professional soccer players, but would this bump hurt the rest of her career? Every day was a challenge for her, but looking on the bright side kept her moving. Life was going great for Senior Alex Morgan - she had a full scholarship to Cal University, was captain for her high school soccer team and was on the national team when suddenly...thud! She tore her ACL. This book is informational and at the same time, entertaining." – Nora Basile



Title of Book: *The Kicks* (Series)

Author: Alex Morgan

Genre: Realistic Fiction

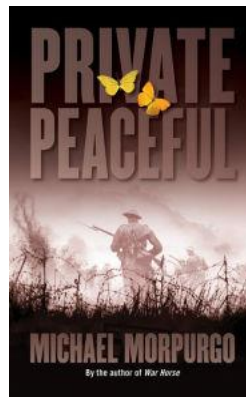


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Review: “If you like soccer then this series is for you! I’d give it a five-star review. It’s about Devin Burke facing challenges in her everyday life. Trust me, it’s hard to put down once you pick it up!” – Sofia Shakhm.

“*The Kicks* has been my favorite series since the third grade. It is about a young soccer player named Devin who would do anything for her soccer team. She faces many obstacles and challenges. I give this series a 10-out-of-10!” – Chloe Shimkin

“If you like soccer and want to learn about a current soccer player’s early life, *The Kicks* is a great series for you. One of the books, “Saving the Team,” taught me more about team bonding and kindness. It is an exciting book series about a girl (Alex Morgan) who just moved and wants to try out for the soccer team. Alex’s new team is horrible, but with a lot of time and effort, Alex brings her team to the top and ends up winning the finals. I am almost certain that if you like soccer or really any sport, *The Kicks* is a great series of books for you!” – Reese Haley



Title of Book: *Private Peaceful*

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Genre: Historical Fiction

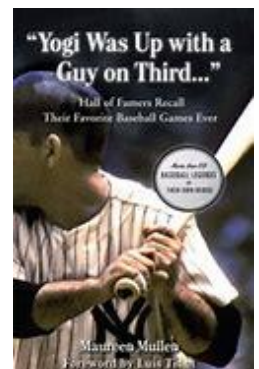
Review: “This book is much different than what you would expect from a war book. The story tells of Tommo, a young boy in America and his life leading up to the war. The book also shows you that war is not all violence, but young men with real lives fighting for their king and country.” – James Beatty

Title of Book: *Yogi was Up with a Guy on Third...”*

Author: Maureen Mullen

Genre: Biography

Review: “If you are a baseball fan then you should definitely read this book! It is not just about Yogi Berra; this book is about Hall of Fame baseball players: their backgrounds and their favorite baseball game memories. Yogi Berra’s favorite game was one that he didn’t play in himself. He loved when he coached the New York Yankees. The pitcher wasn’t warmed up but, out of nowhere, he threw an amazing no-hitter! This made everyone go crazy! I suggest reading this book no matter who you are because of how great the stories really are.” – Arthur Gibling

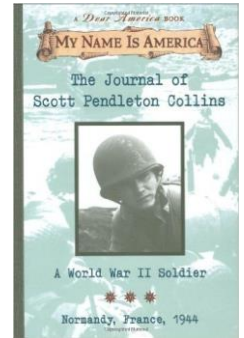


Title of Book: *Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins*

Author: Walter Dean Myers

Genre: Non-Fiction

Review: “This book is about a soldier in Normandy, France who’s one mission is to stay alive. It made me ask for five more minutes of reading every night! Will he survive? Read it so you can find out!” – A.J. Iulo

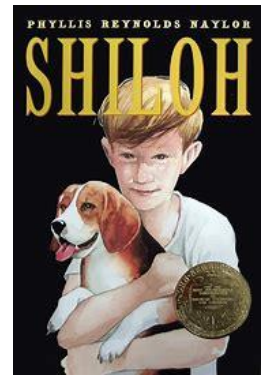


Title of Book: *Shiloh*

Author: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “If you want to read a book that is both heartwarming and heartbreaking at the same time then this is the right book for you. It’s about a boy named Marty Preston and a beagle named Shiloh who have a great friendship. However, they run into some trouble along the way. A not-so-nice man name Judd Travers, who is Shiloh’s legal owner, finds out that Marty has basically adopted Shiloh and taken him in as his own. If you want to find out what happens between Judd, Marty and Shiloh, read this book!” – James Takes



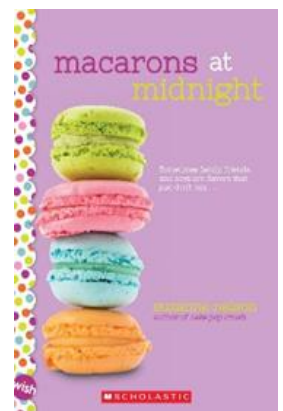
“One day a boy named Marty Preston comes across a lost dog. He soon figures out that the dog belongs to Judd Travers. The problem is that the owner abuses his dogs. So Marty named the dog Shiloh and hid him from Judd. But the secret gets too big to hide, and Marty struggles to protect the dog from the danger that is Judd Travers.” – Maeve Nawrocki

Title of Book: *Macarons at Midnight*

Author: Suzanne Nelson

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “When Lise meets her dream boy at Swoonful of Sugar, they never get to exchange names. Now Lise has to find him. When she finally discovers who he is, Lise finds out he’s a total jerk who bosses everyone around. After she gets to know him, he says they can’t be friends anymore. This story twists and turns as it tells the story of Lise and the boy’s friendship.” – Elena Mingorance

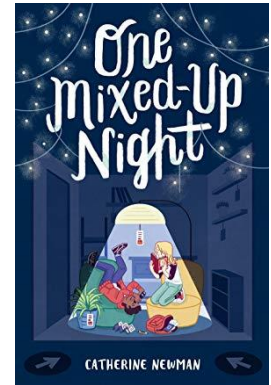


Title of Book: *One Mixed Up Night*

Author: Catherine Newman

Genre: Fiction

Review: “*One Mixed Up Night* is an amazing book! I think it’s a great book because there are two friends that love Ikea. They enjoy looking at the Ikea catalog. One night, they have a crazy plan to sleepover at Ikea and nothing goes how they want it to!” – Gabrielle Brancaccio



Title of Book: *A Night Divided*

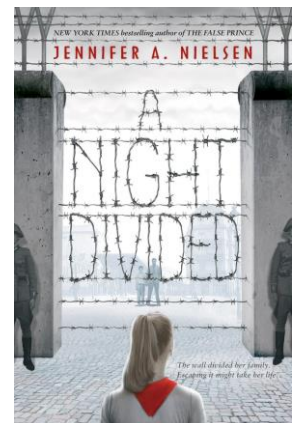
Author: Jennifer A. Nielsen

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*A Night Divided* is about a girl named Sage who is blocked from reuniting with her brother and dad. It all started when she woke up and she was on the other side of the wall. Will they ever get back together again? Read the book to find out!” – Jack Gilgan

“Imagine your family being separated overnight. That’s what happened to a lot of people in Berlin in 1961. This book goes back into a historical time period and shows how one family tries to stop the madness. You should definitely give this book a try!” – Spencer Ray

“This book is about a girl named Gerta living during a time when the Berlin Wall is built. Her brother and father were separated by the wall. Will Gerta ever see her family together again? Read the book to find out!” – Tatum Hunter



Title of Book: *How to Steal a Dog*

Author: Barbara O'Connor

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “Georgina Hayes’s father left her, her mom and her little brother, Toby. They live in a car while her mom works two jobs. When Georgina sees a lost dog poster, she thinks of a plan that will change her life. This story will leave you feeling every emotion and will surely have a place on your list of favorite books!” – Kayleigh Miller



“This book is so realistic! It is about a whiny brother and a bossy sister trying to steal a dog. This book kept me reading 24/7! Do they steal the dog? Read the book for yourself and find out!” – Matthew Kopelman

“When Georgina’s dad leaves her, her mom and her brother with only a car, three rolls of quarters and a mayonnaise jar full of dollar bills, Georgina is mad. One night, she sees a sign that says, “Lost Dog – Reward \$500.” Georgina goes on a mission to find the perfect dog to steal. This book is amazing!” – Adrianna Galindo

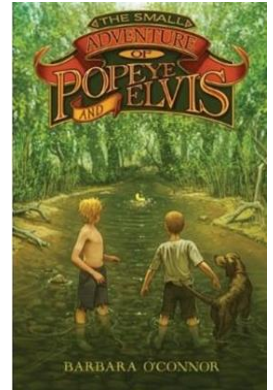
“Georgina Hayes is a girl who just wants to be normal. Her family (except her dad) lives in a car because they are poor. Georgina wants this to change and she decides to steal a dog to try and get the reward posted by the owner for finding their missing pet. Will she actually do it? How will she do it? Read to find out!” – Keely McCormack

Title of Book: *The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis*

Author: Barbra O’Connor

Genre: Fiction

Review: “Are you ever bored? Well, Popeye is always bored, bored, bored but I think something is about to change. Someone across the street just moved in, not in a house but in a Holiday Rambler (motor home)! They go on a small adventure and find some fascinating notes and objects. *The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis* is great if you like mysteries. Do you think Popeye and Elvis will figure out where these notes are coming from? Well, you’ll find out if you read this book!” – Julianna Roberts



Title of Book: *Wish*

Author: Barbra O’Connor

Genre: Fiction

Review: “Do you ever feel alone? Well, this is what Charlie felt like every day. Basically stranded, Charlie had to move in with her aunt and uncle. Her mother would lay in bed all day drinking soda and her father was in jail because he had a fighting problem. One day, Charlie finds a skinny stray dog and falls in love. She spends the rest of the summer trying to catch the dog she named “Wishbone” with her best friend. This is an amazing book and you need to read it A.S.A.P.!” – Sienna Connolly



“I love *Wish* because it’s a really great book! It tells you all about how this girl, Charlie, goes to stay with her aunt and uncle who she doesn’t even know because her mom can’t get out of bed and her dad is in jail. She goes to a different town, Colby, North Carolina, to stay with her Aunt Bertha and Uncle Gus. She meets this really nice boy, Howard, and together they find a cute, stray dog that Charlie wants to keep. Howard helps her find him and Charlie names him Wishbone, because she wishes every day for one thing.” – Maddie Souto

Title of Book: *Magic Treehouse: Blizzard on the Blue Moon*

Author: Mary Pope Osborne

Genre: Fantasy

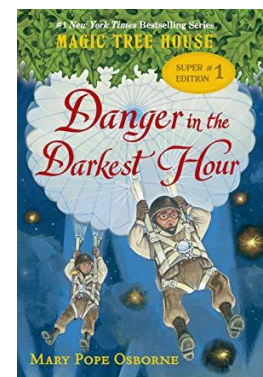
Review: “This book is a magical adventure about a brother and sister who meet Camelot’s greatest characters and go to all the way to the 1940s to...you can find out yourself if you read it! This book will teach you things about the importance of family.”
– Katherine Clancy

Title of Book: *Magic Treehouse: Danger in the Darkest Hour*

Author: Mary Pope Osborne

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “I think this book is a Must Read because it is exciting and suspenseful. story is about a brother and sister that travel in time back to World War II. They tried to sneak a truckload of Jewish orphans past Nazi soldiers in a bakery truck. They used magic and the power of wizardry to try and trick the Nazis. This is a Must Read because it’s about ordinary kids that do extraordinary things to help innocent people escape danger.” – Marco Primavera



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Title of Book: *Wonder*

Author: R.J. Palacio

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This is an incredible book! It’s about a 10-year-old boy named August. He has facial abnormalities and learns who his real friends are and the life that is waiting for him. You will feel so changed after this book! It’s amazing!” – Maureen Clancy

“*Wonder* is a great book about a kid who has facial differences and starts at a new school instead of being homeschooled. He doesn’t fit in that well and there is a lot of drama. You feel so many emotions from this book and it’s hard to put it down. After you read this book, you’ll want to get the next book, “Auggie and Me,” right away! That one is just as good!” – Jake Gillis

“*Wonder* teaches a great life lesson. It’s about a kid named August who was born with a deformed face. On the first day of school, kids make fun of him and he gets upset. This book teaches to never make fun of someone because of their looks.” – Eva Kopelman

“Put together empathy, bravery and kindness and you get the most outstanding book ever written, *Wonder*. *Wonder* is an amazing book about a boy with a facial difference. He knows what it is like to feel bad about



himself and to have everyone look at him. This book teaches a valuable lesson that I think everyone should know about: kindness. *Wonder* made me really understand how bad bullying can get if it is not told to an adult. Kindness can be worth more than gold to some people.” – Caitlin Haggerty

“If you love a great laugh and learning about new friendships, you need to read this book! A new kid named Auggie Pullman has facial deformities and struggles to make friends at his new school. This book can be a little slow at first, but keep reading because then you’ll see how amazing it becomes! It’ll be one of your favorite books of all time in no time!” – Sean Clairine

“Don’t read this book if you are not kindhearted and empathetic. August, the main character, has a facial disorder and must go to middle school at age 11 after being homeschooled for six years. I liked this book because it shows that when there is evil, there is also good.” – Eamon Conroy

“*Wonder* is a fantastic book that will keep you wondering what happens next! It is about a boy named August Pullman who has a facial disorder and is about to attend a middle school named Breecher Prep. August faces many challenges and makes some great friends during his fifth grade adventure. *Wonder* is sure to keep you reading hours past your bedtime!” – Jude Condon

“If you want a book that can make you cry, laugh and feel empathetic, you should read *Wonder*. The book is about August Pullman, a boy with a facial deformity. August is 10 years old and is just starting the 5th grade at a new school. He was home schooled since the age of four and starting school is a big change for him. In the beginning, August is bullied. Read to see what happens to August!” – Elizabeth Barnes

“*Wonder* is a beautiful and funny story about a kid named Auggie. He was born ordinary except that he has a facial disorder. He just wants to be like everybody else. This book teaches you the importance of kindness and that “you are beautiful no matter what they say” (Christina Aguilera, “Beautiful”). It is a truly fabulous book – it made me cry twice! I hope you read it.” - Chelsea Devine

“*Wonder* is the best book I have ever read! Even though it doesn’t have any pictures in it, the author does a good job describing what is happening on each page. This book is about Auggie, a boy who is different because he has a deformity. He starts public school and doesn’t really fit in. If you like this book, you should go and see the movie!” – Margaux Rivara

“August is a 5th grade boy who was born with a facial deformity and had a lot of surgeries in his life. He goes to school for the first time and he gets bullied because of how he looks. After reading this story, we learned to never make fun of people’s differences because a person’s true beauty is on the inside. Everyone should read *Wonder* because even though we all look different, those differences are what make us special and unique! This book showed us that we should treat people the way that we want to be treated.” – Zaquoya Bell, Kailey McDaid and Grace Walter

“This book teaches you to be kind to everyone even with their differences. Treat people how you want to be treated. There are so many meaningful quotes!” – Anna King

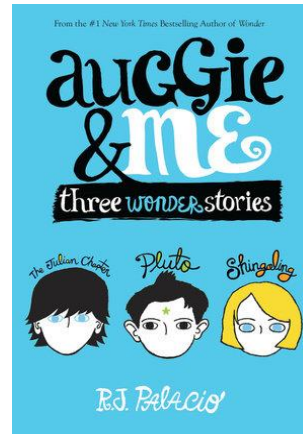
“If you like to read books that are both funny and, at times, sad, then this book is for you! This book is about a boy named August Pullman who has facial problems. He has been home schooled from first through fourth grade. Now he is going to a public school for fifth grade. How will he be treated by the other kids? Will he be made fun of? Will he make a new friend? Read to find out!” – Luke Ferrari

Title of Book: *Auggie and Me (Series)*

Author: R.J. Palacio

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book has many different points of view and things. There are many ways to look at the characters and I book. Read the book *Wonder* before reading this one because comes after *Wonder*. Both books are so amazing!” – Jake Gillis



perspectives on highly suggest this *Auggie and Me*

“*Auggie and Me* brought tears to my eyes! It is a sequel to *Wonder* so make sure you read that first (which is just as great)! The difference is that this book is filled with different perspectives from different children. I loved this book so much that I give it a 5-out-of-5 stars!” – Chloe Shimkin

“*Auggie and Me* is an amazing book with three parts: The Julian Chapter, Pluto and Shingaling. All of the parts of this book have a little bit about Auggie (the kid who has a facial disorder). It was so amazing, I couldn’t believe how hooked I was! Read *Wonder* before you read this one! Both are amazing!” – Ava Paternostro

“This is a book you won’t be able to put down! It is about three people who met an extraordinary kid named Auggie Pullman. You get to read the story from all three of the kids’ perspectives. It will make you cry tears of joy and tears of sadness. It teaches you not to judge a book by its cover. When I finally finished this book, I wanted more!” – Ryan Borruso

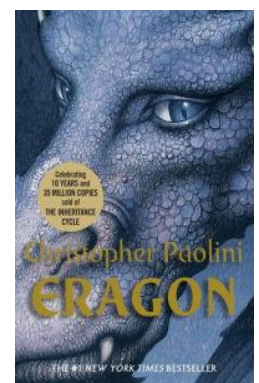
“*Auggie & Me* is a great book! It is about friendships and the importance of being kind to one another. There are three characters in this book and each describes their own friendships, stories and experiences with August Pullman. This is a great book and it teaches you to be a kinder and better you! If you read this, I will know you’ll love it!” - Kate Palya

Title of Book: *Eragon*

Author: Christopher Paolini

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “This book is one of the best books I have ever read in my life! It will not let your eyes come off the paper! It is a very interesting story about never giving up and having hope. You should read this book because I loved it.” – Will Barrett

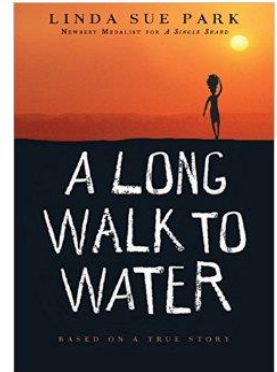


Title of Book: *A Long Walk to Water*

Author: Linda Sue Park

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book kept me up so late! I read it for about two hours a day. There are two stories in this one book and they relate to each other. They both take place in Africa and are about a long journey to get to water. In the beginning of one story, you will meet a little boy who later grows up to around 20 years old. In the story, he is running away from a big war that happened earlier than everyone thought. The other story is about a girl who has to walk about 8 hours there and back to get water every day. I think the story takes place around the late 1900s. You will never regret choosing this book because you will never put it down!” – Maddie Smith



“This book will fill you with both happiness and sadness. The two main characters are immigrants living in Southern Sudan. Each day, they have to walk endless hours to get to fresh water. This story is based on true events of a boy living in South Sudan, Africa. Throughout their hardships and triumphs, you’ll feel so many different emotions and you will not be expecting the ending!” - Michael Mayerhofer

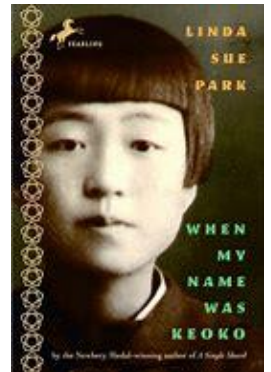
“Could you imagine walking through Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya without any water? Well, this is what eleven-year-old Salva Dut did with another Dinka tribe after being separated from his family. When the Sudanese Civil War reaches his village, Salva has many questions: Will I ever see my family again? When will we eat? When will we have water? You won’t know the answers to these questions unless you read this amazing book. I guarantee that you will not be disappointed if you read this book. It has quickly become one of my favorites!” – Sienna Connolly

Title of Book: *When My Name was Keoko*

Author: Linda Sue Park

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This is a nail-biting sad story that you won’t want to put down. It is about a girl named Sun-hee living in Korea during the Korean War. Sun-hee faces many obstacles throughout this story. Even if you don’t like reading historical fiction, I guarantee that you’ll love this amazing book. I definitely rate it a 10 out of 10!” – Nate Giblin

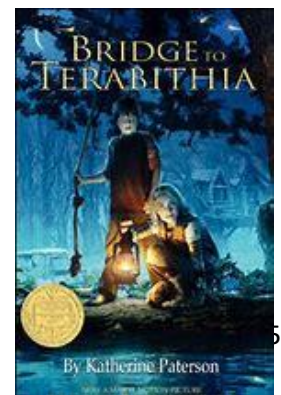


Title of Book: *Bridge to Terabithia*

Author: Katherine Paterson

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*Bridge to Terabithia* is about a boy named Jesse Aarons. His one goal is to be the fastest runner in all of the fourth and fifth grade. He thinks he has a chance at



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doing this until a new girl named Leslie Burk beats everyone. You wouldn't think this would be the start of a new friendship but Jesse and Leslie soon become inseparable. One day, a terrible tragedy strikes and Jesse realizes just how lucky he is to have such a great friend." – Bridget McCormack

Title of Book: *I Funny (Series)*

Author: James Patterson

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "This hilarious book is about a boy (Jamie Grimm) who goes to Long Beach Middle School and is a comedian. He enters the contest to be the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic. Jamie has to think of jokes and enter different tournaments to work his way up to the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic. Will he do it? I don't know! Read it for yourself to find out!" – Michael Muscarella

"This is the best book ever. The *I Funny* series is about a boy named Jamie Grimm who is trying to become the funniest kid comedian. He is trying to get people to laugh until their insides hurt but he only gets a few giggles. I love this book and I am sure other people will fall in love with it, too!" – Cole Schiefelbein

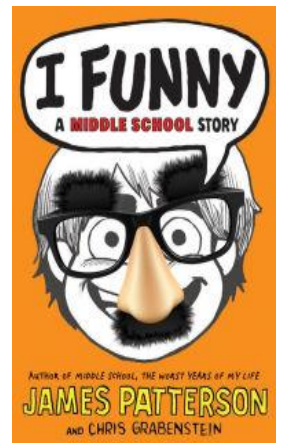
"I really liked this book. I know that it was pretty sad but I loved it because whenever Jamie Grimm (the main character) was upset, he would go to his uncle's diner. Jamie couldn't go to his aunt or uncle's house because they would never cheer him on or anything. I loved when his uncle inspired him to join the Funniest Kid Comic Contest. I can't tell you anymore - you're going to have to read and find out for yourself!" – Danny Nawrocki

"Get ready to laugh! *I Funny*, by James Patterson, is a book about a boy named Jamie Grimm who is paralyzed and in a wheelchair. The book talks about his friends, Uncle Frankie, the Smileys (who always have a straight face and are impossible to make laugh), and Jamie's journey through the Funniest Kid Comic Contest. The Funniest Kid Comic Contest will determine who is the funniest kid in the whole wide world. Will Jamie win? I won't spoil it for you - to find out, read the series! I guarantee you will love this book! Go Grimm!" – Sienna Connolly

"*I Funny* will make you want to never stop reading! This book is perfect for you if you like comedy. It is mostly a comedy but there are a few sad parts along the way. This book taught me the lesson that even if you mess up, you should keep on trying. This is definitely a five-star book!" – Nate Schwartzberg

"*I Funny* is a great book and you should read it! It's about a kid named Jamie Grimm from Long Beach, Long Island who is a great comedian. He won a comedy competition in his area and went on to the state competition. Will he win again or will he fail in front of everyone? To find out more, read *I Funny* by James Patterson now!" – Dermott Kelly

"*I Totally Funniest* will definitely blow your mind. If you are into reading very funny books, you will love this one! There are also some sad parts. For instance...wait a second! I shouldn't spoil it for you. I hope you love this book as much as I did!" – Nate Schwartzberg



"I love *I Even Funnier* because I like to laugh a lot. This book is so interesting because you want to see what happens to Jamie. I would recommend this whole series!" - Gavin McDaid

"*I Funny* is a book that I love. If you want to laugh, this book is for you! It is so entertaining, that I couldn't put it down!" – Peter Altman

"If you like books that are funny and exciting, then *I Funny* is the book for you. It is filled with hilarious jokes and inspiring quotes. If you like funny books, then *I Funny* is the book for you." – Travis Rose

"*I Funny* is a really great book. I loved this book because there are many funny jokes. I could not put it down! In my opinion, anybody would love this book. This book is about a boy in a wheel chair who is trying to be the funniest kid on the planet, but he is in a competition to accomplish his goal." – Timmy McManus

"I like this text because Jamie and the rest of the kids in school are getting bullied by Stevie. Jamie still tries to accomplish his dream of winning the World's Funniest Kids Contest. This book has really made an impact on me." – Maxim Billias

Title of Book: *Middle School* (Series)

Author: James Patterson

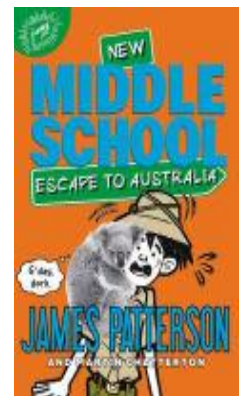
Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "The books James Patterson writes for this series keep getting better and better! Rafe, the main character, is hilarious, but he does things against every rule book and gets kicked out of many schools. Once you read the first few pages, you will want to read more!" – Julia Kufta

"Sometimes in life, you face problems that you have to take into your own hands. This would be a good book to read if you are about to go into Middle School." – Joe Souto

"Have you ever heard of the saying, 'Breaking every rule in the book'? Well, welcome to Rafe Khatchadorian's life. In *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*, Rafe is in 6th grade at H.V.M.S. (Hills Village Middle School), where they are so strict that some of their ridiculous rules in their Code of Conduct are "No running in the hallway," "No chewing gum in class," and even "No creativity!" Rafe decides to make a game out of this. For every rule that he breaks, he gets a certain amount of points. The game is called "Operation: Rules Aren't for Everyone," or "R.A.F.E." for short. To see firsthand what happens, read for yourself!" – Emma Canty

"If you're into realistic fiction and love James Patterson's books, *Middle School: Get Me Out of Here!* is the book for you. It's about a boy named Rafe who puts school last on his list of priorities. Rafe moved to the city and is in art school. He finds a friend that gets in trouble a lot. Anyway, if you plan on checking out this book then you should know that it is the second book of the series." – John Kufta

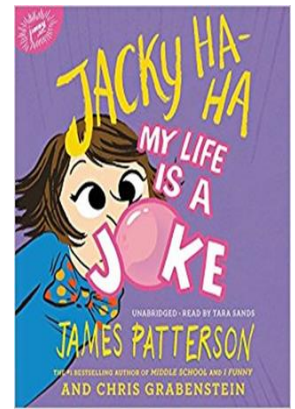


Title of Book: *Jacky Ha-Ha: My Life is a Joke*

Author: James Patterson

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “Do you like comedy, drama, and books that keep you reading until the very last page? Well, then, *Jacky Ha-Ha* is the perfect book for you! This is the story of an 11-year-old girl (Jacky) who thought her summer was going to be the greatest summer of all time. Until...you actually believed I was going to tell you? No way! You’ll have to wait until you read this extraordinary book by James Patterson. Jacky will make you feel like you’re there with her and her six sisters on the boardwalk. So, what are you waiting for?! Go to library and check out this amazing book!” – Charlotte Rathjen



Title of Book: *The Hatchet*

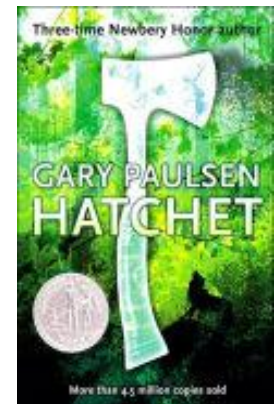
Author: Gary Paulsen

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book hooks you from the very start! It is about a character named Ryan who goes on a plane to see his father when something goes wrong. If you like cliffhangers, this is the book for you! I love it and give it a 10-out-of-10!” – Michael Kramer

“About five chapters in, the book really gets into the action! I know you will love this book!” – Xzavier Perez

“*Hatchet* will make you want a sequel. It is a beautiful story about a boy who, even when all is lost, never gives up!” – Ronan Tarpey



Title of Book: *PAX*

Author: Sara Pennypacker

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book is about a kit (fox) whose family was killed and his human boy/owner, Peter, rescued him from abandonment and certain death. However, eventually things are not so good again. If you like books that make you cry and appreciate animals even more, you’ll love this book!” – Ryan Taylor

“*Pax* is a story about a fox and a boy. When war comes, they are separated and have to find their way back to each other. I recommend this book to any good reader. This book is an emotional rollercoaster!” – Gavin Anderson



Title of Book: *Summer of the Gypsy Moths*

Author: Sara Pennypacker

Genre: Realistic Fiction

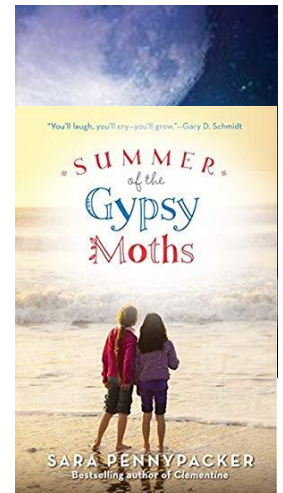
Review: “Imagine your mother is taken from you because she can’t take care of you. Imagine you live with your old great aunt and her foster child. Imagine walking into the living room and finding your great aunt dead on the floor! What would you do? Stella and Angel don’t call 911, knowing they would be sent to foster care. Can they keep her death a secret and live on their own, even with their suspicious neighbor in the way? This heartwarming novel makes you feel as though this happened to you.” - Clare McKenna

Title of Book: *Life As We Knew It*

Author: Susan Beth Pfeffer

Genre: Science Fiction

Review: “Imagine that our town of Rockville Centre is in the midst of world-wide destruction. *Life As We Knew It* is a book narrated by a 16-year-old girl named Miranda Evans. Miranda tells about how disaster strikes and affects her community and the rest of the world. Imagine Hurricane Sandy hitting our town every single day but to a much worse degree. It would include nonstop tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions! This book was hands-down my absolute favorite book to date! Read it to find out how this young girl and her family faced the aftermath of a meteorite. Will they overcome and survive or will they fall apart? I promise you’ll be biting your nails and sweating in suspense while you read!” – Daniela Argondizzo



Title of Book: *Dog Man*

Author: Dav Pilkey

Genre: Fiction

Review: “If you want to laugh out loud, read *Dog Man*! Dog Man becomes one of the greatest cops ever. Petey thinks everybody is dumb and he always winds up in jail because of Dog Man. Read the book to find out more!” – Gavin McMahon

“Can you imagine calling a policeman to your house, but instead a dog-headed man arrives? *Dog Man* is a book about a dog-headed cop that saves the day and stops an evil cat named Petey. Petey wanted to get rid of a dog and a policeman so he tried to blow them up. They tried to defuse the bomb. The policeman asked which wire to cut, red or green. One thing he forgot is that dogs are colorblind! Read the rest of the story to find out what happens next!” – Jordan Pettus

“*Dog Man* is a Must Read because it is a funny book. Dog Man is the main character and he is half dog and half man. Dog Man is a police officer. He really wants to arrest Petey and Petey is a cat.” – Jayden Alvarado



Title of Book: *Bird in a Box*

Author: Andrea Davis Pinkney

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “Otis, Hibernia and Willie are three African-American 12-year-olds up in the Great Depression era in upstate New York. These three kids all very tough lives. All of these kids have lost at least one of their parents the story, but I’m not telling when! Otis is a simple kid, however, there was accident with his parents and now he is an orphan. Willie is a gifted young until his father puts an end to his boxing dreams and separates his from the person he ever loved – his mother. Hibernia wants to be a jazz singer but her father is a preacher and her mother abandoned her family to chase her dreams. If you like the sound of this book then you should read *Bird in a Box!*” – Sean McManus



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Title of Book: *Maxi's Secrets (or What You Can Learn from a Dog)*

Author: Lynn Plourde

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book will make you cry but also feel happy inside. From the first few sentences to the last, you will feel completely and utterly hooked! It is about a deaf dog’s life and all of the challenges she faces. It is by far one of my all-time favorites, if not my actual favorite! I give it a 5-out-of-5!” – Ryan Taylor

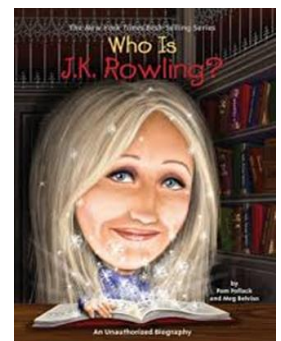


Title of Book: *Who is J.K. Rowling?*

Author: Pam Pollack

Genre: Biography

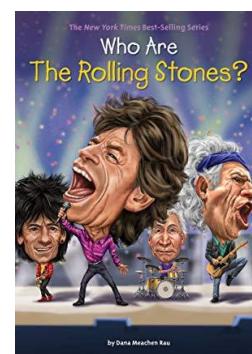
Review: “Harry Potter is one of the most loved fictional characters on the planet! This book is about the author’s life and how she thought of the idea for this incredible series. I give it 4-out-of-5 stars! Also, if you love the *Harry Potter* series then this is the book for you! Go and read it now!!!” – Patrick Darcy



Title of Book: *Who Are the Rolling Stones?*

Author: Dana Meachen Rau

Genre: Biography



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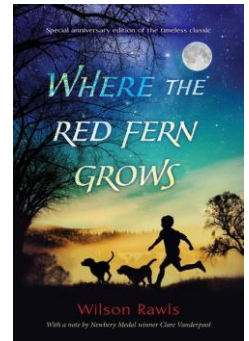
Review: “This book I feel is great if you enjoy 70’s and 80’s rock music, like me. One reason this book is awesome is because it informs you about everything you need to know like the history of not just the band itself, but also the people in the band such as Mick Jagger or Keith Richards. Now picture this, you are Mick Jagger and you are playing your songs in front of thousands, upon thousands, of people. There are so many fans, that you being Mick Jagger, can barely ever hear yourself play! Did you know that before the name Rolling Stones was chosen for the band, they were named Rolin Stones? This is such a great book and I wish that it was longer!” – Charlie Pennisi

Title of Book: *Where the Red Fern Grows*

Author: Wilson Rawls

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*Where the Red Fern Grows* is one of the most amazing books I’ve ever read! It is about a boy named Billy and his relationship with his two coonhounds. The story is inspirational and incredible and I highly recommend it!” – Lilah Thorne

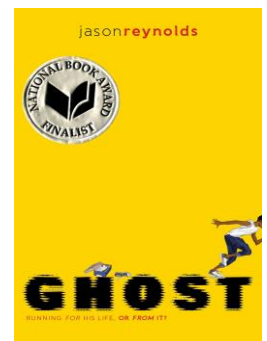


Title of Book: *Ghost*

Author: Jason Reynolds

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This is the best book I have ever read - it even beats *Harry Potter*! It is about a boy whose dad was an alcoholic and tried to shoot him and his mom. One day, when he’s older, Ghost is walking home from school and decides to run against the fastest kid on the track team - and beats him! I’ve spoiled enough already. Go and read it for yourself!” – Anna Pottanat



“Ghost (Castle Cranshaw) is only good at running, but he doesn’t want to join a track team. He would rather stick to basketball. However, when he beats an elite sprinter in a race, the Olympic medalist track coach realizes that Ghost has crazy talent. The thing is that Ghost has a lot of anger and a past that he tries to outrun. Read this book to learn more about Ghost!” – Adriana Galindo

“I love this text because it is about a boy who runs track and I love track. I think you should read this book because it teaches you that even if you don’t think you will like something, try it anyway. You may be surprised and like it after all. I could not put this book down!” – Caroline Cosgrove

“This book is about a boy named Castle who runs track. His nickname is Ghost. His dad went to jail and he had to move on. He starts on a track team and has his first track meet. The book doesn’t tell you the ending, so it is a cliffhanger. *Ghost* is an amazing book for you!” – Christian Hackett

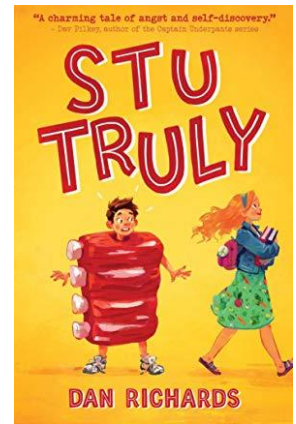
“I love *Ghost*! I did not put it down. It was keeping me in such suspense. If you love to run, you should definitely read, and even if you do not, you should still read it! You will not be disappointed.” – Eleni Panaghi

Title of Book: Stu Truly

Author: Dan Richards

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book has 48 chapters filled with action, comedy and surprises. I hope you like it! This story is mainly about a kid named Stu Truly, who never cared about girls, until he met a girl named Becca who was a vegetarian. He lied to her and told her that his entire family were vegetarians, too, but they are not! He’s probably going to have a lot of trouble on his hands later on. I recommend this book because it is funny and has lots of action. If you like action, comedy and surprises, then this is the book for you! What are you waiting for? If you want to find out more, then check out this book!” – Finnegan Mankoski



Title of Book: *Percy Jackson (Series)*

Author: Rick Riordan

Genre: Fiction and Greek Mythology; Action/Adventure

Review: “The last book in the series *The Last Olympian* was amazing. You have to read all the books. I love that it’s about fantasy and adventure. It’s a great book for young adults.” – Luke Maier

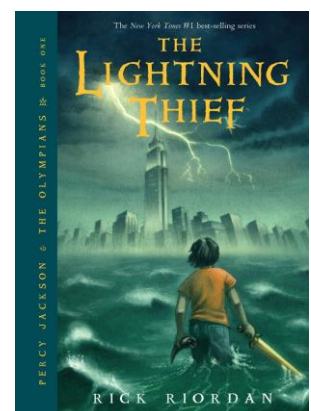
“This series is about a boy who feels like he just doesn’t fit in anywhere. He’s always had a relationship to water. Little did he know that he is a demigod, the son of the green sea god, Poseidon. These books teach you that no matter what, you will fit in somewhere.” – Elaina Heghes

(*Red Pyramid*) “This is a great book for people who love action and history about Egyptians. Even if you don’t know if you love history, the action and fictional story behind it will leave you reading more and more!” – Matt Battista

“This series will lead you into the demi-gods. It kept me up reading until 1:00 am, even when my parents told me to sleep. If you love to read about gods this book is for you!” – Ife Allison

“Percy Jackson is a great book and also a great movie. I really liked that in the book, Percy helped Clarisse even after she was so mean to him for always coming in second. If you like to read action books, Percy Jackson is a great series to pick up. Enjoy!” – Keira DeLuca

“*The Red Pyramid* is a fantastic book with two main characters, Sadie and Carter Kane, who are sister and brother. In the book, these characters record what happens to them. They have been separated for six years since their mother died. Sadie and Carter think that their father has been hiding something from them. When Set, a powerful god, nearly kills their father, the only family they have is each other. They must defeat Set to get their father back...but how? – Chelsea Devine

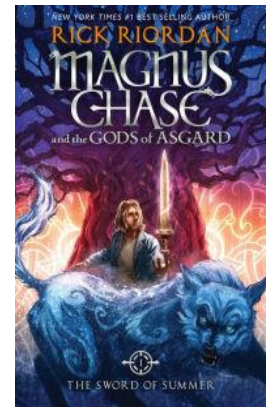


Title of Book: *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard (Series)*

Author: Rick Riordan

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book is one of the best that Rick Riordan has written because it has a very twisting plot with gods, Norse and other strange things. Magnus will make you laugh as the story goes on. This book will make you want to read more!” – Matthew Young

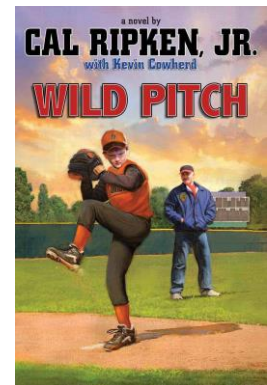


Title of Book: *Wild Pitch*

Author: Cal Ripken Jr.

Genre: Fiction

Review: “If you like baseball, you should read this book because it is about a boy who is 12 years old and later goes on to play in the MLB. When he was younger, he was not that great of a baseball player but he practiced and eventually became a Hall of Famer. This book taught me that practice makes perfect!” – Nicky Johnson



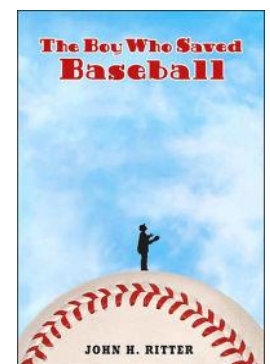
Title of Book: *The Boy Who Saved Baseball*

Author: John H. Ritter

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*The Boy Who Saved Baseball* is a book about a boy who was playing baseball with his friends in the park. A group of boys came by and saw how amazing this boy played ball. They asked him to be on their baseball team. The boy helped them to win all of their games.” – Andre James

“I like this text because it is about baseball. Baseball is one of my favorite sports. I also like it because the Dillontown Wildcats team has pride and heart, and that is all you need to win a game.” – Liam Conlon



Title of Book: *Harry Potter (Series)*

Author: J.K. Rowling

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “*Harry Potter* is a magical story of three friends growing up together and how they all become heroes. This beautiful story of Harry Potter will make you want to give anything for a letter to go to Hogwarts! From simple spells to intense magical battles, Harry and his friends deserve a 6-out-of-5 from everyone who reads the book series!” – Andrew Morrow

“This extraordinary national bestseller makes you want to read more! If you like books about adventure, you will absolutely love this book. It hooks you in to trying to solve the mystery while also bringing in fantastic mythical creatures that leave you hanging on the edge of your seat!” – Ryan Taylor



“You should read all of the *Harry Potter* books (books 1-7)! They’re about a boy who finds out that he is a wizard. His goal is to defeat the world’s most powerful wizard who killed his parents. I loved every page of every book. Definite must-reads!” – Nicolas Albarano

“*Harry Potter* is the best book ever! I started it, and at the end of the day I was done with the first book! Once I got into the story, I could not stop. If you like magic and adventure, this is your book!” – Noah George

“How would you feel if your parents were dead and you lived with your mean uncle and aunt? You also have a spoiled cousin and you live in the cupboard under the stairs! One day, you find out that you are a wizard at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. This book is suspenseful. This book is action packed. You will be so interested!” – Dominic Rossiello

“If you are a fantasy, drama and action-packed fanatic then *Harry Potter* is the book series for you! The book is about three friends: the know-it-all Hermione Granger, the red-headed troublemaker Ron Weasley and the famous, scared and “chosen one,” Harry Potter. They all attend Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. In the books, they encounter many evils in school, including Lord Voldemort. This famous book is for the danger-lovers. Its popularity will make the book sell out so go and get it!” – Natasha Burns-Sharoff

“*Harry Potter* will keep you up at night reading. The series is pretty long, which just means more time for reading! Also, just when you think it can’t get any better, it does! Next time you see this on your bookshelf, pick it up and start reading because there are cliffhangers and lots of action!” – Slade May

“If you are looking for an action-packed book, this is the book for you! *The Goblet of Fire* is the 4th book of this amazing series! The book is about Harry Potter’s fourth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There is a mysterious competition that happens between rival schools. If you want to know more, read for yourself!” – Emma Canty

“If you like books with action, drama and mystery, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* is the perfect book for you! In this installment of the *Harry Potter* series, Harry, Ron and Hermione look for and destroy Voldemort’s horcruxes, the key to Voldemort’s immortality. There are many twists and turns. I hope this book inspires you to read the rest of the series, if you haven’t already!” – Ava Steele

“It is a hot summer night, and it feels like mother nature is trying to suffocate you with the humidity. Then, out of nowhere, it becomes dark and cold. This outstanding sequel continues with Harry’s battle against Lord Voldemort. Harry is now in his fifth year at Hogwarts, juggling his school work and his fight against the Lord Voldemort.” – Lily Hubler

“This series of books is about a boy who, on his thirteenth birthday, finds out he’s magical. He goes to a school for witches and wizards. Read about the exciting adventures of Harry Potter as he faces dangers and his sworn enemy, Lord Voldemort!” – Anna Pottanat

“*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* is outstanding and really makes you think outside of the box because it is magical. Harry is miserable staying in his room (a.k.a. a cupboard under the stairs) but a shocking thing happens and he makes a daring escape! This book is not just for people that like wizards but for people who are seeking an adventure. I’d rate this nail-biting book a 10-out-of-5! Good luck!!!” – Nate Giblin

“It is a hot summer night. It feels like mother nature is trying to suffocate you. Then, out of nowhere, it gets dark and cold. Harry and his cousin, Dudley, are taking an alleyway shortcut home when suddenly...if you want to find out more, you’ll have to read the book! *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* is an outstanding sequel that tells the amazing fictional story of Harry Potter. In past books he has survived the clutches of Lord Voldemort three times. If you have not read any of the Harry Potter books, I suggest you start with the first book so that the series makes more sense to you. I hope you like these books as much as I did!” – Lily Hubler

“*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* is a thrilling book based on Harry Potter’s children. The main characters, Albus Severus (Harry Potter’s son) and Scorpius Malfoy (Draco Malfoy’s son), go on incredible adventures together. I recommend this book if you like to read fantasy!” – Kate Palya

“In *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (book four of the series), it is the year of the World Cup in quidditch (a wizarding sport). Harry finds out that Lord Voldemort is rising to power. The Tri-Wizard Tournament is coming up this year, too, against other magic schools. Someone puts Harry’s name in the goblet of fire, which means that he is entered in the tournament. In the last event, Harry and someone else (I can’t say who!) are sent to Lord Voldemort. This other person dies and Harry narrowly escapes death. This book is amazing and shows that everything doesn’t always have a perfect ending.” – Marina Ioannou

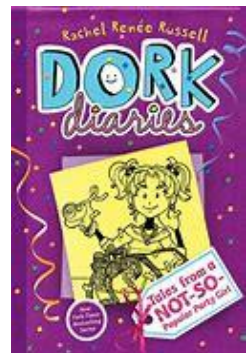
“*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* is about a wizard named Harry Potter. He is famous for being a survivor of an attack by Lord Voldemort when he was a baby. When Harry turns 11, he attends a special school called Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. At Hogwarts, he faces Lord Voldemort, who everyone else calls “He Who Shall Not Be Named.” Read this book to find out what happens in this showdown!” – Matt Rothschild

Title of Book: *Dork Diaries: Tales from a NOT-SO-Popular Party Girl*

Author: Rachel Renée Russell

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book is about a tween named Nikki J. Maxwell, her troubles of being enemies with Mackenzie and having a secret crush. There’s just one big problem: Nikki



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never went to ONE single party. That is, not until somebody finally invited her to one! If you want to know how this goes for Nikki, go read this book!” – Zoe Moore

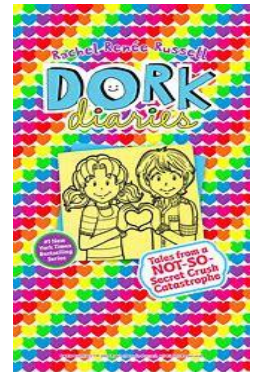
Title of Book: *Dork Diaries: Tales from a NOT-SO-Secret Crush Catastrophe*

Author: Rachel Renée Russell

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book is about a tween that has a super secret crush on a boy named Brendan. Nobody knows about it except for her BFFs, Chloe and Zoey. Somehow, someone finds out...but who is it? Read this book and you will find out!” – Zoey Moore

“I love this text because I like reading the *Dork Diaries* series! I enjoy reading the exciting adventures that happen in this book. – Kyla Hover



Title of Book: *Esperanza Rising*

Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*Esperanza Rising* is one of my favorite books of all time! It is about a girl named Esperanza whose father is killed by bandits. Esperanza has a great life but after her father dies, she has to go to the United States to work. Basically, Esperanza goes from “riches to rags.” Read this amazing book to know more!” – Charlotte Piccola



“This is a book that broke my heart and made me joyful at the same time. It is about a girl named Esperanza whose father was killed. The day after, her house burns down. Something happens at the end of the book that made me so happy. If you read this book, you will find out what that was!”

– Tatum Hunter

“Esperanza lived with great wealth at La Rancho de Las Rosas for most of her life. Then, her papa died, her house burned down, Mama fell ill and they left Abuelita behind. Read the book to find out more!”

– Lilah Thorne

“Esperanza is about a girl who lost her dad. Throughout the book, there are struggles but great outcomes. You have to read this book! You will absolutely love it!” – Kerin McDevitt

“*Esperanza Rising* is about a girl named Esperanza. She is wealthy and lives in a beautiful house with her mom, dad and abuela. But something will happen... You have to read this story – I loved it and you will too!” – Kerin McDevitt

Title of Book: *The Dreamer*

Author: Pam Munoz Ryan

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book is so amazing! The plot will bring water to your eyes with each page you turn. Each character will become a part of your daily life. The story is about a boy named Neftali who wants to become a writer. His father would rather die than see his son become a writer. Pam Munoz Ryan creates such vivid pictures in your mind that you actually feel like you are there, a part of the actual story. This book definitely possesses the ability to top your favorite book!” – Alex Sim



Title of Book: *Echo*

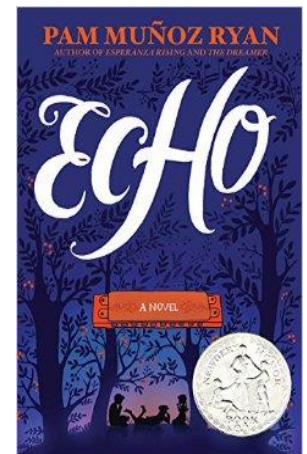
Author: Pam Munoz Ryan

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “This book is an inspiration to follow your dreams, even in bad times. I give it a 5-out-of-5 in adventure, too!” – Luke Maier

“This book is amazing! There are so many twists and turns. If you like a book that leaves you on the edge of your seat and wanting to read more, then this is the book for you. I give it 5-out-of-5 stars!” – Sofia Vargas

“This book left me wanting more and sad that it was over. The characters are unforgettable! This story is timeless. It makes you appreciate what you have. No matter what kind of book you’re into, you will love this book and it’ll become one of your favorites...or your favorite! This amazing book is about a magical harmonica that impacts the lives of every person that crosses its path. The book gives you three stories of the magical harmonica and how it changed the lives of kids. Each night, it had to be pried out of my hands! I give it a 5-out-of-5 review!” – Alex Sim

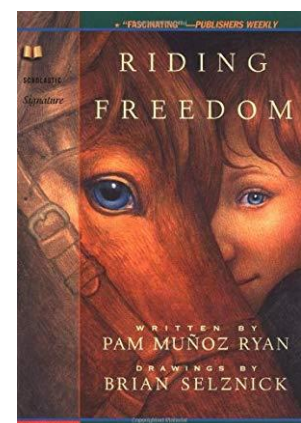


Title of Book: *Riding Freedom*

Author: Pam Munoz Ryan

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book was phenomenal! I loved it so much. Charlotte is a girl who grew up in an orphanage alone. One day she discovered a stable on the property. Soon she fell in love with the horses. This is where her adventure began! This orphanage had one rule, no kids were allowed off the property. Charlotte doesn’t listen and sets off to work on a real farm, leaving her only friend, Hayward, behind. She is soon questioning herself, if she will ever see him



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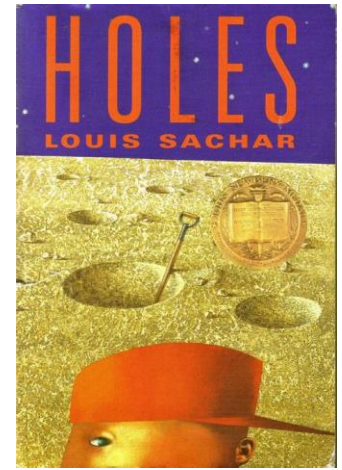
again. Guess what? The illustrator for this book is the same illustrator of *The Adventures of Hugo Cabre*! I definitely recommend this book to all you horse fans!” – Charlotte Rockafort

Title of Book: *Holes*

Author: Louis Sachar

Genre: Fiction

Review: “Stanley is under a curse from his no-good, dirty, rotten, pig-stealing great-grandfather. He is sent to a detention camp for stealing shoes, but he didn’t really steal them! They just fell on his head out of nowhere! He is sent to Camp Green Lake, where there are a lot of holes everywhere. Stanley soon realizes that the warden is looking for something. They are not just digging for improvement. You should definitely read this awesome book to find out what they are searching for!” – Adriana Galindo



“I love this text because it teaches you about the consequences of your actions. This story is about a poor kid named Stanley. He finds a pair of shoes and he doesn’t know what to do with them. Stanley decides to wear them and gets arrested. Stanley is then sent to Camp Green Lake. It turns out there is a treasure there and he finds a key to it! Read this book because it’s very adventurous, so go and enjoy it!” – Sebastian Gray

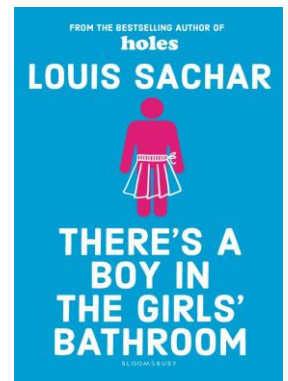
“This story is about Stanley Yelnats and how he goes to a camp that makes kids dig holes. It is one of Stanley’s punishments because he stole something. I think this should be a must read because it is both surprising and mysterious.” – Talia Billias

Title of Book: *There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom*

Author: Luis Sachar

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom* is about a boy named Bradley who is the biggest bully in the 5th grade. A new kid comes to the school and everything changes. Do you think they will become best friends? Read this book to find out!” – Charlotte Piccola



Title of Book: *Magyk*

Author: Angie Sage

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “If you like “Harry Potter,” you will enjoy “Magyk.” A mother named Angie Sage has two sons, the maximum number of children a family can have where they



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live. Soon, Angie has a third son named Septimus Heap. If the family registers him, he will be killed. When he begins school he discovers something..." – Elena Mingorance

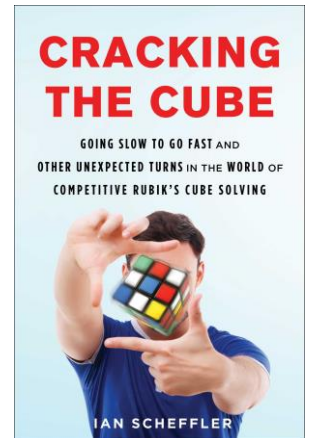
"Have you ever heard of the *Harry Potter* series? Well, I have some news for you Harry Potter fans! *Magyk* is the next big thing! A mother named Angie Sage has two sons, the maximum amount of children you can have. But soon there is a third son. His name is Septimus Heap. If his family registered him, he would be killed! Soon he goes to school and discovers...oh, wait! I forgot that I can't tell you that! This means that you'll have to get the book and find out what happens for yourself!" – Sadie Seulal

Title of Book: *Cracking the Cube*

Author: Ian Scheffler

Genre: Non-fiction

Review: "*Cracking the Cube* is a book for people who are interested in Rubik's Cubes, just like me! It is a book about a "cuber" (yes, that is what they are called!) named Ian Scheffler. He goes on Rubik's Cube adventures with his Rubik's Cube friends, Toby and Tyler. They also talk about methods that you can use to solve the Rubik's Cube. It's not a 5th grade-leveled book, but I read it because that is what I am interested in!" – Teddy Moore

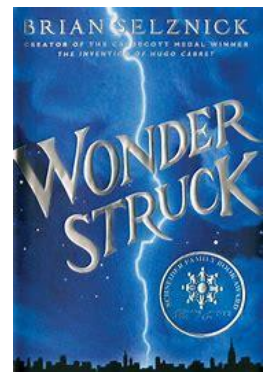


Title of Book: *Wonderstruck*

Author: Brian Selznick

Genre: Fiction

Review: "Imagine you're Ben Wilson and Rose. One minute, you're perfectly normal, but the next, you are completely deaf in both ears and you don't know what has happened to your mind, body or soul. Ben and Rose go on this miraculous journey to find where they belong. Ben tries to find his dad while Rose wants to be an actress. They both end up going to New York City. When Ben and Rose actually meet, Ben is around the age of ten and Rose is about seventy years old. They discuss...wait, why are you still reading this review?! Go and get yourself a copy of the page-turner *Wonderstruck* immediately!" – Sadie Seulal



Title of Book: *Pretty Little Liars* (Series)

Author: Sara Shepard

Genre: Fiction

Review: "When you get hooked on a TV show, you can't stop watching it. This series is both. A group of girls are best friends. The queen bee goes missing and mysteriously



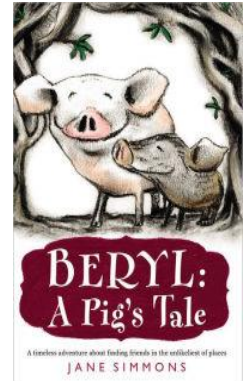
sends texts and notes around. What will happen? *The Pretty Little Liars* series kept me on the edge of my seat!” – Chloe Shimkin

Title of Book: *Beryl: A Pig's Tale*

Author: Jane Simmons

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book kept me up all night reading! It is a great starter book. It is about a pig named Beryl that wanders into the wild and becomes friends with two wild pigs named Amber and Dew. This book will leave you stunned and make you want to keep reading!” – Luke Maier

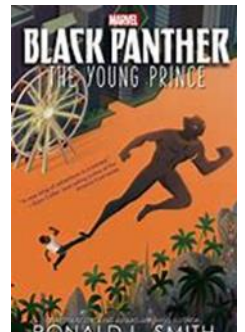


Title of Book: *Black Panther: The Young Prince*

Author: Ronald L Smith

Genre: Fiction

Review: “If you love to read about action and you love the Black Panther then you should read *Black Panther: The Young Prince*. This book is about a boy named T’challa. He is a prince that lives in Wakanda. That is all I can tell you. I hope you enjoy reading the book for yourself!” – Jayden Arevalo

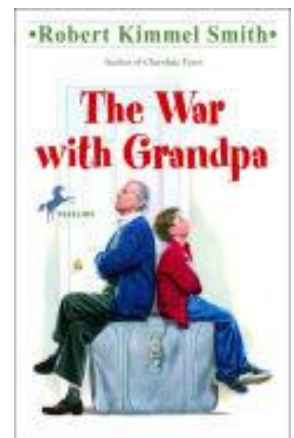


Title of Book: *The War with Grandpa*

Author: Robert Kimmel Smith

Genre: Realistic Fiction

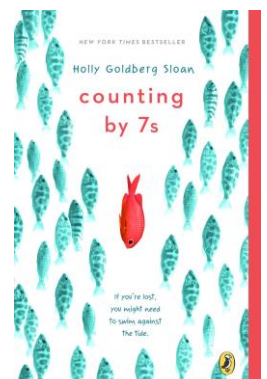
Review: “A boy’s grandpa moves into his room. The boy sets up a series of pranks to make his grandpa move out. Will he move out or will something unexpected happen? You will love discovering what really goes on! This is a great book!” – Nicolas Albarano



Title of Book: *Counting by 7s*

Author: Holly Goldberg Sloan

Genre: Realistic Fiction



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Review: “*Counting by 7s* is about a girl named Willow Chance. She is very smart and does well in school. Everything interests her, but medical conditions, gardening, and multiples of seven catch her attention the most. Then, something changes her life forever. What is it? Will she be okay? Read this book to find out!” – Keely McCormack

Title of Book: *A Series of Unfortunate Events* (Series)

Author: Lemony Snicket

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This series is about three orphans who have a terrible life. **WARNING!** These books can make you cry but they are so good!” – Nicolas Albarano

“If you like scary books then you will love this one! This story is about these kids who find out that their parents have died in a fire. There are scary and sad parts in this book that leave you feeling so many emotions. I highly suggest reading this series!” – Jake Gillis

“I love this series because it has a lot of cliffhangers and it often leaves you wondering what will happen next. It is about three orphans who seem to be magnets for bad luck. They go from foster parent to foster parent, thinking that they’ve found a home until they have to move again.” – Keely McCormack

“If you like books about mystery and suspense then *A Series of Unfortunate Events: A Bad Beginning* is the perfect book for you! This book is about three children who lost their parents. They try to stay together to survive from the cruel fate of Count Olaf. To find out what happens in this story, go and buy this book or check it out from your local library!” – Jonah Schwarz-Van Praag

“I love this text because it is about three orphans. Their parents died and the children are sent to Count Olaf. He is a relative of theirs who was a mystery. He does horrible things like following the orphans everywhere they go, and they are trying to escape him. They are tired of doing everything for him and want to leave. “Oh, did I spoil it for you?” Still you should definitely read the series, all the books, 1 through 13. You will not want to stop reading!” – John Swaine

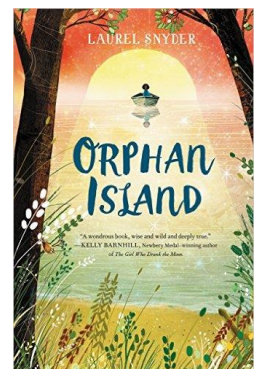


Title of Book: *Orphan Island*

Author: Laurel Snyder

Genre: Fiction

Review: “*Orphan Island* is about a girl named Jinny who lives on an island with eight other kids and no parents. She is the second oldest until her brother leaves the island on the boat. In place of him comes the new youngest girl. It is now Jinny’s job to take care of her. Will she be able to do it?” – Keely McCormack



“Orphan Island is a very detailed book that will blow you away with all of the little messages hidden in it. The theme of the story is learning how to grow up. Once a year, the oldest child leaves the island and a new one comes. Jinny’s best friend, Deen, has left the island. This means that Jinny is now the eldest on the island and she is in charge of taking care of the newcomer. Orphan Island has mystery, drama and many heartwarming moments. You should definitely go and pick it up today!” – Riley Perna

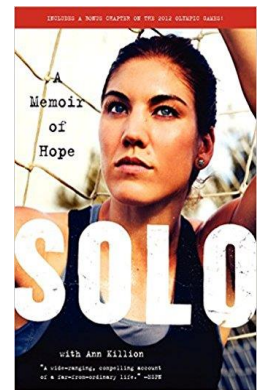
“This is a fantastic book! Every year on Orphan Island, the eldest orphan leaves and a new orphan comes. However, this year, Jinny’s best friend Dean had to leave and Jinny has to take care of Ess, the new orphan. What do you think Jinny will do and how do you think she takes it that her best friend is gone? This book is about growing up and becoming responsible. I loved it!” – Marina Ioannou

Title of Book: *Solo: A Memoir of Hope*

Author: Hope Solo

Genre: Memoir/Autobiography

Review: *“This book brought tears to my eyes. If you read this, you will know how it feels to have a difficult life and still rise above! It is so inspiring. Hope Solo is a soccer player who has been through a lot. I rate this book a 10-out-of-10!” – Chloe Shimkin*



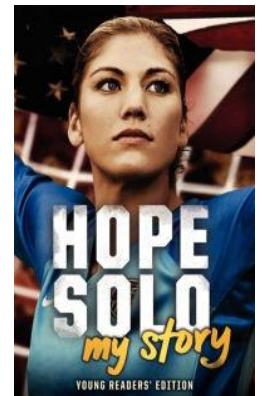
Title of Book: *Hope Solo: My Story*

Author: Hope Solo

Genre: Autobiography/Memoir

Review: *“This book is the one you’ll be so excited to read that you will not be able to put it down! It is about the true life story of Hope Solo. I typically don’t love autobiographies, but this autobiography changed how I feel about this genre of writing. She really knows how to hook you as a reader. I loved this book! I give it a 10-out-of-10.” – Chloe Shimkin*

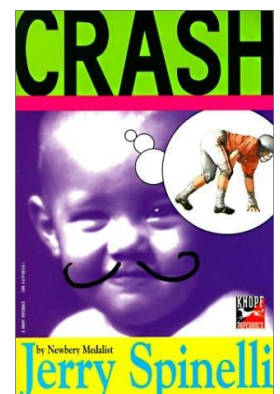
“This book is so good! Hope Solo is a professional soccer player that plays goalie. The book tells about all of the struggles that happened in her life. I loved this book and I guarantee that you will, too!” – Hannah Reilly



Title of Book: *Crash*

Author: Jerry Spinelli

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Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book is about bullying. It taught me that bullying doesn’t earn you popularity. You don’t make friends that way.” – Nate Modico

“This book is about bullying. The main character is a bully but at the end of the book, he becomes friends with the person he was bullying. I learned that it is important to stop bullying and to speak up if you are being bullied.” – J.J. Sweezer

“*Crash* is a book about a boy named John Coogan who loved football so much when he was little that he rammed his little cousin in the gut, which is how he got his nickname “Crash”. Aside from his football obsession, Crash was a pretty normal kid until someone moves in down the block. I suggest you read this book - if you don’t, you’re missing out!” – Owen Finegan

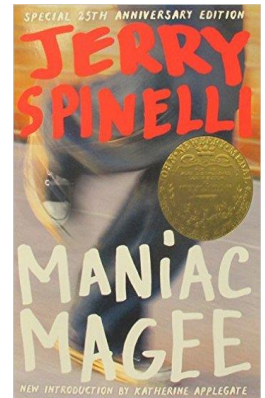
Title of Book: *Maniac Magee*

Author: Jerry Spinelli

Genre: Fiction

Review: “*Maniac Magee* showed me that when you feel alone, things can get better. In this book, Maniac is alone most of the time and makes friendships that he does not expect to make. This book taught me to never give up and to keep working hard.” – Jack Lozito

“Maniac’s life changed over time. His name used to be Jack until one day, his parents took a taxi whose driver was drunk and drove the taxi off of a bridge. Maniac’s time was split between his aunt and uncle because they did not like each other. If you like sad, humorous and touching books, read *Maniac Magee*.” – Andrew Ardito



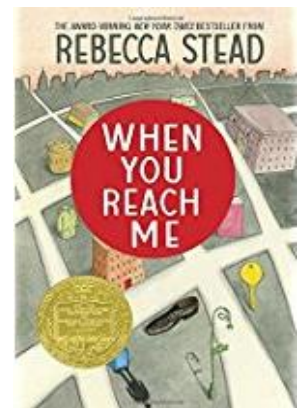
Title of Book: *When You Reach Me*

Author: Rebecca Stead

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book was sad at some points, made me laugh at other points and put a smile on my face often. It is a great read!” – Eva Garcia

“*When You Reach Me* is about a girl named Miranda who lives in the city. She is not very wealthy and lives with only her mom. All of a sudden, Miranda starts to get mysterious notes telling her that she has to write her story down. She cannot tell anyone, not even her best friend, Sam. The notes seem to be able to predict the future until one of them says that someone will die! Who will it be? Will she write her story? Read this book to find out!” – Keely McCormack



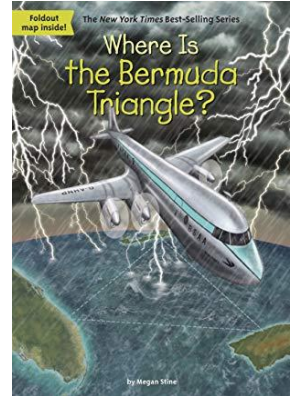
“This book is incredible and it draws you right in. Reading this book kept me up late every night because I couldn’t put it down! Miranda is a normal girl who lives in the city. One day, she starts receiving random notes. In the beginning, not everything makes sense. At the end, everything comes together. If you decide to read this book, trust me, you will love it!” – Allison Canner

Title of Book: Where Is the Bermuda Triangle?

Author: Megan Stine

Genre: Non-fiction

Review: “The Bermuda Triangle is between Miami, Puerto Rico and Bermuda. The triangle is famous for making ships disappear and planes fall out of the sky. In 1967, three planes disappeared in one week over the Triangle. Airliner Star Tiger disappeared in the Triangle in 1948. Five U.S. Navy planes also disappeared off the coast of Florida. A ship called the Rubicon was found drifting off the coast of Miami, with only a dog on board. What tragedy can happen next?” – Matt Regan

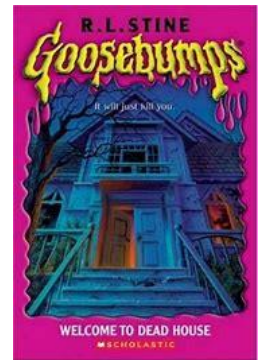


Title of Book: *Welcome to Dead House* (Classic Goosebumps Series #13)

Author: R.L. Stine

Genre: Mystery/Fantasy

Review: “I give this book three stars. It is about Amanda and Josh, who move to the town of Dark Falls. In this town, the kids in the neighborhood are a lively bunch; they are unlike any kids Amanda and Josh have ever met before. *Welcome to Dead House* is a very creepy story. Read it if you like mystery books!” – Zaquoya Denise Bell



Title of Book: *Dracula*

Author: Bram Stoker

Genre: Horror

Review: “Johnathan has a regular life. Everything is normal...until he goes to Castle Dracula. The Count is very mysterious. He has no shadow, sharp teeth and hair on the palms of his hands. Candles go out on their own, the Count doesn’t sleep at night and many other strange things happen in this place. Soon, Johnathan finds out that the Count is a horrifying vampire! This puts his family in a lot of danger, so much so that if they are found out, they could be destroyed! Johnathan will have to escape before the Count even knows he’s gone. Will he make it out? Read this book to find out!” – Conor Stack

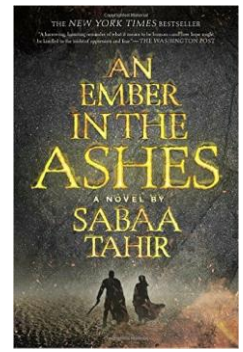


Title of Book: *An Ember in the Ashes*

Author: Sabaa Tahir

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “This book will keep you guessing until the end, where it leaves you with the question ‘What happens next?’ It shows you that love is the most powerful force and it is important to be strong when you have nothing left to give. This story is about how one kid was separated from his mother and how he escaped a bad situation.” – Ryan Curtis



Title of Book: *I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor* (Series)

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “This is a book on what started World War II. It is so interesting to read and you will love learning about this event in history because of how interesting it is and how it well it was written.” – Liam Wang

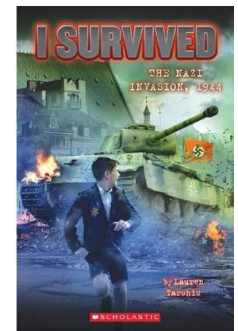


Title of Book: *I Survived the Nazi Invasion* (Series)

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “*I Survived the Nazi Invasion* is about a boy (Max Rosen) and his sister. Max and Zena are both Jewish. Hitler and his soldiers are looking for them because they escaped from the village where all of the Jews were being kept. Max and Zena go through some hard times throughout this story.” – Jack Gilgan



“This book is interesting because it is based on true events and has a lot of exciting action in it. It tells about Max and Zena, siblings living on their own because their father has been imprisoned by the Nazis. The book leaves you wanting to read more and more! *I Survived the Nazi Invasion* will help you learn a lot about what life was like during the Holocaust.” – Grace Walter

“This book was so nerve racking that it almost made it impossible for me to put it down! Imagine living your life and then your town is being terrorized by Nazi soldiers. Next, your town and family is controlled by the Nazi Army. I love history, but this is, at times, a very scary and brutal part of our past.” – Tyler Sumrani

Title of Book: *I Survived the Eruption of Mt. St. Helens* (Series)

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “This book is a book of the century because of how much happens all at once. Most of the *I Survived* books are about the characters escaping quickly, but I like this book in particular because it is more about a girl and her best friends trying to survive.” – William Lomot

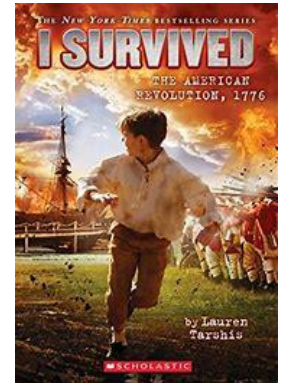


Title of Book: *I Survived the American Revolution*

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: "If you like *I Survived* books then this one will blow your mind wide open! The Revolutionary War was a big part of history and it is very interesting to learn about. This book takes place a long time ago and is about a boy named Nate who is 10 years old. The lesson I learned from this book is to "always be brave." This book is very entertaining!" – Cooper Mullen

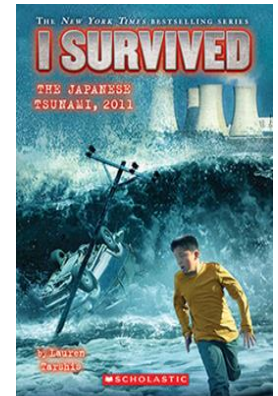


Title of Book: *I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011*

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: "Have you ever seen a disaster like this? If not, read *I Survived the Japanese Tsunami*, by Lauren Tarshis. This disaster happened in 2011 in Japan. One of the characters, Ben, is facing a catastrophic disaster in Japan. I hope you find this book as fascinating as I did! And if so, you can continue to read the *I Survived* series, which includes books such as *The Attacks of September 11th* and *The Sinking of the Titanic*." – James Takes



Title of Book: *I Survived the Joplin Tornado*

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: "*I Survived the Joplin Tornado* is a must-read book! It is filled with a lot of action. The author keeps you interested in many different events, including before the tornado occurred and what life was like afterwards. This book made me understand what it feels like to live through a natural disaster and how people need to come together after something bad happens. I would definitely recommend reading this book if you are interested in learning more about natural disasters!" – Dylan Walsh

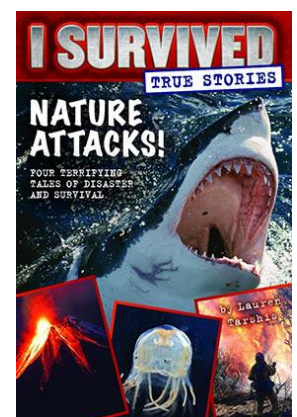


Title of Book: *I Survived (True Stories): Nature Attacks!*

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Genre: Non-fiction

Review: "*I Survived: Nature Attacks!* is a non-fiction book that tells about four disasters kids survived. The kids survived an exploding volcano, a jellyfish attack, a shark attack and a very large and dangerous fire! All of the stories are true! I thought this book was exciting and I think that you will like it, too!" – Dwayne Williamson

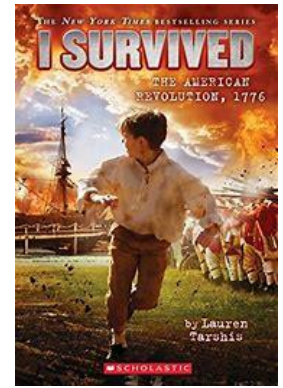


Title of Book: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912*

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Genre: Historical Fiction

“Imagine if you were on the Titanic the night that it sank! Matthew, a 12 year old boy, was one of the passengers on the boat. He faced his fear of death. This book was sad because thousands of people died within hours. However, it was an amazing book! You should read this book.” – Olivia Caracciolo

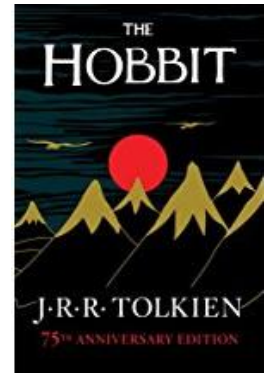


Title of Book: *The Hobbit*

Author: J.R.R. Tolkien

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “*The Hobbit* is an absolutely amazing book! It is the reason that I love to read now. This is the first book that spoke to me and made me see how exciting reading can be. It tells the tale of a character named Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who just wanted to live a simple life but got dragged into an adventure that he (and the reader) will never forget. I give this book a 4-out-of-5. The only reason it does not make a full 5 is because the magic has ended. This will appeal to your inner imagination and pull out the reader inside of you. You won’t want to miss the chance to read this book!” – John Siliezar

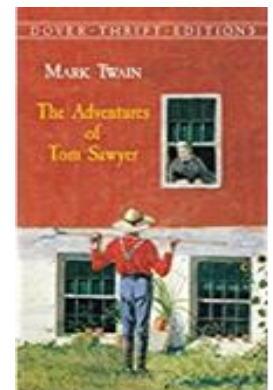


Title of Book: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

Author: Mark Twain

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book is a great book of adventure and mystery. It is about a boy who runs away with his friend and they have many adventures together. Once you start reading, you will imagine being on these adventures with them!” – Griffin King

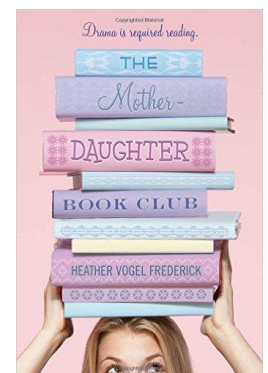


Title of Book: *Mother Daughter Book Club* (Series)

Author: Heather Volges

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book series makes you want to read all night long! Learning about each girl from different perspectives will leave you with mixed feelings. They start a book club in 6th grade and go all the way to their senior year in high school with drama, laughter, anger and even tears throughout the whole journey. I promise you, you won’t regret picking up these books!” – Emma Murphy

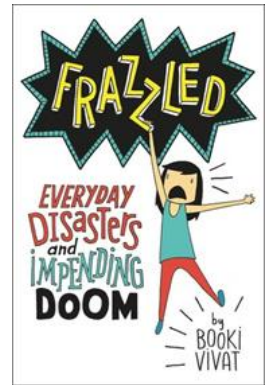


Title of Book: *Frazzled*

Author: Booki Vivat

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “Abbie Wu is starting middle school and she HATES it! Despite hating middle school, she was looking forward to lunch. It turns out that she despises lunch, too! She finds out the 8th graders get the hot, good, delicious food. She does not like this and comes up with a plan to change it. I give this book a ten-out-of-ten and I know you will, too!” – Lailah Jones

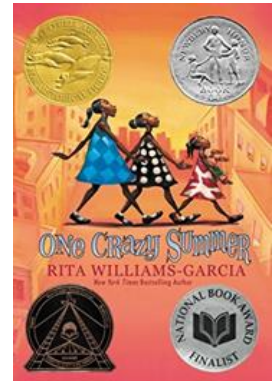


Title of Book: *One Crazy Summer*

Author: Rita Williams-Garcia

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*One Crazy Summer* is a great book! It is about a girl and her two little sisters. Their mom abandoned them when they were very little. Once they are old enough, they fly to California to see their mom. They think she will be a typical mother, but...if you read this book, you will find out what happens next!” – Charlotte Piccola

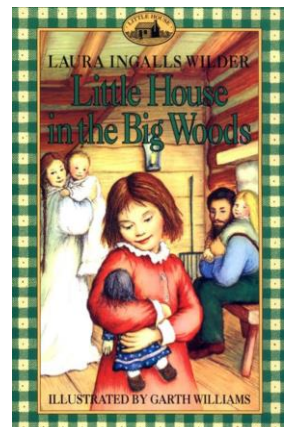


Title of Book: *Little House on the Prairie*

Author: Laura Ingalls Wilder

Genre: Fiction

Review: “This book is about how people used things back in the day. There was a family that did not have any T.V. or phones and barely had any food! They had to kill deer so that they had something to eat for dinner. If you are interested in history and learning how a family lived in the past then I think you would really like this book!” – Nora McGoldrick



Title of Book: *A Million Ways Home*

Author: Dianna Dorisi Winget

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “This book is about a girl who lives in an orphanage and escapes because she hates it. All she has is \$20 and her dog. It’s about her journey to find a good home, and fast. It’s a touching story that will leave you wanting more.” – Valentina Casale



Title of Book: *The Orphan of Ellis Island*

Author: Elvira Woodruff

Genre: Fantasy

Review: “*The Orphan of Ellis Island* is about a boy named Dominic, who is ashamed that he is an orphan. Dominic has a dream about three brothers who were orphans in Italy in 1908. He travels back in time where he meets them and they treat him like family. Will Dominic ever return from his past?” – Dermott Kelly

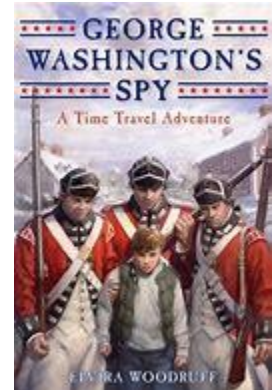


Title of Book: *George Washington's Spy*

Author: Elvira Woodruff

Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: “Are you up for reading a book full of adventure that will keep you on the edge of your seat? If you are, *George Washington's Spy* is the perfect book for you! This book is about how seven kids go on a rowboat and travel back in time to the Revolutionary War. The boys and girls get separated on their journey; the boys stay with the Patriots and Matt has to become a spy. During this, the girls find out that they are living with a Loyalist family! The big question is: Will these seven hopeless kids get back to their original home? And if they do, will it be dead or alive?” – Charlotte Rathjen

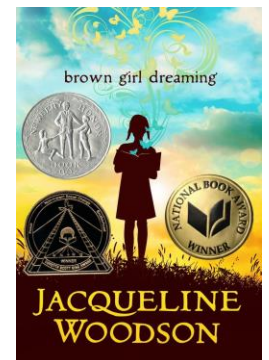


Title of Book: *Brown Girl Dreaming*

Author: Jacqueline Woodson

Genre: Non-Fiction

Review: “If you dream about changing the world, this book is for you! This book is all about a little girl who describes how she feels about having a different skin color. This book is also about how she reacted when people mistreated her. The lesson I learned from this fantastic book is don't judge a book by its cover. This book is extraordinary!” – Zoe Moore



Title of Book: *Everything, Everything*

Author: Nicola Yoon

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: “*Everything, everything* is about a very brave girl who has a severe disability. She is allergic to nature and she can't go outside. One day, a boy next door moves in and she has the urge to meet him. Do you think she will meet this mystery boy? Read this

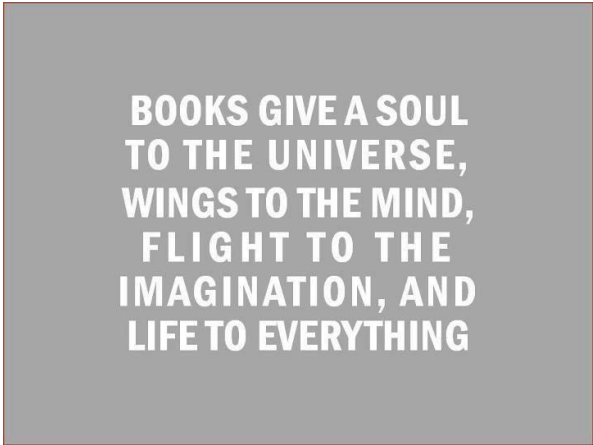


fabulous book to find out!” – Charlotte Piccola

“*Everything*, everything is about a girl who is allergic to practically everything. She has to stay in her room and go to school online. Her life is content with just her nurse, Carla, and her mom. One day, new neighbors move in and Maddy feels a spark. Read on to find out what happens next!” – Keely McCormack

“This romantic novel is about a girl who is allergic to the outside world. But, when she falls in love with her one-of-a-kind neighbor, everything changes. Read this book to find out more!” – Adriana Galindo

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