

7th grade book reviews

Ali Cross

Reviewed by: Jianna M.

James Patterson's book *Ali Cross* takes place in Washington D.C. The story focuses on the suspicious disappearance of a boy named Gabe Qualls. Ali Cross (10) is very determined to find out what happened to Gabe after they went their separate ways home after school. Ali wants to follow in his father, Alex Cross', footsteps and locate his friend. Alex Cross is a brilliant DC detective that never gives up on a case.

In my opinion, I enjoyed reading this book. Every chapter had an amazing hook that drew my attention and kept me interested. I lost track of time when reading through the chapters, I needed to know what was going to happen next. There were lessons that were being taught and positive messages throughout the story. The big ones for me were family love and knowing when to step up and do the right thing. Usually, I get bored while reading books, but this one kept me excited to read, even a bit upset when it was over. Overall, I would rate this book a 10/10.

Allies

Reviewed by: Oscar Z.

Allies is a book by Alan Gratz that follows a boy named Dee, fighting in World War 2. Dee migrated to America from Germany a couple of years before the war started. He is scared that he might be seen as a German and might be caught and killed. Dee does not support the horrors being committed by his home country of Germany. Dee fights alongside Sid, a Jewish-American soldier. Samira is a girl from a small village in Algeria fighting for her country's independence.

In my opinion, this book is perfect if you are in historical fiction. This is because the book has a great mixture of both facts about the war, and made up stories, such as of Dee. One flaw of the book is that there are multiple characters to follow such as Dee, Sid, and Samira. Overall, this book was a good read and I would recommend it to anyone above 10 years old.

Arch-Enemies

Reviewed by: Ethan L.

Nova continues to pretend to be a hero while fighting villains. She tries to figure out what's going on with the power - removing agent N chemical. Lastly she receives Ace's helmet and fights her hero friend Adrian.

This was a good book. It was intriguing and was the best book I have read lately even though it was a couple months ago. I enjoyed the supernatural aspects and the character development within the characters, specifically Nova. It was just good for the types of books I enjoy.

As Old as Time

Reviewed by: Steven K.

Author Elizabeth J. Braswell takes readers into the world of mystery and magic. Belle, a young girl who lives in a small town within the country of France, is mysterious according to the townspeople and she is quite different from most. Belle lives with her father Maurice who is an inventor. Then we are taken back in time when Belle's mother first meets her father. They are together for a while until an outbreak of disease occurs and people are leaving hateful messages against people like Belle's mom until Belle's mom does something about it. Then we go back to Belle where her father is having horrible issues and Belle gets trapped! Then her father is taken away! Then a bunch of problems standing in Belle's way of reaching her father she has to work with some of her enemies and new found friends to defeat the dark magic that has been set upon this small little quiet village in France.

In my opinion this book is fantastic and has great events and twists that no one could predict. This novel is perfect for Disney fans of all ages. One complaint is the very slow pick up it takes quite some time to get going, but once it does it is worth it and it will be one of the best books a Disney fan will ever read. It has very funny one liners and great character development. I don't think it could be written any other way. Braswell emerges you fantastically into the world of fairy tales and how with great power comes great responsibility. Finally, this book will be very confusing in the beginning but it all evens out in the end, I hope you enjoy *As Old As Time*.

A Dog's Purpose

Reviewed by: Madeline D.

A Dog's Purpose is a heartfelt story about the life of a canine. The book is told through the perspective of a dog named Bailey. The storyline is told throughout many different dogs, but the catch is that whenever Bailey passes away, he is reincarnated in a different dog's body. His main purpose in the book is to comfort his owners, and help others through thick and thin. Despite helping so many people on this journey, he never really broke that bond between him and Ethan (his first owner.) Bailey continues to search for Ethan as he provides guidance and devotion to anyone in need. I believe that this quote is a good representation of this phenomenal book, "Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them, and filling an emptiness we didn't ever know we had." - Thom Jonas.

In my opinion, this book is absolutely incredible. It is actually my favorite book! There is so much sensation and sentiment packed into this story. I could feel melancholy during one chapter and then be on cloud nine the next. I would rate this book a 10/10. I loved reading through this beautiful narrative that made me realize just how special and loyal dogs are and I truly believe that they have rightfully earned the title and are indeed, "Man's best friend."

Baby-Sitters Club Book # 1

Reviewed by: Allison D.

The Baby - Sitters club is based on a group of friends (Kristy, Mary Anne, Claudia, and Stacey). These groups of girls are founding members of the Baby- Sitting Club (BSC). The BSC has a really tight and close friendship which is really important when it comes to working together.

I like this book series because it has graphics. Every single graphic goes to what the page is talking about. Also the characters each have their own personality which is really important to the story.

The Battle of the Ampere- Book Number 3

Reviewed by: David C.

The third book in the Michael Vey series *The Battle of the Ampere* is about Michael Vey and his friends. Him and his friends have super powers and they try to stop the elenge. The range are people who try to take over countries. Micheal and his friends try to sink their boat called the ampere.

I love this book because it keeps me wanting to read the book. There is some action and there is some building to the climax. I wouI can relate to this book because micheals dad died and mine did too.

The Book of Lost Things

Reviewed by: Mia B.

The Book of Lost Things by John Connolly starts with a tragedy, when the protagonist, David, has to go through his mother's death. David lives in London, England during World War II with his mother and father until his mother's passing. Things began to switch for David, and he was alone often, always thinking about his mother. After a couple months, David's father starts seeing a woman named Rose, and David is introduced to her. During the introduction that day David passes out, and experiences what is like a dream. After he passed out he could hear whispers, like the books, trees, benches, etc were talking to him. His father started bringing him to a therapist, but he kept passing out for several weeks. Eventually Rose and David's father decide to move, and lots of big changes happen with this new family. Objects still seem to be calling out to him in his new house, and his relationship with his family is getting bad. One night he hears his mother call for him, and follows the noise to the garden behind his house. He goes into a crack in the garden walls, and comes out in a completely different world. Here, David faces an unknown world where his mother is asking for him, and he finds many friends and monsters along the way. During the journey to find his mother, he finds the cost for a fairytale life could kill him, and in more ways than one.

I loved this book when I read it, and think it is one of the best books I have ever found. It plays a twist on the fairytale life seen in movies, and expresses what happens in corrupt nations. It is also a book that really humanizes the main character, making sure the reader knows that heroes are scared and insecure too. It's a very unique book, and doesn't give the classic fairytale ending. Instead it has lots of twists, and is filled with heartbreak, suffering, support, care, manipulation, etc. The book is a bit gory, with lots of blood and chapters only talking about torture or death, so I would consider that before reading it too. I couldn't stop reading it, and would recommend it to those that like adventure stories that also involve gore, grief, change, bravery, fright, etc. Overall, it was an amazing book, and I would give it a 10/10.

The Bridge Home

Reviewed by: Francine V.

In *The Bridge Home*, two sisters run away from their abusive home in India. An 11 year old girl named Viji and her 12 year old developmentally disabled sister. After running away,

they go through many different struggles and problems. Eventually, they take refuge on a bridge along with friends. As they continue their journey to find a stable life they face friendship, losses, and mistakes.

In my opinion, this is a really well thought out and really interesting book. It hooks the reader into wanting to know what happens next. The main character, Viji, teaches the reader to push through life, even in harder times. Eventually, things will get better. This book perfectly demonstrates the value of determination and perseverance. Overall, this book keeps you on the edge of your seat. I would rate this book 9/10 stars and would recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure stories.

Deep Blue

Reviewed by: Lilliana E.

I have read a book series starting with the book called Deep Blue. It is a mythological book series, with a lot of action and twists and drama. This book is good for older kids, like 10 and up. The book is about mermaids in a kingdom. One is about a girl named Sera, she is the princess of the kingdom that is soon to get married. Her kingdom is under attack and she has to escape. She leaves everything behind and has to stay safe. The people that attack her are looking for her. She takes her friend Neela with her to escape! I know what happens next, maybe you'll like it if you read it!

Dr. Stone

Reviewed by: Giancarlo M.

In Dr.Stone everyone in the world sees a giant light and all of humanity has turned into stone. But 1 person named Senku who is very smart decided to count every single second they were in stone. Somehow Senku broke out of the stone because of a special liquid he was under. So he put his best friend named Taiju who is strong under the liquid.And together they hope to bring back humanity with the power of science!

Although I don't think I explained it as well as others could, I think they explained everything very well in the book. It was also very fun and intriguing to read. Also they make everything sound very interesting and it made me very interested to see what happens.

Drama

Reviewed by: Ariana M.

This book goes over a lot of topics such as LGBT+ community, middle school conflicts, etc. But This book mainly goes over the topic of drama and the Performing Arts category. I really like this book because not only is it very attention-grabbing but you don't have to put too much commitment towards the book. The quality of the book was Superior and still managed to go into detail about Middle School drama/relationships. Reading this book almost makes it seem as if I'm flipping through a picture book. With such a good storyline keeps me intrigued for hours on end. I would definitely read this book again and definitely read more books by this author.

The Girl who Drank the Moon

Reviewed by: Emilia M.

The Girl who Drank the Moon starts out in the city of the Protectorate and how every year they leave the youngest born baby out into the forest as a peace offering to the Witch that lives in the dangerous woods. Little do the citizens of the Protectorate know that the “Witch” who lives in the woods is actually the sweetest person with the biggest heart named Xan. Luckily, the baby’s are rescued by Xan and brought to the other cities across the forest to live with a new, loving family. Then, one year she accidentally feeds a baby moonlight, enmagicing her, making it too dangerous for her to be brought to a new family. Bringing the baby in as her own and later naming her Luna. Xan raises her while also trying to keep the magic at bay. Turns out to be harder than expected. On top of all this as Luna’s 13th birthday arrives and the magic starts to pour out, the volcano starts to rumble deep inside the earth, and a man is determined to free his people of the Protectorate of the sorrow that surrounds the city by killing the witch.

I really enjoyed reading this book because each chapter was from another character's point of view which always brought something new to the story. I truly loved to read this book because it also had great character development throughout the book which really made you feel like you were growing with the characters with each tribulation they faced that also brought a meaningful life lesson as well. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a fantasy book with an expertly woven and enchanting story plot. I suggest ages from 10 and up could read this book because I feel that it's exciting for all ages but could be confusing for children under the age of 10.

A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder

Reviewed by: Addison K.

It’s been 5 years since the murder of high school student Andie Bell. Murdered by her boyfriend Sal Singh who then killed himself. That was the talk of the small town. Pip can’t seem to stop thinking about what happened, and she believes there is something that yet needs to be uncovered. Pip is now a senior student and decides to reevaluate this murder for her last project. As Pip keeps digging and digging into this old case someone wants to make sure that doesn’t happen.

In my opinion, this book is a page turner. Being able to read how Pip digs deeper and deeper into this old case is very thrilling. At times it can become gruesome, it's still a tremendous read. Definitely a book I will keep reading over and over again. All in all, this is an unquestionably well written book.

Harry Potter

Reviewed by: Dakota “Kody” S.

J. K. Rowling’s Harry Potter is a series of books about a young boy named Harry Potter and his two friends Ronald Weasley and Hermoine Granger. They go to a school at an old castle named Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry. There are seven books in this series, each one represents a different year for Harry at hogwarts. The last book *The Deathly Hallows* Stands for two years. The series shows the ages 11-19 for the three and it is like a roller coaster of

different stuff happening. New characters, new events, and funny words. You need to read the books to understand.

I love this series of books and I can connect to some of the characters. The books are well written and have a lot of detail and still leaves stuff to your imagination. The only part I don't like is the start of the books are hard to get through, especially the first book. Once they get to Hogwarts the rest of the book is exciting. ☆☆☆☆☆

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Reviewed by: Victoria C.

Harry Potter is about a boy who is named Harry potter and he grew up with his aunt,uncle ,and cousin.They raised Harry because Harry's parents are dead.A big man came and his name is Hagrid to tell him he is a wizard. He goes to hogwart makes friends with Ron and Hermione.They find out something called the sorcerer's stone and believe that Professor Snape is trying to steal it.They try to stop him and try to save the school. It turns out that it was not him and Professor Quirrell. Harry defeated him and had fun with his friends.

In my opinion I think that this is an AMAZING book. Getting to a new place of magic and spells. I think the people that like magic and a different world would really like this book. Also there are 6 other books to add on. You get to explore the magical world and meet new characters and have new plots.Once I watched the movies I automatically had to read the books. I could not stop reading. Every book has more and more chapters which makes me want to read more and see what is going to happen. Amazing adventures and story plots. Some emotions about sadness but also funny and happy. I kept wanting to know what is going to happen next. Overall I give this book a 10/10.

Everything, Everything

Reviewed by: Paige C.

Everything, Everything, written by Nicola Yoon is about two teenagers, named Madeline and Olly. Maddy has a disease called Severe Combined Immunodeficiency, or SCID. It means that any new experience can trigger one of her many allergies. Because of this, she spends most of her time indoors. Her mother, Pauline, is very protective of her, and wants the best, so she hires a full time nurse named Carla. Carla spends all day with Maddy, monitoring her every move to ensure she doesn't have a reaction. Life is pretty normal, until a new family moves in. At first, they don't seem too special, but after a close encounter one night, Madeline realizes that she is falling head over heels for the boy next door, Olly. They begin to email each other, growing closer as time goes on. Olly begins to bring out a side of Maddy that she didn't know she had, causing her to rebel. Will this result in happiness or turmoil? Read to find out!

In my opinion, this is an outstanding piece of literature. It was quite interesting to see life in the view of a person who can't experience it. The storyline and plot are amazing, and had me captivated until the very last page. It is a bit more on the romantic side, but overall is an amazing book. Therefore, I rate this book a 10/10.

I Totally Funniest!

Reviewed by Dylan H.

The book I Totally Funniest! is about a boy named Jamie who got in a car accident and can't walk. Now, he is living with his aunt and uncle and cousins. He goes to school like a normal boy but he is very funny. He has a contest to go to and if he does not win he thinks he will be a loser. Though that is not true because he will always have his friends.

My opinion of this book is it is a really fun and funny book. I recommend this to anyone who wants to have fun reading. All in all it is one of the best books I ever read. I would recommend this to 6 and older people.

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

Reviewed by: Mackenzie N.

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis is a book about 4 siblings that are sent off to an old professor's house to stay safe from the war that was going on in London. After they were there for a while they were starting to get bored because it was raining and had nothing to do. They all decided to play hide and seek to pass the time. Lucky was trying to find the best hiding place and ended up finding a wardrobe that led her to another world. She ended up being the other 3 siblings to Narnia.

My opinion on this book is that it is a very fun and entertaining book. I really liked all the detail C.S. Lewis put into what Narnia looked like. I would definitely recommend this book to others. I give this book a 10/10.

Making Bombs for Hitler

Reviewed by Leonid M.

A book that I have read over the year was, Making Bombs For Hitler, this book was about World War 2, WWII is a war that happened when a group of people labeled as 'Nazis' felt as if people of different religions such as Jewishism didn't deserve rights, during WWII everyone was involved, WWII was responsible for over 70 million deaths. I think that this was very interesting, I chose this book and expected it to be interesting. I have been interested in World War 2 since I used to play games related to the topic.

Making Bombs for Hitler

Reviewed by: Jacob V.

The book making bombs for Hitler is a historical fiction story about a young girl working in a bomb factory for the German army during World War Two. In this story the main character was kidnapped from her Ukrainian home to be put to work in a factory. As she is looking around her new home she sees the living conditions which are horrible. She sleeps on a mattress that has hay inside it instead of springs and feathers. Luckily she is able to make friends so she doesn't go insane in this place. She wonders how people can make other people live in these conditions and wonders who is in charge of this place. Later on she finds out who. It is an evil man who has no remorse for the children. He seems to be a general but she can't tell with her lack of knowledge. Inside the factory there are different jobs: metal workers, medical rooms, and bomb manufacturing. A bomb maker is what the protagonist is and she couldn't have been any more

lucky to get this job. Read making bombs for Hitler to find out if she ever escapes this living nightmare.

The Maze Runner

Reviewed by: Dynasia S.

James Dashner's *The Maze Runner* starts off with the main character, Thomas, who wakes up in an elevator that brings him to a place called the Glade. He wakes up with no memory, and no clue why he showed up there. A giant door leads a massive stone maze, the only way to escape is through the maze.

I believe that *The Maze Runner* is a really really well-written book and is definitely worth the read. It keeps you engaged and makes you want to read more. The characters and the unique plot makes it enjoyable to read. I was on the edge of my seat reading this. I'd rate this book a 10/10.

Middle School: The Worst Years Of My Life

Reviewed by: Tyler P.

This book is about this boy named Rafe and he and his friend Leo try to break all of the school's rules. Rafe gets into lots of trouble, detention, and at his house with his sister Georgia (which they don't get along) and his parents. Also, trying to not get pounded by a bully named Miller the Killer.

I love this book, just like any other in this series. This is because it is funny, you can kind of relate to the fact that almost everybody hates school and thinks it's boring. You can also relate to how mean and ridiculous the teacher can get over such a little problem. Such as some of these teachers in this book get mad at the littlest things.

Midnight Sun

Reviewed by: Stacey R.

Midnight Sun, the rewritten version of Twilight in Edward Cullen's perspective by author Stephenie Meyer, walks the reader through Edward's life as a vampire. Similar to the book Twilight, Midnight Sun begins by Edward and Bella meeting for the first time. Edward was surprised at how attracted he was to Bella's scent causing him to push her away in all ways possible. Edward finds himself more infatuated with Bella as time goes by to the point where he even sneaks into her house to watch her sleep. Edward often uses his mind reading abilities to either find out what people think of Bella or to find out where she plans to hang out with her friends. Throughout the book, Edward often seeks advice from Alice or one of his other siblings showing how strong their relationship is. Edward has many ups and downs with Bella and his family members and often made foolish mistakes but in the end he always, or at least tried to, make up for them.

Midnight Sun was definitely an amazing read. Readers really dive deep into the Cullen family and their past history which helps them understand their actions in certain situations. I would recommend this book to anyone who loved Twilight and just romance and drama lovers in general. Personally I believe that Midnight Sun is more exciting than Twilight just because

Edward has more of a personality than Bella especially with his mind reading abilities. I really liked how the author went more in depth with Edwards' thoughts. Although this book can be a bit cliché, it is still as enjoyable or possibly more enjoyable than Twilight, therefore I would highly recommend this read.

Mockingjay

Reviewed by: Cassandra M.

In the book Hunger games, the Mockingjay Katniss Everdeen opens in a district that is supposed to be dead and gone called district 13. District 13 is too damaged to live above ground so they live underground. Katniss had escaped so much only to see Peeta, the boy that got left behind and the boy who she cared for and he loved her get his head messed with. He was so brainwashed he thought Katniss was a danger and tried to kill her. After a very long while Peeta was back to normal, well as normal as could be. With the ups and downs of Peeta's mind, and the long, dangerous journey of Katniss Everdeen and her team, this is a tale of love, some drama, and a lot of adventure.

In my opinion the books have gotten more and more well written. I got to see a whole new world, and different people. I couldn't just stop reading it and I will definitely read it again. Catching fire was better than Hunger games but Mockingjay just topped them all off. It does have some sad deaths though, but good books include all emotions, this book is a 10/10.

Mortal Engines

Reviewed by: Anthony B.

Several years in the future a ginormous war broke out between all the countries of the world, which only lasted sixty minutes. It only took sixty minutes to destroy the earth and almost everything on it with all of their weapons, many didn't survive. The people that did survive built new cities, but these new cities could move, and they needed to. After the war, nearly all of the earth's crust was blown away causing volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters which people had to avoid. People built cities with wheels, some could swim, and few cities could fly. Mortal Engines takes place about 500 years after the war in the city of London, where Tom lives. Tom is a fifteen year old boy that has been working in the great museum in London since his parents died. One day, London was able to capture a smaller town. When this happens Tom has to look for objects that have historic value for the museum in the city, where he meets his idol, Valentine. Valentine is the head historian that goes out to find historic objects for the museum. Valentine has a daughter named Katherine whom Tom also meets while talking to Valentine. Then, a girl comes up to Valentine with her knife and tries to end his life, but Tom blocks her and she starts running. Of course, Tom starts to chase her until they both reach the end of London. Not wanting to be arrested Hester jumps off London! Then, all of a sudden Tom is falling to the waist land below. Tom agrees with Hester to help her find London. Along the way, Tom and Hester must go through terrible danger and obstacles that could lead to certain doom. Of course, Hester is used to all of this, but now she's stuck with Tom, making things increasingly terrifying and unexpected.

Mortal Engines is a fantastic book that holds adventure, terror, and mystery. A place where everything moves, every turn has something new and surprising in-store, and characters you'll never forget make this book very pleasurable to read. All the turn of events make this

book unique and interesting, you'll never want to stop reading. There are times where things get gruesome, but it's still a great book for people that like action and adventure. I would rate this book a 10/10. One of the best books I read.

The Mortal Engines

Reviewed by: A Seventh Grader

Philip Reeve's *The Mortal Engines* begins from a mining town at the wild ground that is being chased by London. When London finally got the town Hester (?) tries to escape from London but is chased by Tom (?), but they both escaped. Turns out that they are not the only one who want to stop London, because who knows what kind of mysteries this city has, so that is how the new adventure begins.

By my opinion, the *Mortal Engines* is a great novel for not only the kids, but even for adults. Because at some moments you really not sure that it is a book for 6 graders or 7 graders, some of the moments in quartet are really scary, because it actually has the character in it that was trying to find the arm for himself, and he had to kill a lot of people, and still didn't find it. I will put 8/10, because like I said in the series not only quartet some moments are bloody and gory, and some characters are big psychos, but still the great story of first two books, and then another 2 books, I am not going to spoiler what is happening after book two, but it will be 17 years later after the second book. So yes I really like this book but just because of some moments I put 8/10.

Percy Jackson and The Olympians

Reviewed by: Bryan R.

Rick Riordan's *Percy Jackson and The Olympians* starts in a school. This school is full of people like him known as half bloods. His teacher and friends help him fix his family problems throughout the book.

I think this book is good because I am interested in mythology like this even if it is untrue. I think this book has good exposition and action ratio which makes it a good book. Lastly the book is very good at representing the issues he has and how he is finding his purpose in life.

The Perfect Score

Reviewed by: Mia C.

Summary: *The Perfect Score* by Rob Buyea is about five students: Randi, Gavin, Trevor, Scott, and Natalie. They each have their own story and not all of them are friends with each other. Randi is a talented gymnast, who is pressured to be perfect because of her mother. Gavin loves football, but he is too busy babysitting his younger sister to do what he wants. Trevor, a bully, gets bullied by his older brother and friends. He wants to stay away from home. Scott is considered odd and loves talking to his grandfather. Natalie is the teacher's pet and doesn't have many friends. School testing was coming up, which would only make things worse for these five. **Opinion:** In my opinion, *The Perfect Score* is a good book. All of these characters' stories are so different from each other yet you can relate to them easily. Since this book is set in middle school, I would recommend this book to middle schoolers or anyone that struggles with the same

thing as one of the characters. School testing would stress me out too, so I understand how their stories went downhill. I read this book in a few days. Overall, I give this book a 10/10.

Pink Hair and Other Terrible Ideas

Reviewed by: Eleanor D.

This summer I read the book *Pink Hair and Other Terrible Ideas*. This book is about a girl Josephine who is going through many issues: best-friend issues, twin brother issues, divorced-parent issues... not to mention first-crush issues. One day she came home from school and she was just living a perfectly normal life and then her mom came home. Her mom tells Josephine and her twin brother, Chance, that she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Josephine doesn't want anybody to know -- not even her best friend Makayla. Sharing the news means it's real, she doesn't want that. Unfortunately Josephine's brother, Chance, doesn't feel the same way. He dyes his hair pink in a show of support. It's now the talk of the town (or in Josephine's case, the school). She is invited to the biggest and first party of the school year. She really wants to go but she keeps asking herself "Is it okay to go to a party when mom is sick?"

I think this was a great book. It made me happy, scared and relieved at the same time. I think the main character is a very relatable character because she goes through what some girls might go through daily. Things like this have never happened to me so it was really cool to see the world in a new perspective. I would recommend this to anyone who likes heartwarming stories and a new light of the world. I don't read books often but with this book I didn't want to stop. I'd rate this book a 10/10.

The Point Guard Prank

Reviewed by: Joneisy S.

The book *The Point Guard Prank* is about a kid named Ryan. For some reason someone keeps on pranking him and he starts getting annoyed about it. He's frustrated because these pranks that are being pulled on him are starting to affect him on how he is playing basketball. He must be focused during basketball so he can win for the team this year. Everyone wants to know who the person is pulling these pranks on Ryan, and why they are trying to ruin his basketball life.

In my opinion I think that this book is amazing and very interesting because it keeps you interested in who the person is pranking Ryan and why they are doing this. It's also very funny because the pranks that are being pulled on Ryan are hilarious. This story hooks the reader very well and keeps them laughing. I choose this book because I love basketball and I recently finished this book.

Pride

Reviewed by: Bianca D.

Pride by Ibi Zoboi is about Zuri Benitez, who lives in a small apartment, with her crowded family, in Bushwick, New York. She has pride in her roots and her neighborhood, and she takes everyone there as family. Until, the rich Darcy family moves across the street, coming from Manhattan, and this changes almost everything in her life, as well for her neighborhood.

This story demonstrates the realities of gentrification, class, and cultural identities in a stunning way. Personally, I really enjoy this book because it was an amazing and simple gateway to doing research on these super important topics. Also, the relationships between characters, the flow of writing, and subtle connections to real-world problems all come together and make this a great story. I would recommend this novel to literally anyone.

Prisoner B-3087 **Reviewed by: Robert M.**

Prisoner B-3087 is a story about a Jewish child (Yanek Gruener) living through the holocaust in the 1940s. The story begins with a normal, everybody wakes up, goes to school, goes to work, comes home, eats, goes to sleep. Until one day, the Germans invade. The story continues with Yanek going through the terrible living conditions during the holocaust, as he is caught by the Germans after hiding. And he is then transported to many concentration camps and he watches many family members, friends, and other people die. Can Yanek survive the terrible conditions of the concentration camps? We shall see...

In my opinion, this book is flat-out amazing. The writing, the story, the characters, everything. I recommend this book to people ages 13 and up, as some parts of the book may not be for younger people. This book makes you feel like you're living through the events. It will make you feel angry, cry, smile, and feel good. This book deserves a 10/10, and nothing less.

Refugee **Reviewed by: Eric P.**

Refugee is a book made by Alan Gratz that has three main characters from three different eras: Nazi Germany, 1990s Cuba, and modern-day Syria. It has a boy named Josef, who is a Jew. He tries to escape Germany to Cuba. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994, who is trying to escape Cuba's hunger crisis. Lastly, A Syrian kid in 2015 whose house gets destroyed by a missile and his family decides and thinks if they want to emigrate to Germany.

I like this book a lot because it labels some awesome details. It makes you feel like you are in that situation. It also has crazy facts about this book. It states how they all escaped and the plot of the story. I would recommend this book to my history readers. It's definitely a book that you should consider reading. I would give this book a 10/10.

The Scary Story Reader **Reviewed by Melani S.**

Judy and Richard Dockery Young, authors of *The Scary Story Reader*, are awesome novel writers. *The Scary Story Reader* has so many thrilling, and scary legends/stories, for young readers. The authors that make these books make them to showcase the height of horror, the dreadful. The tales in this book go by the themes of; "The Classic Urban Legends." These legends go from all across North America, from the old urban legends, to the not so old. These stories will leave you with a scared look on your face, maybe even just a little "gasp".

In my opinion, these books that Judy and Richard make are great. I say these words because of the fact that they take their time to find and discover the legends and make a book for

the people that have a passion for those books, or just like those types of books. In my case, I like those types of books. I like to read books that will leave me with my jaw dropped. As I have noted before, these books will make you want to keep reading and reading, you might not want to even stop. I really don't read books fast, neither do I like reading a lot in general but as soon as I started reading this book, I looked forward to reading it every day. In addition, these books will want to make you know more about Urban Legends, and by reading them, you will have the ability to tell these legends to your friends and family. I personally love these books, and think that so many other people will too. In conclusion, I would give this book a 10/10, and recommend these to people who like these types of books.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Reviewed by: Gabriella M.

Ann Barshares, the writer of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, begins what seems to be in the early 2000's. Four girls that have been friends forever and will be forever never leave another's side until one summer they do separate things. Though they don't break apart just for the first time split up. Though it is hard for them to manage they keep in touch with letters and the traveling pants a pair of pants that fits all of the girls though they are all different sizes.

In my opinion I think that book was incredible. It shows that there is such a thing as friends forever and even through rough patches in your life your friends will always be there when you need them. That nothing can break you apart because friends are forever. It has drama, it has romance but it also has 4 amazing best friends that taught me that friends always come before a lot of people. I like that this book went on and that I didn't finish it fast because it was so well written. I'd give it an 11/10.

Sliders!

Reviewed by: Giuseppe B.

The book sliders! What about it? The book sliders is about a kid that is named David and has extraordinary eating abilities. David is a very competitive person, with this competitive personality and his eating abilities he competes in eating contests. These eating contests help him with a problem that is hard to solve.

The book Sliders brought an exciting imagination. This book was filled with suspenseful and funny moments. I enjoyed this book because it was enjoyable to read compared to other books that I have read in the past. All in all this was a very enjoyable book to read because of the cliffhangers that it left!

Stranded

Reviewed by: Cole "CJ" B.

The book stranded is about two kids Vanessa and Buzz that have a new step family. The new family brings them two new step siblings named Carter and Jane. These four step siblings were sent on a sailing trip by their parents so they could go on their honeymoon. The parents also wanted the kids to get to know each other more. At first this was a fun, exciting trip. But then there is a big storm that rolls in on them and the ship hits something and starts to sink.

The two captains were able to get off the ship but the waves took them away before they could rescue the kids. What's supposed to be a fun sibling trip turns into a frightening experience. Now with the ship stranded on an island with only the kids they have to work together to survive.

In my opinion this book is very good and i would recommend reading this book. I recommend this book because the author keeps it very interesting throughout the whole book and it is also full of adventure. I also like that this book is a fairly easy read but still my grade level. There is a lot of problem solving throughout the book which I enjoyed. If you enjoy a light read full of surprise , problem solving and adventure you will like this book.

A Song for a Whale

Reviewed by: Alex C.

The book *A Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly is about a girl named Iris who is deaf. Iris is really good at creating radios. One day at school, Iris learned about a whale who cannot communicate with any other whales, Blue 55. She becomes interested in the whale. Iris finds a way to make a soundwave to communicate with Blue 55. Iris finds out that Blue 55 is going to be seen soon in Alaska. She and her grandma take a cruise to Alaska to meet the whale. Iris and her grandma finally get to Alaska to find out that they are not allowed to see the whale. How will Iris overcome this obstacle?

I find this book to be one of the best books I have ever read. This book is a page-turner, you will not want to stop reading because of the great story. The book also shows that people with disabilities such as being blind or deaf can still do what people without disabilities can do. This book is inspiring to try to do something that you are really interested in such as traveling to Alaska to meet a whale. This book was recommended by my 6th grade english teacher and it is a well recommended book!

To All the Boys I've Loved Before

Reviewed by: A Seventh Grader

This book is about a teenage girl and love letters, but what happens if they get loose? Will they get sent to the wrong address? Or will she meet her past loves? This novel is a love story between a girl named Lara Jean and a boy who didn't mean to ever meet her again. Lara Jean's ex-best friend doesn't like that the love letters got out. What happens to their relationship will it get better or worse? I personally liked this book a lot, it displays something that is fictional but it could possibly happen. If you like dramas/romances, I suggest this book. From a 1 out of 10 (10 being the best) I give this a 7.

Took

Reviewed by: Samantha S.

In *Took* there's a little girl named Erica Anderson and her older brother Daniel Anderson. After moving from Connecticut the 2 siblings get bullied at school. Most of the people in town say that Old Auntie, a ghost witch that lives up in the hill takes a girl and keeps her for fifty years. Then lets her go and takes another one. Thirteen-year-old Daniel Anderson doesn't believe

Brody Mason's crazy stories about the ghost witch who lives up on Brewster's Hill with Bloody Bones. Bloody bones is Old Aunties man-eating razorback hog. After many people telling Daniel about her he still doesn't believe it until it actually happens.

In my opinion, this is a really interesting book because it hooks the reader into wanting to keep reading and figuring out what's next. Daniel faces a lot of challenges just to try and get his sister back. After those challenges it shows the reader to not give up and keep going until things get better. Overall I rate this book a 9.5/10 and would recommend this book to anyone who likes mysterious and scary books.

Where She Fell

Reviewed by: Dakota M.

Kaitlin Ward's *Where She Fell* is about a girl named Eliza who is pressured by her two friends into going to a swamp near her house. She knows that it is a very dangerous swamp and has heard many terrifying stories about people not returning and never to be seen again. When she falls through a sinkhole and into a cave, she quickly discovers that she is not alone.

In my opinion, *Where She Fell* is a very intriguing and well written book. It is not like any other book I have read before, which made it very interesting to read. When I started reading this book, I couldn't stop. From the start to the finish, this book was engaging and was very entertaining to read. Overall, I would recommend this book to anyone who loves an adventure and rate it a 10 out of 10.

Wonder

Reviewed by: David S.

In this book, there is a little boy named Auggie Pullman and he's in the fifth grade. This is his first year in a public school and he has trouble making friends. He met a boy his age named Jack Will. He seemed nice at first but he talked behind his back and overheard him calling Auggie a freak due to his deformity. This is resolved in the end, but what really matters is that Auggie has a real friend.

In my opinion, I recommend this book because I once read it in fourth grade, remembered the lesson it taught me, and how overall enjoyable it was. It has constant plot twists and a balance of funny and reality. If you were to read this book, it would make you feel bad for Auggie, but also make you want to cheer him on. I guess I'm just interested in underdog stories. 10/10 definitely recommended.