

Catching Fire

The Hunger Games Book 2

Reviewed by: Mason R.

Catching Fire is the second book in the *Hunger Games* series. In the first book, *The Hunger Games*, Katniss Everdeen volunteers as tribute for her little sister Prim so she doesn't have to fight in the Hunger Games. In the second book *Catching Fire* Katniss and Peeta are in danger from the capitol because their actions were thought to be an act against the capitol. So to get back at Katniss and Peeta the capital makes a special Quarter Quell that makes previous victors fight each other. A Quarter Quell happens every 25 years and it puts a different spin on the games.

I have been loving the *Hunger Games* series so far. I like all the characters and there is a good balance between action and story. I also liked the introduction of new characters in this book like Finnick and Joanna. I would recommend this book to most people who don't mind some violence and people who like dystopian novels.

Divergent

Reviewed by: Robert E.

The novel *Divergent* is about a girl named Tris (Tris) who lives in a futuristic world. In this world there are 5 different factions that you can commit your life to. Tris decides to go to the Dauntless faction which is meant for people who are very brave. Later on in the book she finds out that she cannot fit into just one singular faction and that she is divergent. However she must stay in the faction she chose because she was committed to it. This results in Tris trying to sneak into the divergent faction and starts a war where she has to fight everyone she loves. When I was reading this book I thought that some parts were interesting and got my attention. Also I thought that the topic of the book was cool because it is almost like having a Zodiac sign. However the book does have some slow and confusing parts. For example some of the parts in the book get off topic and don't have anything to do with what I was reading the chapter before. It was a good read but I wouldn't recommend this book to people that get bored easily.

Lost in the Sun

Reviewed by: Samantha B.

My book *Lost in the Sun* is about a boy named Trent who's about to start middle school. The book is about a time when Trent's whole life changed but he couldn't stop thinking about it even though it wasn't his fault. During last winter, February 12th, Trent was playing hockey with some boys he knew. One bad hit and he hit someone in the chest, they had a bad hard that no one knew about and he died. Trent doesn't forgive himself but must figure out how to. His little brother is best friends with the guy he killed little sister and can't live with the fact he has to see her knowing he "killed" her brother.

My opinion on this book is it's a great book. This book is one of the best books I've read in a long time. The story is told with the big event in the beginning but not the whole thing. As you read you find out more details about the big event from the beginning. The book talks a lot about how his life at home is, which is important for the first few chapters, but I think after the

tenth chapter it should be a little more about his school life and his friends and the accident. But overall the book is very good and I would recommend it.

The Magician's Nephew

Reviewed by: Leo B.

I have read *The Magician's Nephew*, and I found it quite engaging. The story takes place in 1900. As we read along with the adventures that Polly and Digory go through, it sets down the plot for the rest of the Narnia series and we see the beginnings of the famous Wardrobe. Though by the end of the novel, the Professor had never seen any magical properties come from the Wardrobe, another family in the future would travel to Narnia and have adventures of their own. I would recommend this book to Narnia fans to maybe learn some of what happened before Narnia and to help explain some things that happen later in the future. You don't necessarily need to start this book to read the others, you could read *The Lion*, *The Witch*, and *the Wardrobe* and be able to understand it perfectly. This book would be great for people who love fantasy, adventure, and action all in one book that helps unpack a lot of stuff. I enjoyed *The Magician's Nephew* and I think that other people will find it to be good as well.

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

Reviewed by: Matteo B.

One of Agatha Christie's best novels, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* will make you want to read more of Christie's novels. A love affair, blackmail, suicide, and violent death. A man stabbed in the back, located in the room of his house, but who could have done it? Hercule Poirot is back solving one of the most startling cases in his career and is shocked to find out who committed the crime. *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* rewrites the rules of how a murder mystery novel is written.

This book is amazing and I would recommend it to anyone. *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* has drama and action. Her writing shows you how far people can go to be greedy and this changes the direction of their lives and influences the decisions they make. Is it the "strain of weakness" that pushes people over the edge to do the wrong thing over the right thing? In this novel, Agatha Christie tells a compelling story about greed and how it can change you for the worse.

Prisoner B-3087

Reviewed by: Peter C.

Prisoner B-3087 is a story taking place in Krakow, Poland during World War II. The book represents the story of a boy named Yanek Gruener who spends his time going from one concentration camp to another waiting to die. Everyone who was sent to work in these camps were waiting to die. They had no place to run or they'd be killed, they couldn't speak out of line or they'd be killed, one wrong move and they were dead. The story depicts multiple different camps such as Auschwitz-Birkenau, which is a notoriously known German death camp during World War II.

Yanek as well as other Jews who were placed in concentration camps, and treated like animals, had no name, no family, and no personality, only a number. For Yanek, that number was B-3087. The numbers were given along with a letter that represents the camp they were sent to. In this case the letter represents Birkenau. The story started with Yanek as a twelve year old boy in 1940, and he grew up to be nearly 17 by the end of the war. He was not the only one who missed out on 5 years of their lives because of the war. The way the Nazis acted during World War II was one of the most inhumane ways to treat another person the world has ever seen. This is a saddening story as you hear about the ways the Nazis treated the Jews. This story is a good way to learn about history, while also following a story.