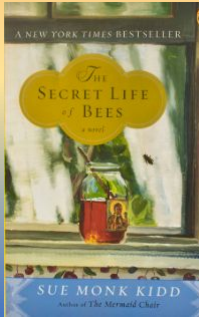
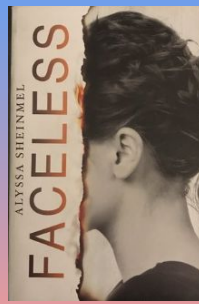


# Faceless, By Alyssa Sheinmel

Faceless by Alyssa Sheinmel is a realistic fiction book about a highschool senior; her name is Maise. One morning Maise was out for a run. While she was out for a run, an electrical fire started. She hears sirens and sees EMT's surround her. Next thing she knows, she wakes up in the hospital. In this book, Maise faces the challenge of finding herself after a life-altering surgery on her face. For example, she deals with losing her friends & her track-star fame.

The author painted good pictures of the places she was in the book. The book shows what it is like for people who have different features or disabilities, and how their life changed or is changing. This book was a great book, and I recommend it to anyone. My friend and I found it hard to put it down. Every page was capturing, and hard to stop reading.

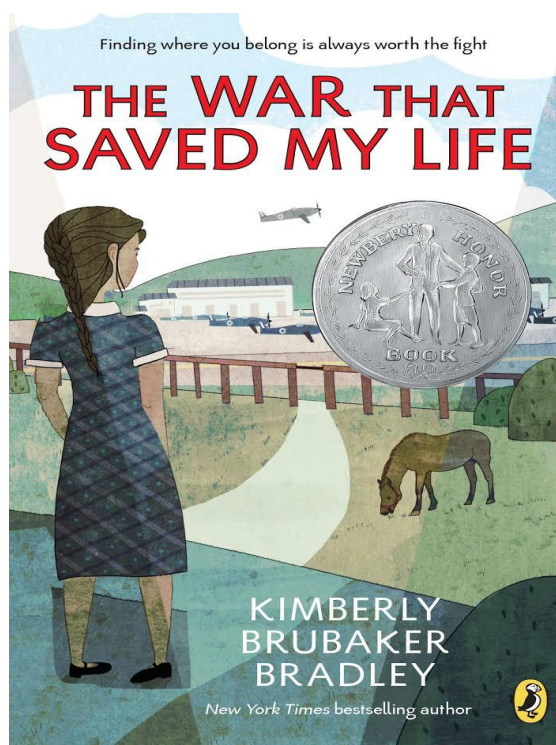


# Who I am as a Reader

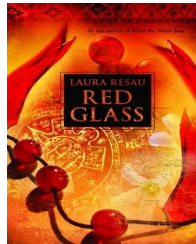
As a reader I like fantasy and exciting books. **Faceless** made me branch out my reading choices and enjoy realistic fiction more. I like reading books that are page turners and make me not predict the ending of the book. I also like books that are sort of mysterious. Another book that I enjoyed this year was **R.I.P Eliza Heart by Alyssa Shienmel**. I like both of these books because I think they both made me wonder what was going to happen next in the story. I used to not read a lot at all, but 6th grade has made me a better reader; I have read way more books this year than any of my other school years.



When reading, I usually go for books with adventure. I love books that get me hooked and make me feel like I want to read. I personally don't enjoy reading as much as others, so when I find a book that makes me enthusiastic about reading I'll open up that book every night. When I get hooked on a book I usually finish it in about two days to a week depending on how long the book is. This past year I have read 11 books. I am personally proud of myself for finding books I enjoy reading. Before some of these books I had to force myself to read at home, but now I'm fine with grabbing a book and I really enjoy finishing it.



## OTHER BOOKS I ENJOYED



The War that Saved my Life, by Kimberly Bradley is a book about a girl with a clubfoot. She doesn't feel loved by her mother and when war is coming she decides to sneak out and go with her brother. They meet a wealthy woman who takes care of them. When the girl finds out they have a pony, the woman owns, she falls in love with riding despite her clubfoot. She had never seen anything outside her room, no grass, trees and much more. So when she finally is in the outside world she's filled with joy. She isn't used to being taken care of though, and believes the woman she lives with doesn't love them.

This work of historical fiction is great for all ages, also for people who love adventure, sadness, and animals. The War that Saved my Life is a great book. What made me like it so much was that there is so much going on in the plot it made me go further and further into the book. If you enjoyed the book A Night Divided then you will especially love this book. In this book Kimberly Bradley believes there is always a bright side, even when you're going through a rough time. The War that Saved my Life taught me many things. It taught me to be even more grateful for everything I have, because somewhere in the world there are people with nothing.

## NEED

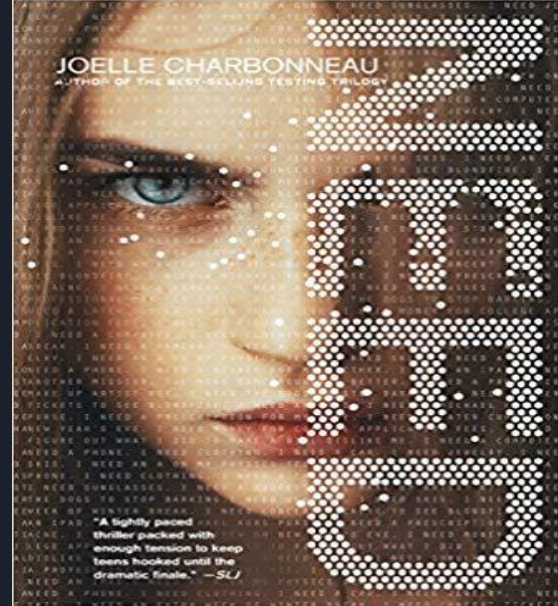
NEED, a suspense novel by Joelle Charbonneau, is about when a new social media website that pops up at a high school where you type in something you want, and the site asks for a simple request in return. After you do that, it then delivers what you want to your door. However, the requests end up causing trouble and ultimately killing people; the students try to find out who is behind the website.

I liked this book because it was very suspenseful, and there are a lot of plot twists and exciting parts. You should read this book if you like books that are exciting, fun, and make you think. If you like books like Legend, you will like this book. The kind of themes developed in this book include morality and making hard decisions.

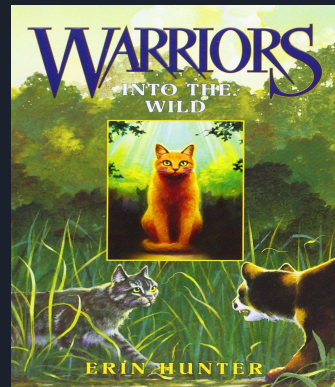
# NEED by Joelle Charbonneau

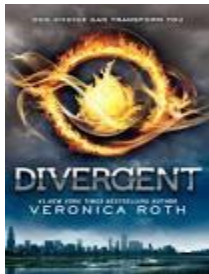
## WHO I AM AS A READER

I like to read books that are exciting or funny, but I do not read a lot, and I move through books slowly, unless they're really exciting. I'm a very picky reader, but when I find a good book, I really get into it. I like books with action and suspense, and with a good plot. This year I read 9 books, which surprised me.



## Other Books That I Like





Divergent by Veronica Roth is a book that takes place in a futuristic dystopian Chicago where people have to choose between different factions (houses). Each faction has its own values. There are 5 factions Dauntless, Candor, Erudite, Amity, and Abnegation. Once a year, every 16 year-old takes an aptitude test to determine what faction they are in, but sometimes people don't fit into the factions.

They are called the Divergent. When someone is found to be Divergent they are most likely killed by a merciless leader. When Beatrice, the main character takes her aptitude test and gets three results and chooses Dauntless against her father's will, things start to go awry. What will happen next? Well, read it to find out.

I could not put this book down. I would recommend it to anyone who has read and enjoyed The Hunger Games (it is also violent and there are several racy parts). All in all 10 out of 10 definitely. I would read it again.

## Other recommended books



### Who am I as a reader

I really love to read, but I didn't know it at the beginning of the year. I thought at the beginning of the year I was going to read 4-5 books, but I read 20! This surprised me a lot. I will read anything and everything, any genre that you can think of, I will read. I love books and I will read about 1 four hundred page book every two weeks.

# Windfall: By Jennifer E. Smith

One of my favorite books I read this year is Windfall, by Jennifer E. Smith. This story is about how Alice buys a lottery ticket for her best friend's birthday, with a note on how she loves him. The prize is \$140 million. To their surprise, her best friend, Teddy wins! At first, the lottery win is great, especially because Teddy is poor. They both get super excited, but then, Teddy and Alice have some fights about the money, and their friendship is put to the test. This is a romance and realistic fiction book.

## Recommendation:

What I liked most about the book is there are so many twists and turns to spark the reader's interest. I recommend this book to be for people ages 11 and up, and if you like romance. If you like *Lucky in Love*, and *P.S. I Like You*, you will absolutely love this book. This story shows that money can sometimes make things more complicated, and that you should always be grateful for what you have.

Other books I've enjoyed this year:



By: Delilah Oliver

Who I am as a reader:

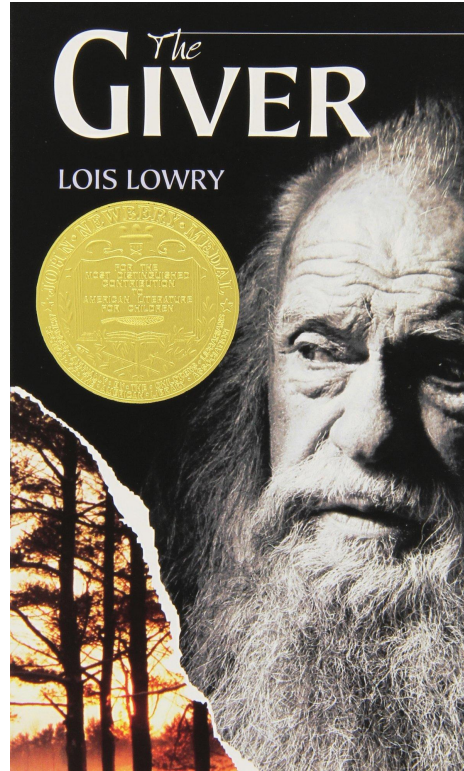
Reading is definitely not my favorite thing to do, but when I get into a really action packed and exciting book, it can be fun. On average I read 20 minutes a day on weekdays. I can move through a book in about 2-3 weeks. So far, I have read about 15 books this year. This has definitely surprised me because I don't love reading. My favorite genre of books is romance, especially by Kasie West.



# The Giver by: Lois Lowry

The Giver is a touching story about a young boy named Jonas and his mentor, the Giver. Jonas was once an ordinary boy in a land where everything is perfect... or so it seems. Jonas is chosen for a special job in the community where he must know pain and misery. A strange old man called the Giver shares this pain with him and shows him the ropes in this amazing story where a sad old man and a little boy join together to dig into the secrets of the community. It is a dystopian novel.

I recommend this book for patient readers. The book may seem small, but it is packed with little details. The book was written for those who enjoy good writing and not nothing but fights and car chases. It had an intriguing beginning and a impactful end. I say it's a must read, and a book many have tried. If you like dystopian novels, then this is the one for you.



## Who I am as a Reader

I like powerful books that can leave an impact on your life. I don't read much I can read a book in a day if I like it. It is hard for me to find a good book. What I suggest to young readers is to try some older classic books from times when every story wasn't written badly.

Other books I enjoyed: One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich , Legend , Grenade, Son

## warcross

### Review by: Finn Macleod

Warcross by Marie Lu is a futuristic dystopian book about a girl named Emika Chen. She lives in a futuristic world in which there is a game called Warcross. She is a bounty hunter for Warcross. She hunts for hackers who are betting on the game illegally. She lives with a friend in an old run down apartment. When she accidentally enters the tournament and makes a name for herself, she eventually becomes so popular that the creator of the game invites her to do further work for him.

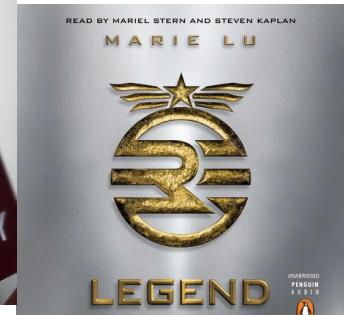
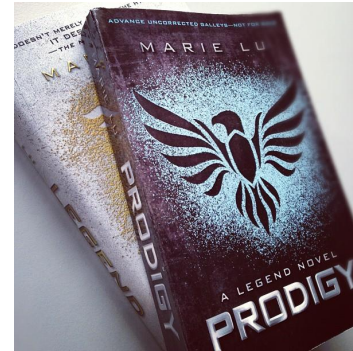
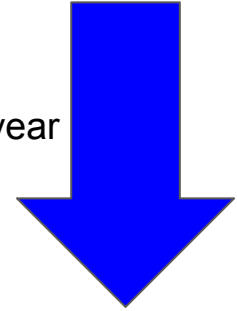
This book has a interesting plot, and I liked how it has backstories on each character. I think everyone over 11 could read this book, as it has some swearing and romance. If you like the Legend series than you will like this book.



## Who am I as a reader

I like a book that has action and excitement. I am very particular about the books that I read. If there is book with a very good plot I will read it anytime I can, but if there is a book with not a great plot or premise, then I will abandon it immediately. I used to dislike reading immensely, but this year I feel as if I have greatly improved.

Other book I liked this year



## Harry Potter Series

By J.K. Rowling

If you like fantasy and adventure, this is the series for you. The main character is a boy named Harry Potter; he is very smart and not treated well by his Aunt and Uncle with whom he lives. Dudley is his cousin, who as his mother says, is big boned. In the summer, Harry lives in Privet Drive where he sleeps in a small closet under the staircase and in the other time of the year he lives in an amazing place. Harry soon learns that he is a very important person in the wizarding world.

There are many things about this series that I liked, but I really liked how in the book, there was always a new topic when one should get old and there was a lot of adventure. You can read this book if you are really young or a little bit older. I'm not a big fan of reading, but these books are hard to put down. If you liked Lord Of The Rings, you'll love Harry Potter.

### Who I am as a Reader

The type of books I like have to have lots of adventure and lots of different things happening. I do not read very often, but when I do I really enjoy it. I don't move through books very quickly, but I try to read as much as I can. I only enjoy reading when I am reading a good book. I have read and finished 8 books this year and I was very surprised by that because last year I only read 3 books.



Other books I enjoyed  
this year.





# The Hunger Games

This book was  
written by Suzanne  
Collins!

Hi and welcome to my  
recommendations. If you like The  
Hunger Games trilogy then read these  
books!

- Divergent series
- Match series
- Maze Runner series
- Graceling series
- Mortal Instruments series

The genre of this book is  
dystopian, futuristic, and  
action-adventure!

The main character in The Hunger Games is Katniss Everdeen. Katniss volunteered to take her sister's place in the Hunger Games( a battle to the death). The other tribute from District 12 (Katniss' home district) are Peeta Mellark. They work together to win the Hunger Games!

-warning, very gory and some profane language

I like to read a lot. I usually  
read books with 100-800  
pages. I read about 5 hours a  
day. Sometimes I would like  
longer books or more books in  
a series. I wish there was a  
fourth Hunger Games book.

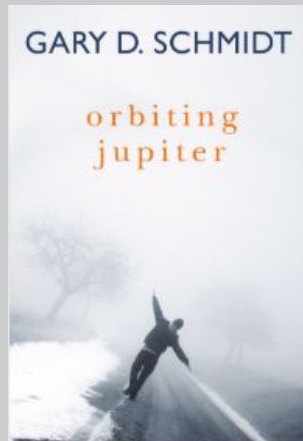


## About the novel

Orbiting Jupiter is a heartfelt story written by Gary D. Schmidt. The story is about a boy named Joseph who is determined to find his daughter. Throughout the story many things have gotten in poor Joseph's way, and being in the eighth grade is definitely one of them. With the help from his foster family, that very important wish of finding his daughter was able to come true. Now, you may be thinking that this realistic fiction couldn't get any better, there's just one problem... I guess you'll have to read it to find out.

What I liked about this book was the suspense of meeting Jupiter and what made it so good was the plot twist at the end! I recommend this book for 10+ only because some of the language is a bit harsh. If you are a middle school girl who has read Willa of the Wood, you would really enjoy Orbiting Jupiter! If you are the type of reader who likes stories where love is always the solution, then I highly recommend this book for you. Lastly, one thing that I have learned after reading this book is never give up on someone you love.

# Orbiting Jupiter



## Who I am as a reader

I enjoy reading books about love, adventure, and war. I like to read because whenever you read, you can interpret the story how you want. So far this year, I have read 12 books, I am almost to my goal, which lead me to feel proud. Moving through books has never been a problem for me, but I do tend to take all of the time I need to finish them. Reading is very common for me, usually I tell myself that I want to read a book and I do just that!

## Recommendation for other books

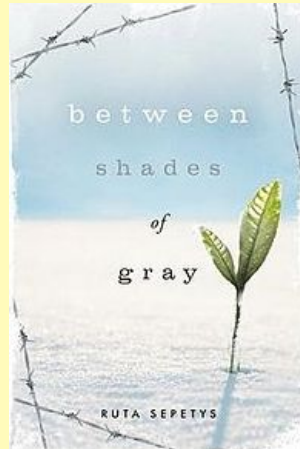


# A Night Divided

I read everyday of the school week and a little over the weekend. I move through books at a reasonable pace, finishing a book in around 3 weeks max. I kind of like reading, but, I'm very picky about the books I read. I like non-fiction stories and history/war stories. I read 11 books this year, and that surprised me because I don't usually read that much.



Another book I liked



A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen is a historical fiction story about a family trying to escape the terror of the Communist side of the Berlin Wall. The main character's name is Greta. She is just living her normal life when one day her dad and brother go over to the other side of what was the wall. That night something awful happened making her life miserable. Read to find out how she gets through this.

I really liked this book because when I read it, I put myself and Greta's shoes and just imagined what it would be like. I also liked this book because it was based off a real event and some people lived this life and it actually happened to families.

I don't like reading, but the Maze Runner is a book I like. Audio books help me because they are fast and I don't have to look at the page. I like fantasy books that are not realistic. Reading a book series makes me want to read more books that I will enjoy.

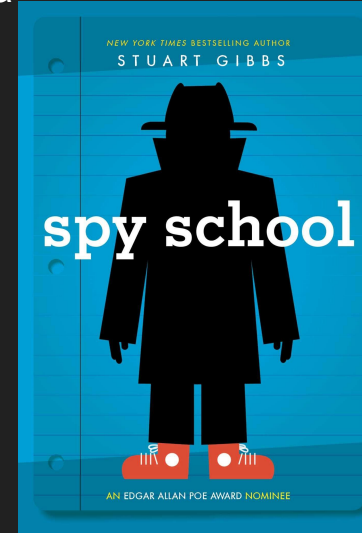
The Maze Runner is about kids who are in the Maze and they need to try to escape. The doors close at night because there are monsters. The main character is Thomas and when he got to the Maze, a lot of weird stuff started happening. A lot of other boys don't trust him, but he should be trusted. Read to find out how they escape.

I recommend this book because it is not boring. There is good character development and a lot of actions. This is a middle school book that is good for kids who can't pay attention to things for a long time. This book is kind of like Hunger Games and Harry Potter because it's part of a series, and it's fantasy.



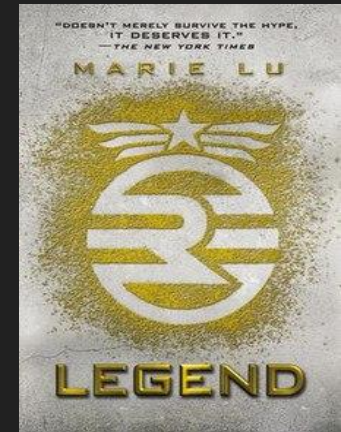
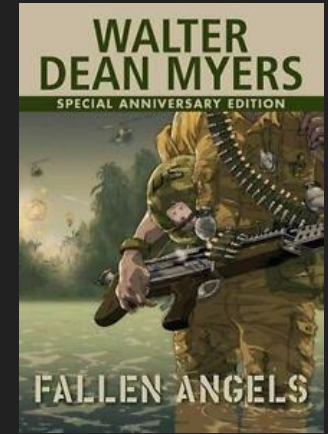
## Favorite Book Summary

Spy School, a fiction book written by Stuart Gibbs, is the first book in a series about a kid named Ben who is chosen to go to a secret spy school that the CIA is running. Ben has to figure out who is the mole in the evil organization called Spider. I recommend this book because something is always happening and there are plot twists.



Who am I as a reader...

I don't like reading unless the book is really good. One series that I would recommend is Spy School. I like action books such as Legend and books with a lot of humor like Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian. I read books slowly unless they are good. I read 11 books this year.

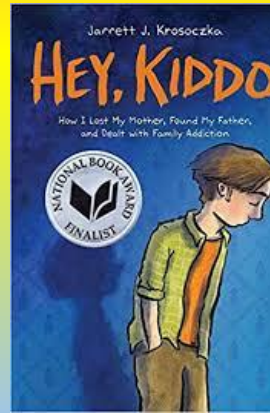
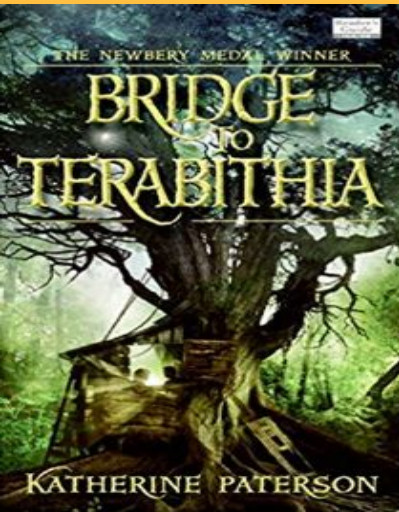


Bridge To Terabithia, a young adult fiction novel by Katherine Paterson is about two kids who meet in school (Leslie and Jesse). They create a land called Terabithia that is the place where they escape to, where they can be themselves without being judged, until there is a terrible accident. Will everyone be OK? Will Leslie and Jesse's friendship survive? Read this book to find out!

I Recommend...

- The Percy Jackson series
- Hey Kiddo
- The Princess Diaries

I absolutely love to read. I always read before bed. I love books that have fantasy adventure. I mostly read book with magic and unrealistic situations. This sounds weird, but I like when a characters die and you cry because that shows that the book was so well made. It just feels like you lost your best friend.



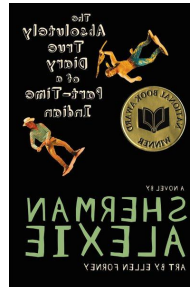
Scythe  
By Neal Shusterman



When overpopulation faces the world there is only one option... gleaning. In Scythe the world is overpopulated and the only way left to solve the problem is to kill many of the population. I'm not talking about a purge, I'm talking about selected people...Scythes going around and killing around 450 people per year. The book explains every death.

It's a little slow in the beginning, but in the end it was my favorite book ever. It is packed with action and death. I liked it because it keeps you reading it. I am not a big reader, but when I find a really good book I read it really quick. I would highly recommend this action and adventure novel.

Other books I liked.



Sequel

# The Dogs

## Who I am as Reader

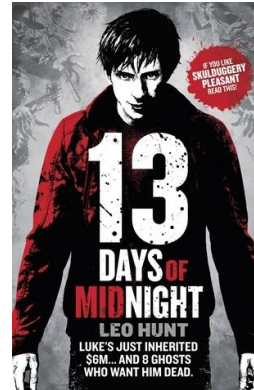
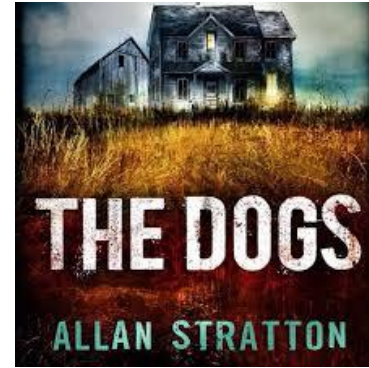
I like books that always have nonstop action. This year I have moved through books fast enough that I was able to pass my goal. Reading is not my first on the top of the list, but I do tend to enjoy reading when I have enough time to do so. I have read about 10 books.

## The Dogs Summary

The Dogs, a thriller written by Allan Stratton, is about a boy named Cameron whose Dad is trying to kidnap him and his mom. A ghost named Jackie tells them about his past. If you want to know what happens read this book or else Jackie will come and ..... in your sleep.

## Other Recommendations

- Seven Dead Pirates
- 13 Days of Midnight





# WindFall

## Who I am as a reader?

I like realistic fiction books because I like books about adventure and kids. I like when the story has some suspense and drama. I am not the biggest reader because I struggle to find books that I really like and want to follow. But when I do, I read them as much as I can. I have read around 8 books this year and my goal is 13 or 14.



The book *Windfall* by Jennifer E. Smith is a romance sort of novel. It about a girl named Alice who notices that she has started to develop feelings for her best friend, Teddy. On Teddy's birthday, Alice gives Teddy a lottery ticket as a joke. Later on, Alice and Teddy a watch the lottery for fun, but with a big surprise; they announce that Teddy won millions and millions of dollars! You would think this would be a good thing, but money soon changes Alice and Teddy's relationship and you will have to read the book to find out what happens next.

*Windfall* is a great book with a good story line. I think ages 10 and up should read this book. This book makes you want to read more and more. It is filled with action adventure and love.

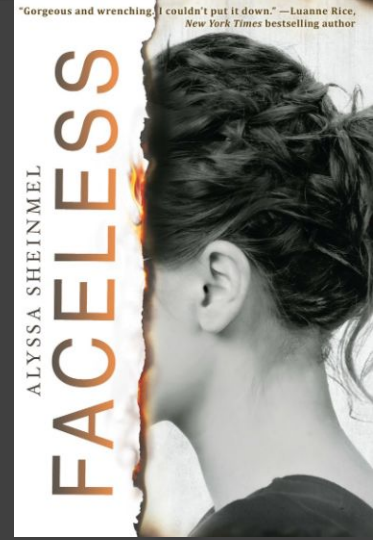
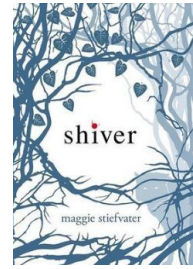
# FACELESS

**Faceless by Alyssa Sheinmel is my all time my favorite book. It is heartwarming realistic fiction. The book is about Masie, a girl who is a track runner and just gets asked to prom. In the morning she is running and gets caught in a thunderstorm, which then leads to an electric fire. She gets severely burned on her side and, well, she burns her face off. She has to get a face transplant and now has to learn to go through life with someone else's face. You might think, "Oh, not that bad," but it's ugly! She is covered in burns and her face is all melted with scars and stitches (face transplants don't always go well).**

**I really liked this book because it is so heartfelt and sweet; you really learn to love the characters, and it paints a picture in your head, sometimes a really sad one. It's so good, you are forced to go through all the struggles and pain she goes through. I think the people who should read this book are the type of people who like romance and suspense. If you liked *Shiver* you will like this book.**

**I personally like scary books or mysteries, but I really liked this one. I read every night. I move through books very quickly and I really do like reading.**

Other books I liked →



I am an active reader and get through a good 500-page book in 1-2 days. My favorite genres are sci-fi and fantasy that somewhat connect to the real world. I also read historical fiction from time to time. I also enjoy a good book series such as Harry Potter, Unwanteds and Percy Jackson. Some of my favorite historical fiction books are Echo, Projekt 1065 and The War That Saved My Life. My favorite sci-fi is The Martian.

## Quinlan: The Martian



The Martian is well written, and even though it is in the future it makes a lot of sense both emotionally and scientifically. It is about an astronaut named Mark Watney who is stuck on Mars by himself. He must use humor, jerry rigging, and ingenuity to not get killed by explosions, the elements, starvation and many other things. I recommend this book for 10+ ages that like science in a real-world application. This is also good for people who like books that are realistically in the future. However, if you can't follow science, do not read because it is very in depth.



*The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin is about Suzy Swanson, who finds out that her best friend, Franny, who is a great swimmer, has drowned. This makes her very antisocial and introverted. When her class goes to an aquarium for a field trip, she develops a theory that her friend was killed as a result of a jellyfish sting, and makes plans to prove by consulting a jellyfish expert... in Australia, alone.

This book is very well written with an intriguing plot that makes you never want to stop reading. Every other chapter it switches to Suzy's imagination and explains more about what happened ending up to the accident, and why she feels like she needs to find out what happened so much.

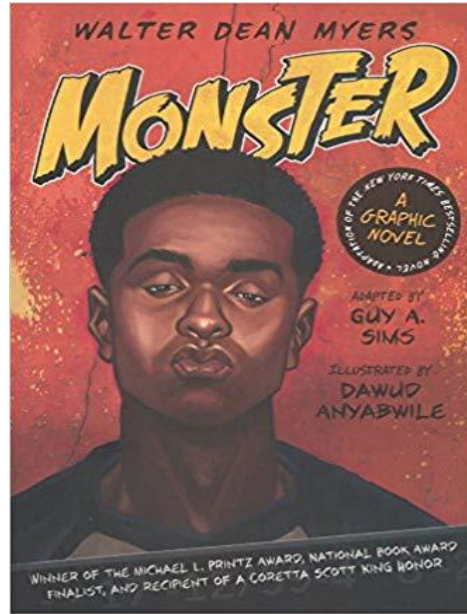
This book is aimed at children, but can be read by and will be enjoyed by all ages. Both the reader and Suzy will learn a lesson about life, death, and love. If you like books like *Goodbye Stranger*, you'll love *The Thing About Jellyfish*.

I love reading. It was my favorite activity when I was younger. I used to read Roald Dahl books religiously and he became my favorite author at the time. I love horror and scary titles. They influenced me to start reading more like how I read around 45 minutes a day, sometimes more. With this, i move through books very quickly. Sometimes I will finish a series in just more than a week if I like them. On average, I read about 75 books a year. Sometimes more, sometimes less.

## Other Books I Liked



I think reading is torture. In my opinion, it's boring and it's better to be outside than suffer. The books I read are comic books and audiobooks/playaways. The only time I read is during ELA because that's the best time to read.



The whole book is a graphic novel. The author is Walter Dean Myers and the story is based on him and how it was when he was younger and how much trouble he was. This book is based on three people - two adults and one teen, and they have been charged for robbery and murder. The teen is the main victim, but he did not murder anyone and the book is explaining how he should get out and start snitching.

This book is probably the best book I ever read out of like 4 books I read this year. It's very interesting and it's meant for kids in 6th grade. It has some funny moments and jokes. This book has made me laugh a couple times out loud. I recommend this book to kids who like fights and dirty jokes, that's what makes it interesting and funny.

## Wait Till Helen Comes Book Review

Molly and her brother move to a old abandoned church in Philadelphia that will become their new home. Molly finds the graveyard eerie and strange but everyone else in her family thinks nothing of it. Molly also starts realizing her step sister Heather is acting strange and seems to be trying to get Molly in trouble in every possible way. Molly soon realizes who Heather has been communicating with and she knows it's all up to her and Michael to help save Heather from the danger that lies ahead.

I really liked this book because of all the surprises and feelings it gave me. I really liked the story line of this book and how all the characters were connected in some weird way. I think a reader that would enjoy this book is a reader that likes adventure with horror and a story with things that relate to real life. If you liked the book *The Dogs* then I think this book would be a great book for you to read. The main theme of *Wait Till Helen Comes* is to trust your family and to always help them no matter how possessed they could get.



Who I am as a Reader...

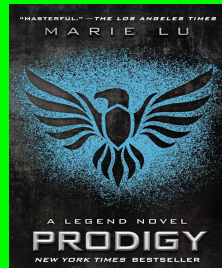
I like to go for books that are realistic and exciting to read. Horror books are one of my favorites because they pop out at you and have something exciting in every page. The best books are the books that cant get boring and all come together at the end with some cliffhanger/surprise hidden on the last page.

I move through books mostly fast in a couple of days, but it depends on my mood and if I'm actually enjoying the story or not. If I'm not enjoying it as much, then it could take me a couple of weeks or longer.

This school year I've read about ten novels. Reading this many books doesn't really surprise me because every new year I read a little more books than before.

Other books I loved include *Shiver*, *The dogs*, *A long Walk to Water*, and *Orbiting Jupiter*:

I generally do not enjoy reading. I find it boring, and I could be doing better things. I read every day in E.L.A and when my mom makes me at home. If I had to read, I enjoy reading exciting and action packed books that are not boring. This year in E.L.A I read 4 books; it did not surprise me. I was not expecting to read a lot more than I did.



Legend by Marie Lu is a dystopian fiction book with the two characters Day and June. June is searching for Day but June does not know that they have been on the street together the whole time. Day is the most wanted criminal in The Republic and June thinks Day killed her brother. Then June finds the true story and becomes close to Day and then later she helps him out. This book takes place in a futuristic setting where the United States is separated in two parts, the Republic and the Colonies. The Republic has been at war with the Colonies to have the United States. In the story there is a lot of conflict too Day gets taken in with a death sentence for killing June's brother, but Junes figures out something and everything changes.

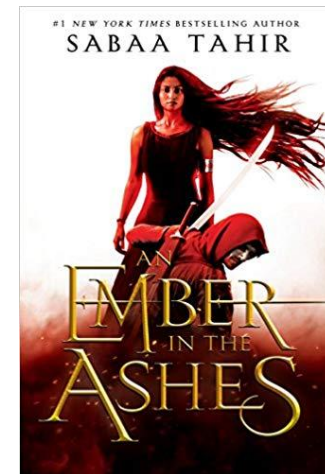
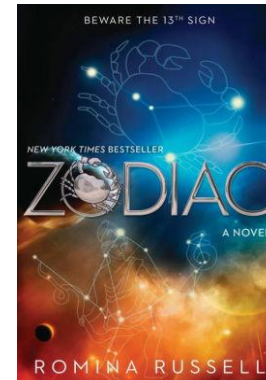
In Legend I liked how it showed two characters perspectives and had a lot of action and was exciting to read what happened next. I think this book is good for middle school students because there is some violence and death. This book is good if you like books like the Hunger games or Divergent. Some themes in this book are things may not be as they appear, or people make mistakes and no one is perfect.

I enjoyed this book because, first of all, the whole storyline is very interesting, the writing is very well done, it was very entertaining and I could barely put the book down. Any reader who loves reading about brave souls, adventure and a little bit of romance will find that this is their kind of book to read. The characters in An Ember In The Ashes are similar to The Hunger Games in the way they never gave up and stayed loyal to each other throughout the whole games. If you enjoyed The Hunger Games, you will most likely enjoy An Ember In The Ashes. Throughout the book the author developed the idea of believing in yourself, and never giving up. Laia didn't believe that she had the same fire as her mom, but when she let it out, it was stronger than her mom's. Laia also never gave up on Darin, on Elias, and on herself. I think the book also showed that loving somebody will always help you. Laia and Elias loved each other, and that's part of what kept them going.

An Ember In The Ashes by Sabaa Tahir is a dystopian novel. Laia of Serra is the daughter of the best resistance fighters against the Martial Empire. The violent leaders who took over the Scholar land. But her parents are dead, and she lives with her brother and grandparents. When he brother Darin is caught helping the Scholars, he gets taken away to Kauf, the worst prison there is. Laia wants to save him and will do anything to help him. Through her journey, Laia meets new people who become very important in her life, and meets new people who make her mission very hard to succeed. Although Laia runs into many obstacles, she keeps going, driven by her love and guilt.

I enjoy reading science fiction, dystopian, and historical fiction, adventure, stories about technology and history. Historical fiction is a very interesting genre for me because I love history. I usually look forward to reading, and the better the book, the more I read. If books really grab my interest, it's hard for me to put the book down. Of course there are still those books that I don't enjoy, and with those I either slowly make my way through the chapters, or close it and move on. If I really like a book, I can't put it down. Resulting with me finishing the book pretty fast. Reading is an enjoyable activity for me and I read as often as I can. Throughout the year, I have read many books and recommend the following: the Harry Potter series, the Zodiac series, and An Ember in the Ashes Series.

## An Ember In The Ashes





# Sunnyside Up

As a reader, I'm really picky. It takes me forever to realize if I'm interested in a book, I sometimes struggle. Once I get into a book it is just like I'm watching TV. I love reading because it allows you to picture an image of what you think is happening in the book once I get into a book I just can't stop. Audiobooks can help if you don't feel like reading with your eyes you can just listen.

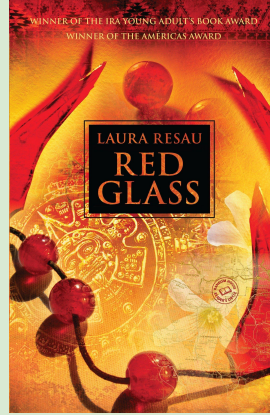
Sunnyside Up by Jennifer Holm is about an eleven year old girl who goes on a plane by herself to Florida. She is going to visit her grandfather for the summer. Sunny meets Buzz and they become friends. They would always sit on a golf cart and read comics and there was alligator pond and one snuck out and frightened them. In the end what readers might like about this book is that it is interesting, funny and will make you want to keep reading to find out what happens.

I recommend the following books: Stone Fox because of the action and Beyond the Bright Sea because it was interesting, the setting was located on the Elizabeth Islands.

# Red Glass

The realistic fiction novel “Red Glass” by Laura Resau is about a family who takes in an immigrant child named Pablo. Pablo changes the family's life in many ways. Pablo is a young immigrant who suffered through watching his parents die while making the long harsh journey from Mexico to the U.S. Pablo forms a strong relationship with Sophie one member of his foster family. Sophie is very self-conscious, but Pablo helps her make a life-changing decision to face her fears. Pablo and the rest of his foster family must make a long journey back to Pablo's hometown where Pablo is left with a very difficult decision.

I would recommend this book for readers who enjoy historical books or adventurous books. This book is great for ages 12 and up. If you liked the book, *The War That Saved my Life* or *A Night Divided*, you will love the book *Red Glass*. In this book the main theme you will find is “what goes around comes around.” The thing I enjoyed most in this book is learning what it is like to migrate and how dangerous it is to cross borders.



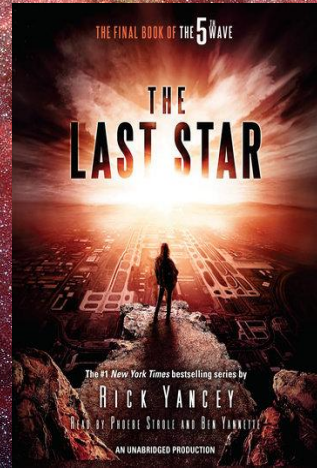
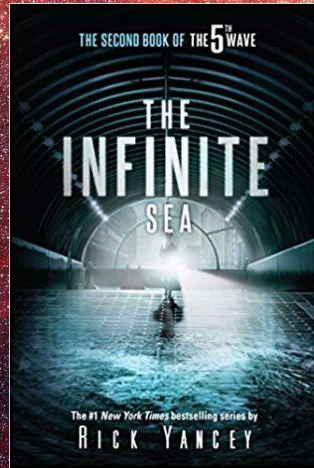
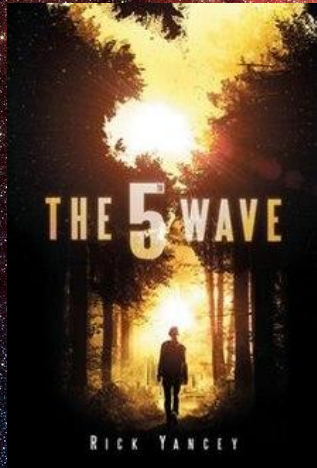
## Other books I liked



As a reader, I enjoy historical books, preferably historical fiction. I also enjoy books that are about real world problems. If I find a good book that I really enjoy, I'll read during any free time that I can find. This way it will only take me a couple days. On the other hand, if I'm reading a book that I'm not into it will probably take me a few weeks to read, but if it is confusing or really boring I will abandon it. I personally don't enjoy reading and find it kind of pointless to have to do it every night for homework. I believe that you should only have to read by choice and not have to do it every night for homework. I read about twenty books this year which does not really surprise me!

## WHO I AM AS A READER

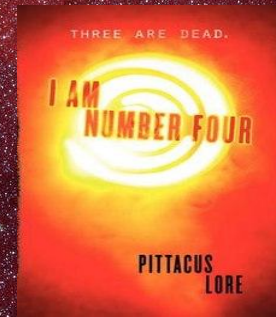
I'm an enthusiastic reader and I love Dystopian Fiction, Sci-Fi and Futuristic books. I prefer to read a series instead of single books and I like series that have strong emotion and make you stop and think for a second. I usually read 45-60 minutes a day, 10 in school and and 40-50 at home. It usually takes me 2-4 weeks to read a book and I've read 9 books this year. It takes me a little longer to read a book if it's changing perspective and I have to go back and reread.



## The 5th Wave Series

The 5th Wave series is a Sci-Fi and dystopian fiction series written by Rick Yancey, about an alien invasion that comes in 5 waves (if you didn't see the title). In the series, aliens download their consciences into human brains. One of them (the aliens) falls in love with a human named Cassie and helps a group of teenagers who figured out that the aliens are using human bodies and pretending to be us. The aliens know that we're going to lose because they know how we think; they took away everything and left us hopeless and then they lied to us and filled us up with rage. Once you forget what it means to be human, you've lost.

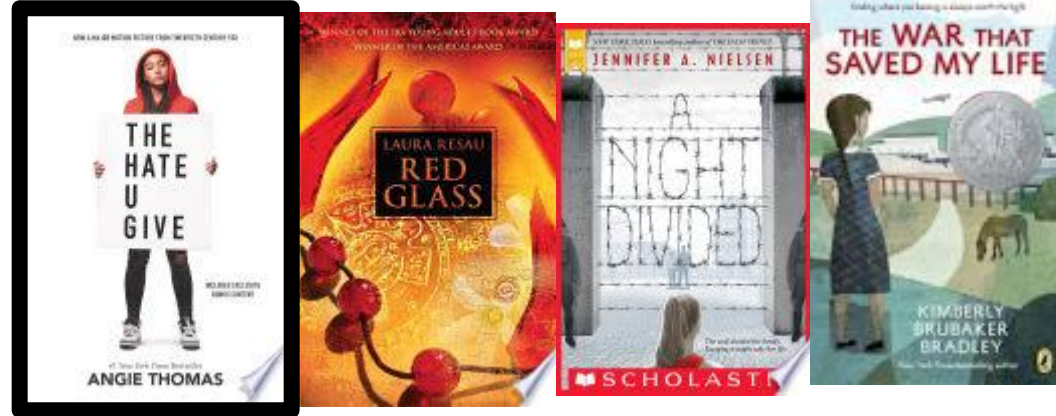
I loved this book because it's an action packed page turner and the emotion is really intense. This book was obviously well thought-out and it made me stop and think about what the author was saying. I think if you want a book that is deep and has action/violence this book is great for you. I would recommend this book to kids ages 11 and up because some of the things the author says in the book are really complex and it's also a little violent. I think the main theme in the book was, humanity is built on hope and trust and once you take away that hope and trust, all that remains is rage and hatred. Also if you're a reader who liked the I Am Number Four series or the Scythe series, then I think you'll love this series.



# The Hate U Give Review By Emi MacMillan

The fictional novel “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas is about a girl named Starr. When Starr is the only witness to the death of her childhood friend, Kahil, Starr is sitting in the front row of Kahil’s funeral, going through counseling, and questions with a justice group. This book shows Starr not wanting to even talk about the incident, to leading rallies and protests. This book also shows the rising problem of officers being harder and rougher with people of color. This book is a great way to learn about the real truth without having to listen to people lecturing you.

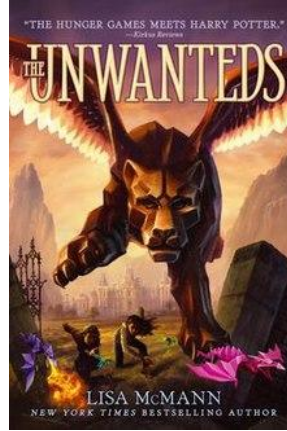
I recommend this book for readers who enjoy reading books with messages in them about real world problems. This book is a great read for people ages eleven and up. You can find many different themes in this book, one theme is “always stand up for what you believe in” another is “always speak the truth.” The thing I enjoyed most about this book was learning about the real problem of police being harder on people of color without others lecturing me. This book taught me a lot about life in the city for people (dangerous, hard and rough). If you like books with obstacles, fights, and lots of energy, you will LOVE the book, The Hate U Give.



As a reader, I like books that send important messages about real world problems using fictional characters. If there is a book I am reading and it’s really intriguing, I read any chance I can get. The pace in which I move through books all depends on if I am hooked on them or not. When I am enjoying a book, it takes up to two weeks at most to finish. I have mixed feelings about reading. I think that reading should be something you do out of choice and not for homework. You should not be forced to read every day out of school because you basically read all day in school (worksheets, books, textbooks...). I also enjoy reading on the weekends when I am bored, it is a good way to relax and calm down. I have read about twenty books this school year, which does not surprise me. Some other books I enjoyed reading this year were, Red Glass, A Night Divided, and The War That Saved My Life.



# THE UNWANTEDS



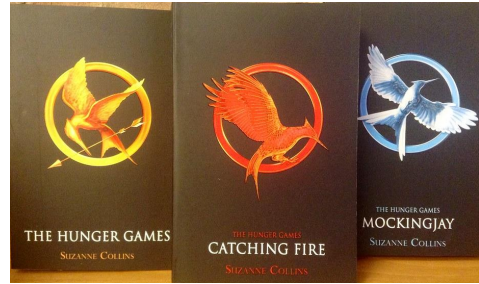
The Unwants by Lisa McMann is an action fantasy adventure, which takes place in Quill, a place where creativity is considered a weakness. Each year, 13 year olds are separated into 2 groups. The strong, wise, WANTEDS are sent to the university. While the artistic, creative, Unwants are sent to their graves.

When the Unwanted Alex Stowe is sentenced to death, he and the other Unwants are rescued by a wizard named Marcus Today, (people just call him Mr. Today for short), and are brought into the world of Artime, where creativity is considered a gift, and a weapon. (There is literally magic in the world of Artime).

I liked this book, because it had lots of fictional aspects to it, and people have very realistic personalities. It also has lots of action, and is very descriptive. I think someone over 11 would like this book, but not younger, because it's very dark, and violent. If you like Harry Potter, then you will love The Unwants. Like Harry Potter, it's full of magic, violence, and mythical places. And also like Harry Potter, you just can't stop reading it. You'll just want to read it 'till it's over.

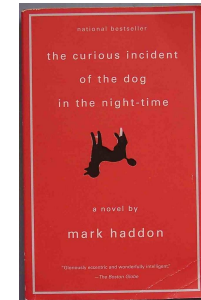
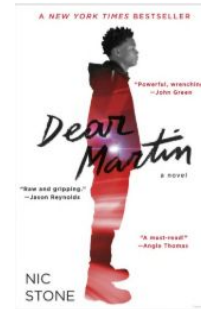
I only like to read if the book has some sort of fictional aspect to it. I read 7 books this year. How fast I go through a book depends on how good I think it is. If it's not so interesting, I'll barely read it, and it'll take at least a month and a half to finish it. If the book is bad, I won't read it, unless my mom forces me to read it. If the book is good, I'll read it often. If it's really good, I'll read it whenever I get the chance to. I like books that have comedy, action, a fictional aspect, and suspense.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is a dystopian fiction novel filled with action. The main characters are Katniss Everdeen, a girl who lives in district 12 and who has to support her family by illegally hunting, and Peeta Mellark, a baker's son who also lives in district 12. These two kids are the tributes from district 12. The story takes place in Panem, a country that consists of one Capital, basically the Washington D.C. of that country, and 12 districts, each one serving a purpose, for example, district 12 is for coal mining. Every year, there is a competition where each district chooses 2 tributes, one girl and one boy, and they train in the Capitol for a few days and then they fight to the death in an arena. Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark don't believe that the Hunger Games is fair so they rebel and a huge war starts. I loved how this book was filled with action, but also has suspense and romance. Suzanne Collins has a writing style where when there is some sort of cliffhanger, she will give you most of the answer but not all and it makes you want to keep reading to figure out the rest. I think that this book is a good read for 6th graders and above, and readers that like action, drama, and some gore. If you've read Divergent, you're going to love the Hunger Games, and you probably will even if you haven't read it.



## The Hunger Games

I am a reader that likes action, sci-fi, thriller, horror, and realistic fiction books. I read most nights for about 20 minutes, and I move through books relatively quickly, I read maybe 5 or so books in a school year, mostly about 1 book a month but sometimes they're too long to read in one month. I think that about 5 books a school year is an okay amount, not big enough to surprise me but not so small that I'd be disappointed about. Reading isn't my *favorite* thing and it's a little hard for me to pick up my book and read sometimes but once I start I never want to stop reading.

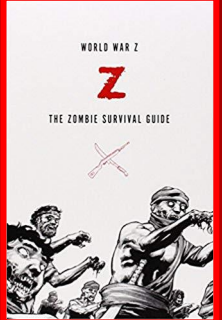
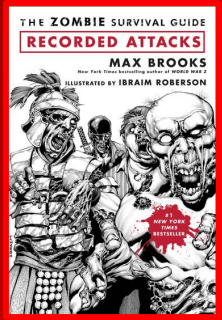
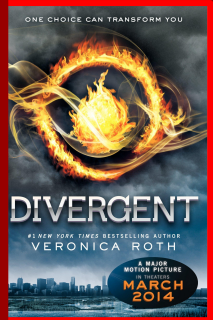
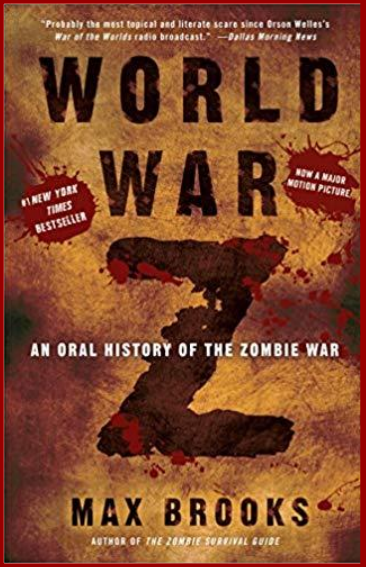


Other books  
I enjoyed

World War Z by Max Brooks is a dystopian novel about the experiences of the survivors of the “War.” The virus sent the entire world into anarchy causing what was known as World War Z. Each chapter is a different person's perspective on their way of survival and experiences.

I love this book because of the amazing survival stories, the book went from experiences from right before the war to the very end of the war. The book never was boring at any point because every chapter was action packed. I would recommend this book to sixth graders and up. If you are interested in action and post-apocalyptic war then this would be perfect book for you. In this book I learned how to defend myself from hoards of zombies.

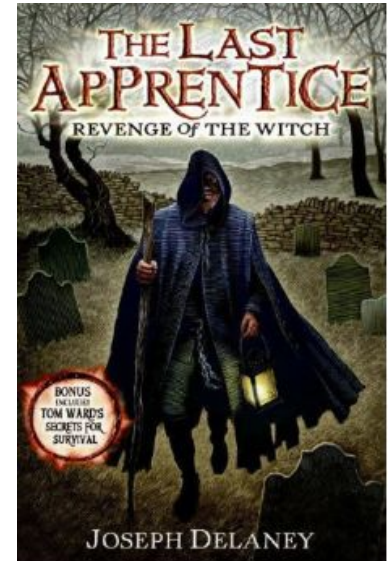
by : Waylon



I love reading, but am very particular about the types of books I like; I am interested in dystopian and sci-fi books. I read every day in school for 20 minutes and 30 minutes at home. On average it takes me a week to finish a three hundred page book. I read 15 books this school year give or take.

The of type of book I like is war and fantasy. I will occasionally read before bed, but not usually though. I read kind of quickly, but don't go through books really quickly. I do not like to read often, but it puts me to sleep so sometimes so I will. Sometimes I will read, but not in the day because there's usually something else to do. I read 4 books this year I didn't think I was going to read that many books this year but I did.

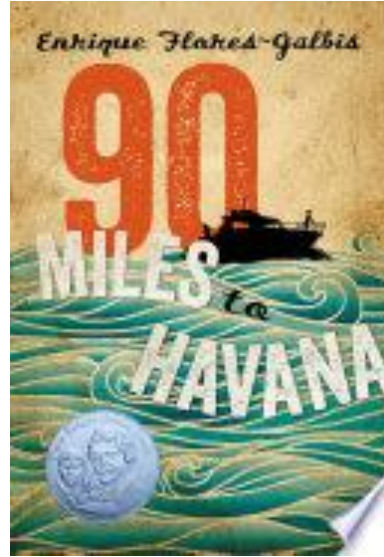
Revenge of the Witch is a fantasy and suspenseful book. Thomas Ward is in an apprenticeship to be a spook, a spook is someone who is the seventh son of a seventh son which means he has a sixth sense and can sense when something is wrong. John Gregory is the spook who is training Thomas and is too old for his job.





# 90 Miles To Havana

As a reader I like books that have real life struggles, action and that have mystery. When I read a book I want to be surprised. I just want a book to make me not stop reading just to find out what comes next! When I was younger I read a lot of books but after getting older I just wasn't interested in reading anymore. After experimenting more with new and different books I started to like books again. One of the things that surprised me in 6th grade was that I read a lot of books and I went a lot to the school library. I move quickly through books because a lot of the books I tried to read were books that I didn't like. I think I read more than 12 books this year.



What I liked about the book 90 Miles To Havana is that it has a lot of conflict and a beautiful ending.

The author of the book is Enrique Flores Galbis and he writes so well that he makes you not want to stop reading. The genre of the book is historical fiction.

90 Miles To Havana is a book about a boy named Julian. He is the younger brother and he has two other brothers. Their parents send them to Miami to have a better opportunity of life. When they get to Miami they need to survive the shelter for kids and teens from Cuba. But in the end there is a happy ending.

I recommend this book for every type of reader because I normally don't like this type of book, but this was a book I loved.

**HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS.** Is a fantasy book by J.K

Rowling. It's about a child named Harry Potter. Last year on his 11th birthday Harry Potter found out he was a wizard and was going to attend Hogwarts school of magic. This year he will be attending his 2 year at Hogwarts. It goes considerably normal from him considering he weakened the most feared wizard last year. All is going well till he hears voices in his head. Cold hoarse voices. He follows the voices up the corridor to find a pool of water. He looks up and sees a cat. It looks dead except it has a very life like scared expression. Next to it he sees words written in blood. They say, "**THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS HAS BEEN OPENED. ENEMIES OF THE HEIR BEWARE!**"

**I like fantasy, nonfiction, and realistic fiction books. I read every day for at least 30 minutes a day. Usually if I'm in an intense part of the book I will read about four times as much. I usually finish a 600 page book in 1 week. I used to not like reading but now I do. I read approximately 20.1488801054 books this year. Which is personally high.**

My favorite part of the book is when

**SPOLILER ALERT!** and **SPOLILER ALERT!** then the end. The one thing that made this book so good is that it had a twist around every corner. It remains my favorite book in the series. Unless you are dead like **SPOLILER ALERT!** Order of the Phoenix, you should read this book. If you like this book like any sensible person you should read Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. The one thing I learned from Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets is that if you are ever going into a secret entrance to a cave to fight a giant snake then you should always bring a giant sword, a Phoenix, and a weird talking hat.