

Fabulous Fiction

Books Read and Recommended by Paradox and Enigma (Two Mysterious Farmingdale High School Students)

Fiction

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Running out of time*

Jessie Keyser, 13, believes that the year is 1840. In truth, she and her family, along with a small group of others, live in a reconstructed village viewed by unseen modern tourists and used as an experimental site by unethical scientists. Jessie discovers the truth when her mother asks her to leave the village and seek medical help for the diphtheria epidemic that has struck the children of the community.

Hesse, Karen. *The music of dolphins*

The Music of Dolphins features a teenage girl found off Cuba, in the midst of her only real family, a group of dolphins. Mila, as she is dubbed, speaks no language but the clicks and cries of her cousins, as she calls the animals. This incredible story follows her growth as a human, in her own simple writing, as she learns what she truly is, and what she truly wants to be.

*Rawl, Wilsons *Where the red fern grows*

A story of a boy and the two dogs that take him through the copious adventures to make him a strong willed, compassionate person.

* Smith, Betty *A tree grows in Brooklyn*

The story of a young girl growing up in Brookly; Francie Nolan, avid reader, penny-candy connoisseur, and adroit observer of human nature, has much to ponder in colorful, turn-of-the-century Brooklyn. She grows up with a sweet, tragic father, a severely realistic mother, and an aunt who gives her love too freely--to men, and to a brother who will always be the favored child. Francie learns early the meaning of hunger and the value of a penny. She is her father's child--romantic and hungry for beauty. But she is her mother's child, too--deeply practical and in constant need of truth. Like the Tree of Heaven that grows out of cement or through cellar gratings, resourceful Francie struggles against all odds to survive and thrive.

Suspense

Clark, Mary Higgins. *A stranger is watching*

Ronald Thompson knows he never murdered Nina Peterson but he is the only one. A stranger, cunning and psychopathic, is waiting in the shadows to finish his business at the Peterson home.

Clark, Mary Higgins. * *Weep no more, my lady*

Elizabeth Lange pursues the truth about her sister's death and ends up learning something she was never meant to know.

*Clark, Mary Higgins. *Where are the children?*

Nancy Harmon fled heartbreak after her two small children go missing and turn up dead and her marriage falls apart. Newspapers accuse her to be the children's killer. Nancy moves, far away. She remarries and has two more children. Her life seems to be paradise until her children go missing and all that turns up is a red mitten.

Mystery

Doyle, Arthur Canon *The complete Sherlock Holmes*

Every word Canon Doyle ever wrote about Sherlock Holmes is here, complete and unabridged, four full-length novels and all fifty-six short stories. Dive into the world of the infamous Sherlock Holmes and follow him through mystery after mystery.

* Glenn, Mel *Who killed Mr. Chippendale?*

An amazing story told in poems. A teacher is killed and you are given a look into each characters mind. How they feel about the murder and how Mr. Chippendale affected them. Who killed Mr. Chippendale?

Hitchcock, Alfred *The three investigators* (Series)

Follow these three teenage boys, who use their individual abilities to stay two steps ahead of the villains and combat the lawbreakers using their wit.

McNeal, Laura *Zipped*

Everything that you thought you knew about life is about to change. When your life begins to fall apart and nothing seems to make since you will realize that everything is truly zipped together.

* Peck, Richard *Are you in the house alone?*

Suspicious notes, phone calls but who is it? There is a stalker in the town and he is watching your every move. Time is running out. Can you discover who it is? A thrilling page turner that will keep you reading until the end.

Reiss, Kathryn *PaperQuake*

Ever felt left out? Try being Violet, the fraternal triplet, whose two sisters are identical. Violet, however, finds a way to be her own person and become more important than anyone ever would have dreamed.

Classics

* Alcott, Louisa May *Little women*

This is a story of girls growing into strong independent women in spite of poverty and adversity.

Austin, Jane *Pride and prejudice*

A young woman deals with a suit of snobbish men as well as the romantic entanglements of her sisters.

Austin, Jane *Emma*

Emma is a young woman filled with fire. She tries to set up everyone in town, while not realizing she is falling in love.

Austin, Jane *Sense and sensibility*

The story revolves around the Dashwood sisters, Elinor and Marianne. Whereas the former is a sensible, rational creature, her younger sister is wildly romantic. The essential theme: the necessity of finding a workable middle ground between passion and reason.

* Bronte, Charlotte *Jane Eyre*

Jane Eyre is a governess and an orphan, penniless and plain but bursting of spirit. She and Mr. Rochester, her mal-tempered employer, fall into unconventional love.

* Bronte, Emily *Wuthering heights*

A tale of love stronger than death. Unique, mystical, and a fierce vision of metaphysical passion.

* Lee, Harper *To kill a mockingbird*

A sleepy southern town is about to be rocked by a conscience crisis. Seen through the eyes of 8 year old Scout Finch.

Fantasy

Balzer,, Alessandra and Ewing, Lynne *Daughters of the moon* (Series)

The stories of four typical and incredibly opposite teenage girls; who have one thing that unites them: they are all goddesses. Follow them as they combat teenage life and the choices and challenges of being goddesses.

* Rowling, J. K *Harry Potter* (Series)

For those who love literature; J.K Rowling creates vividness in her writing, which will pull you into her books and never let you out. Her writing is descriptive and makes you feel as if you are right next to Harry as he soars through the sky on his broom or goes through searing pain as he duels Lord Voldemort. A series for readers that you are sure to love.

Thought Provoking Books

Polikoff, Barbra Garland *Life's a funny proposition, Horatio*

Horatio Tuckermans list of absolute truths: 1. Being a kid is the pits 2. Cigarettes should be banned from the earth just like poison gas. 3. When someone dies the hardest thing is to get used to is that they just aren't around anymore. So many things about Horatio Tuckerman make him different from other kids, but the biggest thing is that his dad died of lung cancer when he was ten. One snowy day his grandfather's dog goes out and dos not return. From then on things begin to change Horatios life.

* Spinelli, Jerry *Stargirl*

No one knows her real name, or anything about her, but she is weird. She is always happy, does not care what others think, and will do anything to help someone, even change herself. A remarkable story about a girl and how she affected a town; she proves that no matter how hard you try you can never stop being yourself. An inspirational story about being true to yourself and caring about others.

Critics Favorites

* Plum-Ucci, Carol *The body of Christopher Creed*

An exhilarating mystery that will make you never want to put it down. A boy disappears in a small town and causes everybody to suspect each other. Some even suspect themselves. The story of a boy examining his once normal life as his world turns upside-down.

Sachar Louis *Holes*

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his great-grandfather. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Greenlake where the boys build character by spending all day, everyday digging five-foot holes. There is no lake at camp Greenlake, just an awful lot of holes. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime, punishment, and redemption.

Snicket, Lemony *A series of unfortunate events*

Follow the Baudelaire orphans through a series of unfortunate events that began with the terrible fire that killed their parents. As you travel through the books you realize that the misfortune in these children's lives is linked to the misfortune in many others, including the author of the stories. Look deeply for hidden clues throughout the stories that others may not find.

Snicket, Lemony *The unauthorized autobiography*

This humorous book with many hidden surprises is yet another masterpiece by Lemony Snicket. A book of seemingly meaningless yet interesting details truly contains clues about the lives of the Baudelaires and those who they have affected.

Sones, Sonya *Stop pretending*

A book told in poems about the life of a girl when her sister went crazy and about everything that went through her mind. Can you relate?

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