

MAKING CONNECTIONS: CHILDREN'S READERS' ADVISORY

How to find out what kids and teens want to read.

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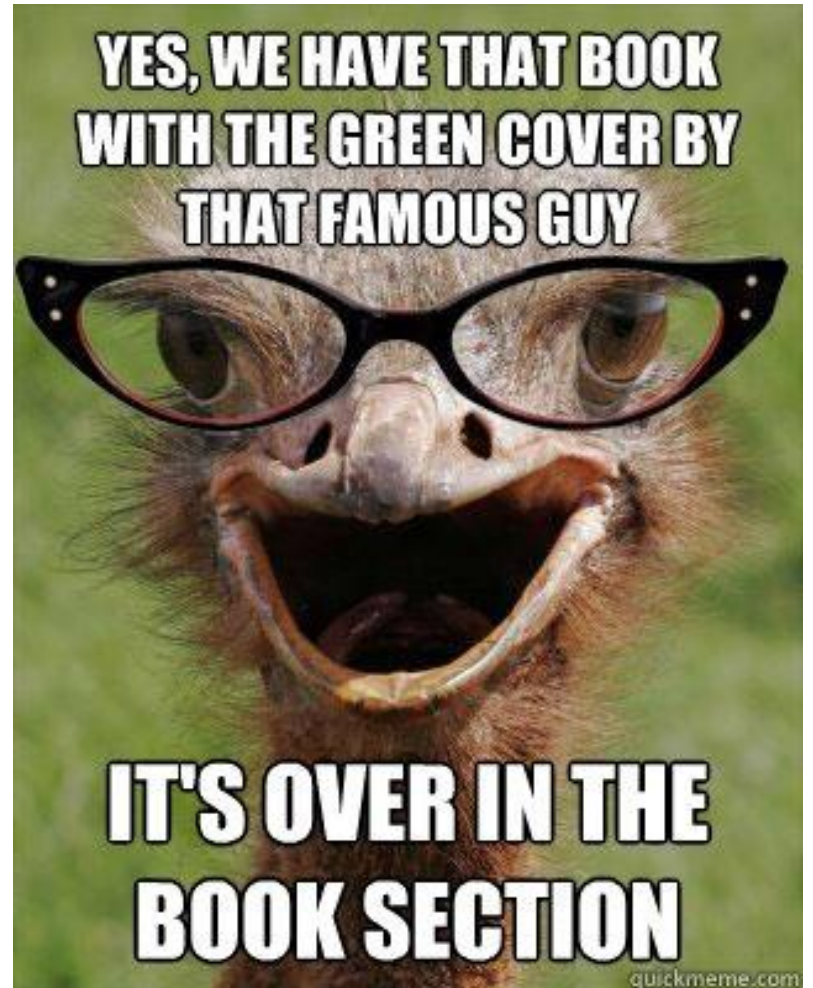
'READER'S ADVISORY'



BY SCOPE NOTES

GOAL:

*Know what to say or do
to help a child or young
adult patron find what
they want to read...*



MAKE CONNECTIONS...

- DO WHAT RESEARCH SUGGESTS
- OVERCOME MISCONCEPTIONS
- "INTERVIEW" THE PATRON
- ASK THEM IF THEY WANT TO READ WHAT OTHERS ARE READING
- FIND OUT WHAT THEY'VE READ BEFORE AND WHAT THEY ENJOYED
- KNOW WHAT'S NEW
- USE LIBRARY SIGNAGE
- USE TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS

Do what research suggests

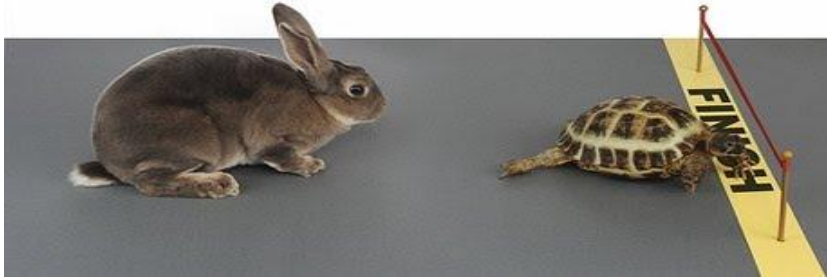
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RESEARCH-BASED READER'S ADVISORY BY JESSICA MOYER

Subject is only one piece of the puzzle...



4 ELEMENTS OF APPEAL



2. Characterization



4. Frame

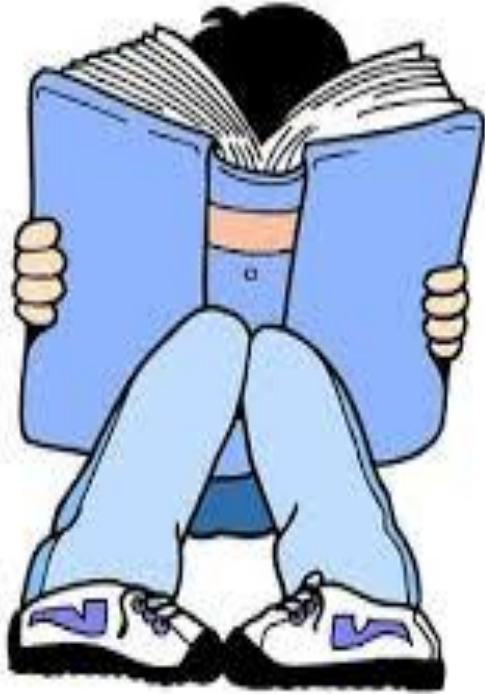
1. Pacing



3. Storyline



READER-CENTRIC VS. BOOK-CENTRIC



Overcome Misconceptions

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READER'S ADVISORY COMMON MISCONCEPTION:

You need to be well-read within the age group of the child you are trying to help find a book or it will be impossible to help them find what they are looking for. WRONG!

You can use:

- *First lines*
- *book covers and jackets*
- *Random lines with the kid (read out loud)*
- *Catalog*

FIRST LINES FOR YOUNG ADULTS...

“They say that just before you die your whole life flashes before your eyes, but that’s not how it happened for me.”

– *Before I Fall*, by Lauren Oliver

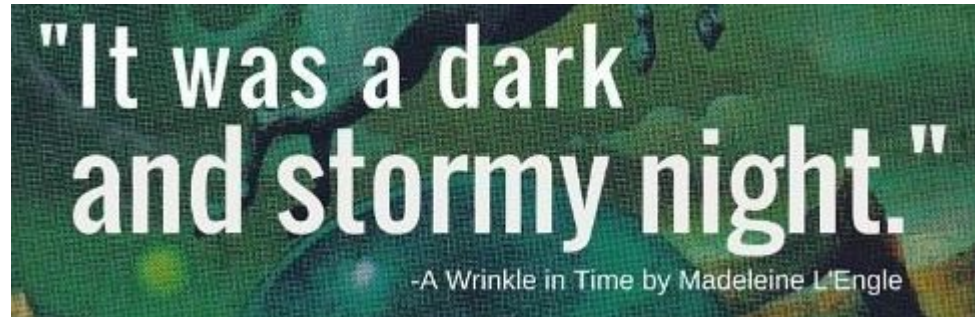
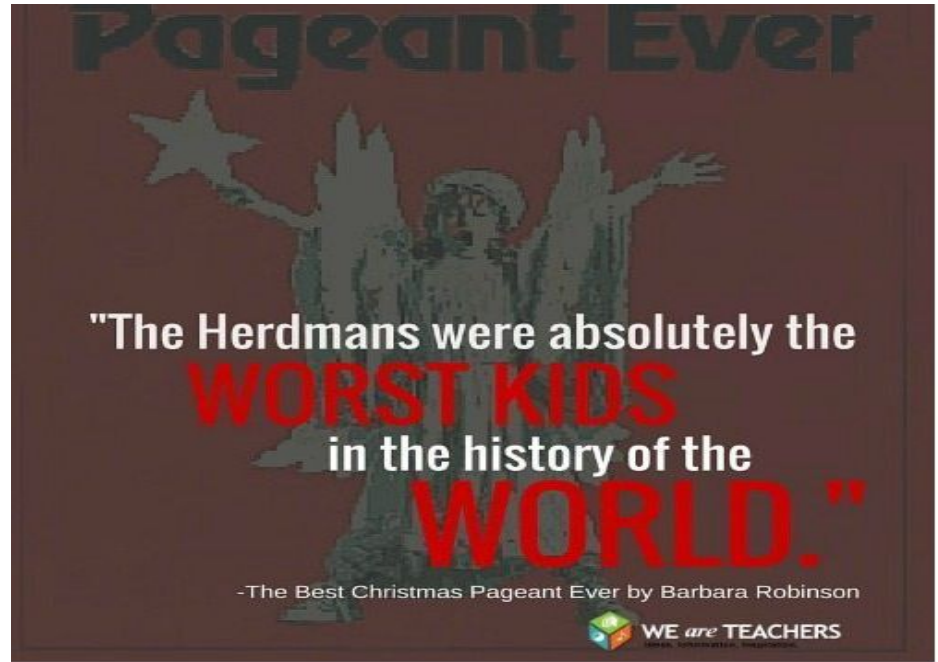
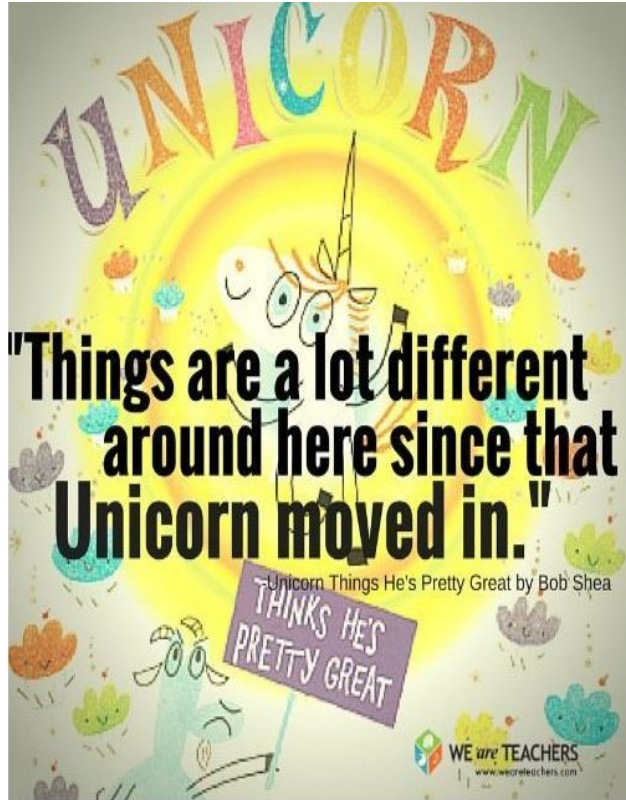
“Blue Sargent had forgotten how many times she’d been told that she would kill her true love.”

– *The Raven Boys*, by Maggie Stiefvater

“We went to the moon to have fun, but the moon turned out to completely suck”

– *Feed*, by M.T. Anderson

FIRST LINES FOR KIDS ...



FREE FIRST LINES RESOURCES/DISPLAYS FOR ELEMENTARY

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/FreeDownload/Famous-First-Lines-Book-Quote-Posters-with-black-AND-white-backgrounds-2715371>

"there is
NO LAKE AT
camp green
LAKE."

ON THE PITCH,
LIGHTNING
FAST,
DRIBBLE,
FAKE,
then make
A DASH

i know
i'm not
an ordinary
ten-year-old
KID.

FIRST FREE LINES RESOURCES/DISPLAYS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/FreeDownload/High-School-English-Bulletin-Board-Epic-Opening-Lines-FREE-Easy-to-Build-2792014>

Looking back, none of this would have happened if I'd brought lip gloss the night of the Homecoming Dance.

THE CATALOG IS YOUR FRIEND:

Find

 Reset All



Narrow your search to...

Show Less ▲

Location Brooks Middle ▼

Library Media Services - Multimedia

Material Type Any Type ▼

Reading Level From to

Interest Level From Unlimited ▼ to Unlimited ▼ ?

Reading Programs Unlimited ▼ ?

READER'S ADVISORY MISCONCEPTION:

Your enthusiasm about the books you like will rub off on the patron. MAYBE, but...

Students want you to be excited about the books they perceive you are recommending to them because they think you've picked it just for THEM. OR, that they found it on their own with only a little bit of your help.

READER'S ADVISORY COMMON MISCONCEPTION:

Younger patrons are essentially different from adult patrons. WRONG!

Like adult patrons, they just want to find a "good" book but sometimes they don't know where to begin.

So ask them questions, but those questions may need to be a bit different.

LET'S PRACTICE . . .

A) What kind of genre do you like to read?

B) What type of pace do you like a story to have?

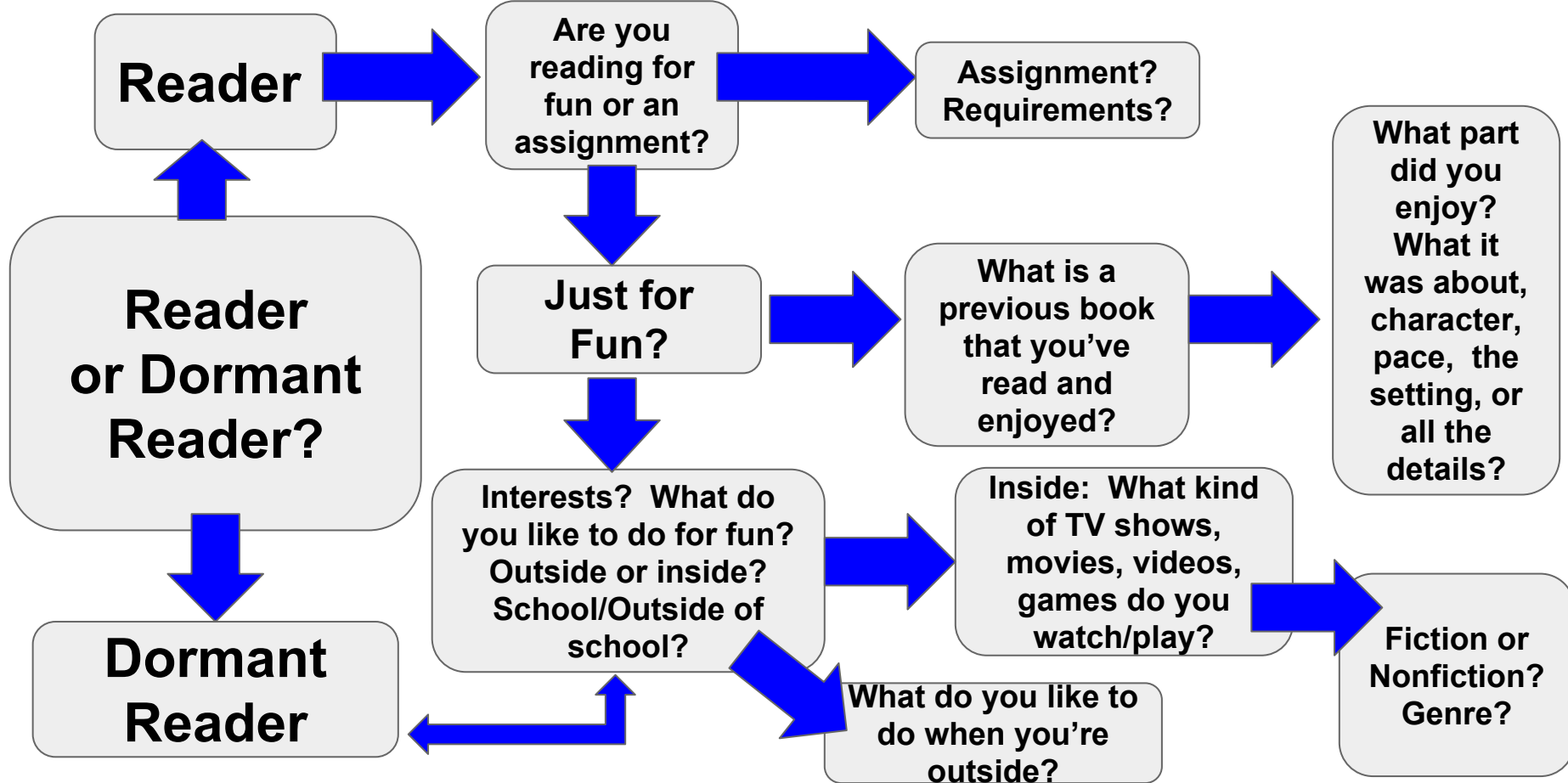
A) What kind of characterization do you like to see in a story?

B) What kind of storyline or plot appeals to you?

“Interview” the Patron

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CONVERSING WITH YOUNG PATRONS - A FLOW CHART



QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ASK A READER:

- *What kind of books have you read in the past that you enjoyed?*
- *What series have you read in the past?*
- *What TV shows do you enjoy?*
- *Do you like a story to focus on the plot more or the characters?*
- *Do you generally enjoy fiction or nonfiction?*
- *What genres do you like most?*
- *What is your all-time favorite book?*
- *Do you like to read what's popular or do you prefer to read books no one has heard about?*

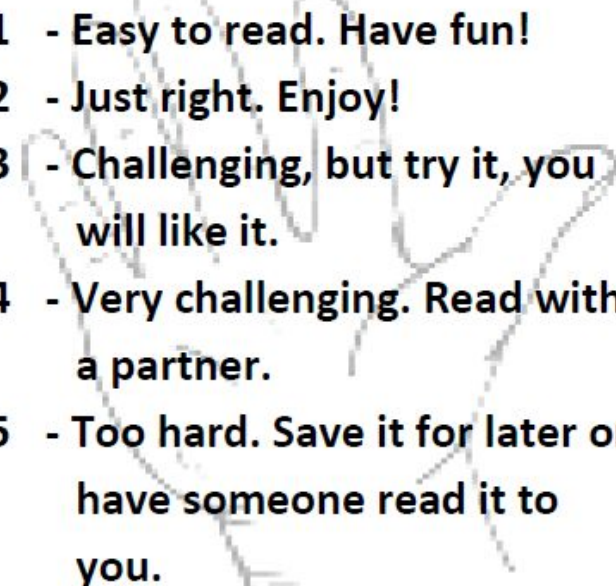
QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ASK A DORMANT READER:

- *What is the last book you remember reading that you kind of liked?*
- *What did you like about it?*
- *What makes you not want to read right now?*
- *What would a book have to have in it to make you want to read it?*
- *What kind of movies, TV shows, videos or games do you like to play or watch?*
- *Do you like to be outside more or inside? What do you like to do when you are outside/inside?*
- *What do you like to do for fun?*

Five Finger Test

Test your book by reading one page. Hold up one finger for each word you don't know.

Then, read below.

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- 1 - Easy to read. Have fun!
 - 2 - Just right. Enjoy!
 - 3 - Challenging, but try it, you will like it.
 - 4 - Very challenging. Read with a partner.
 - 5 - Too hard. Save it for later or have someone read it to you.

QUESTIONS TO ASK IF THEY ARE READING FOR FUN

- *What are some activities you like to do if you are inside?*
- *What are some things you like to do if you are outside?*
- *What are some of your interests? Hobbies?*
- *What kind of games do you like to play?*
- *Do you like to read facts of topics or do you like to read made-up stories?*
- *What do you enjoy most about a story: the setting, if it moves fast with lots of action or slow with lots of details, the characters, or if the events in the story are extremely interesting?*
- *What kinds of stories do you like to read? Suspenseful? Mysterious? Stories that seem true but aren't? Stories about real people?*

QUESTIONS TO ASK READERS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING VERY SPECIFIC

- *Specific trend?*

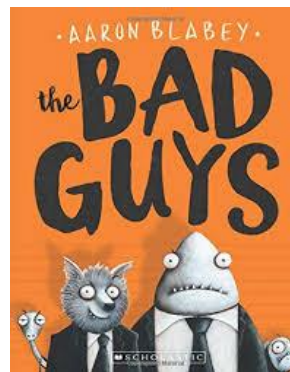
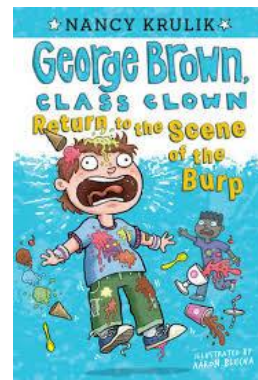
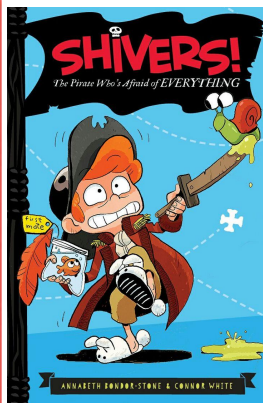
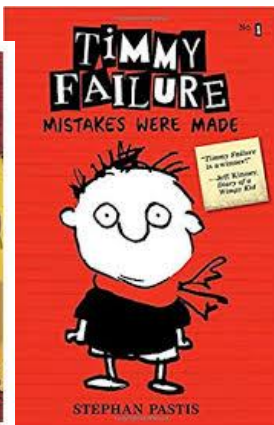
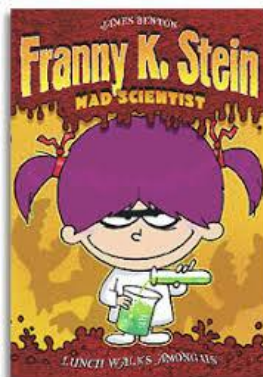
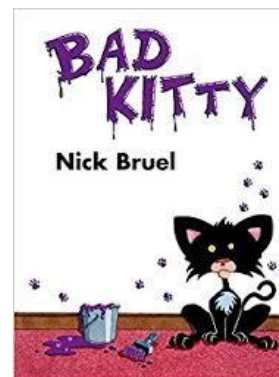
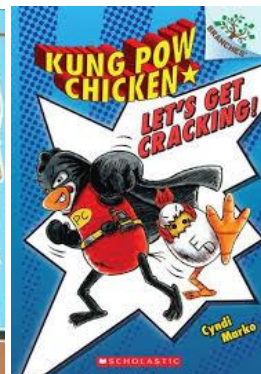
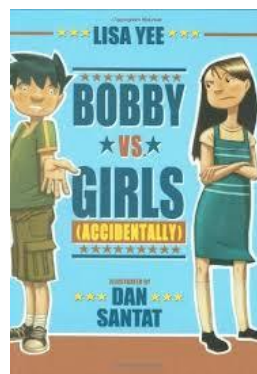
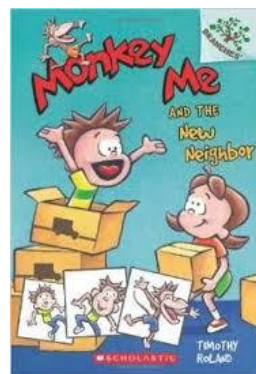
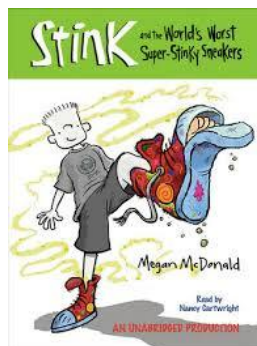
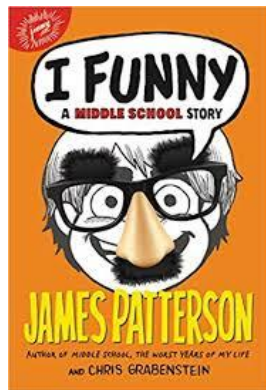
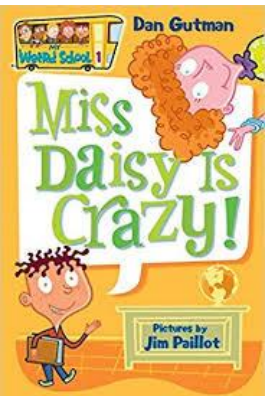
WHAT ABOUT THIS BOOK DO YOU THINK YOU WILL LIKE BESIDES THE FACT THAT IT HAS _____ IN IT?

- *Specific cover they've seen before? Use a Google search/catalog.*
- *What's popular? See our lists.*

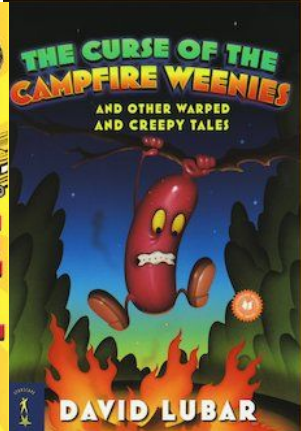
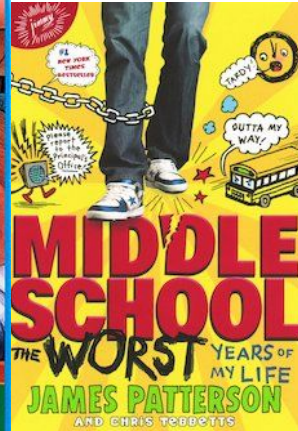
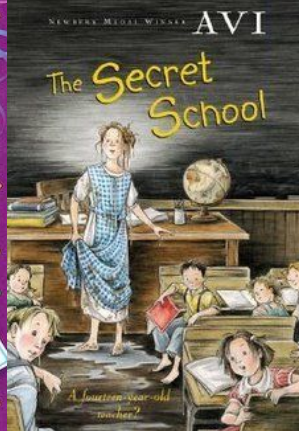
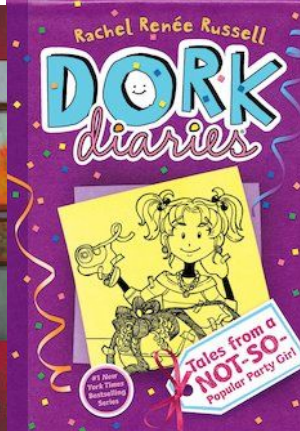
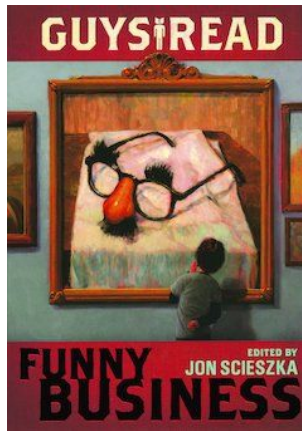
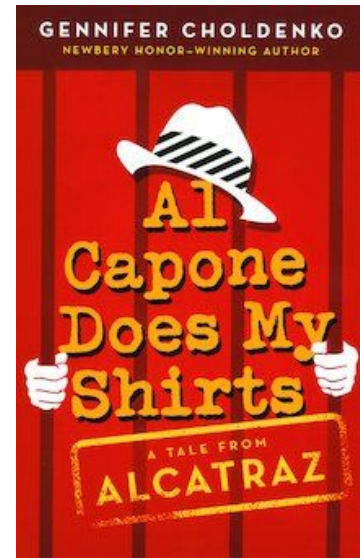
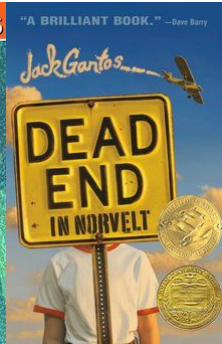
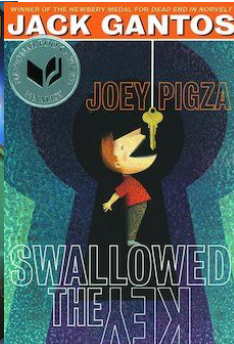
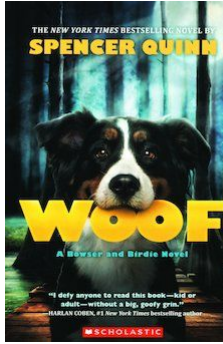
*Ask if they want to read what
other readers are reading*

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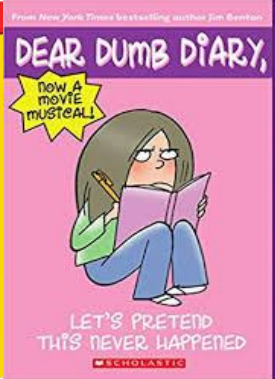
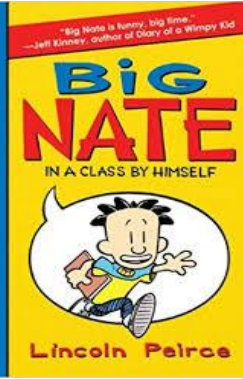
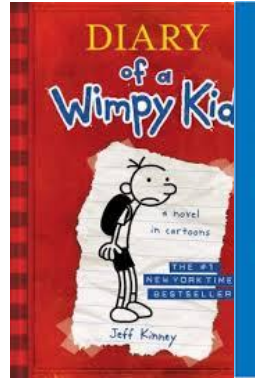
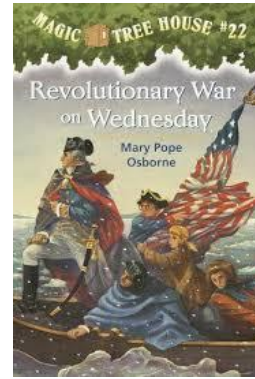
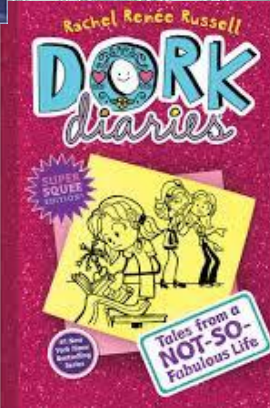
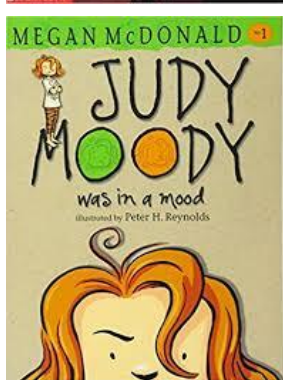
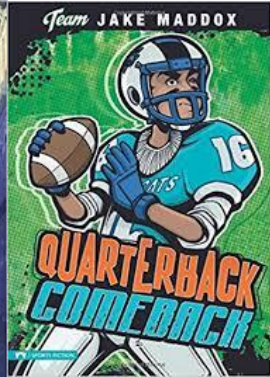
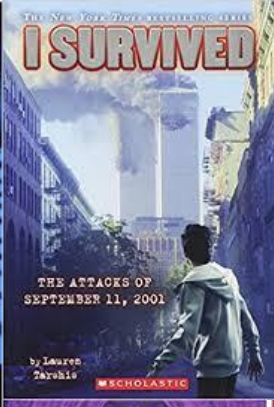
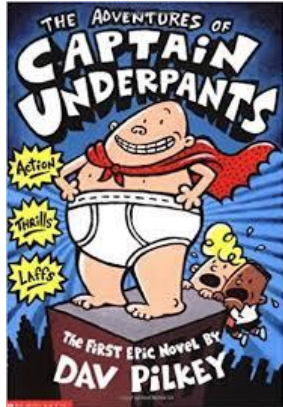
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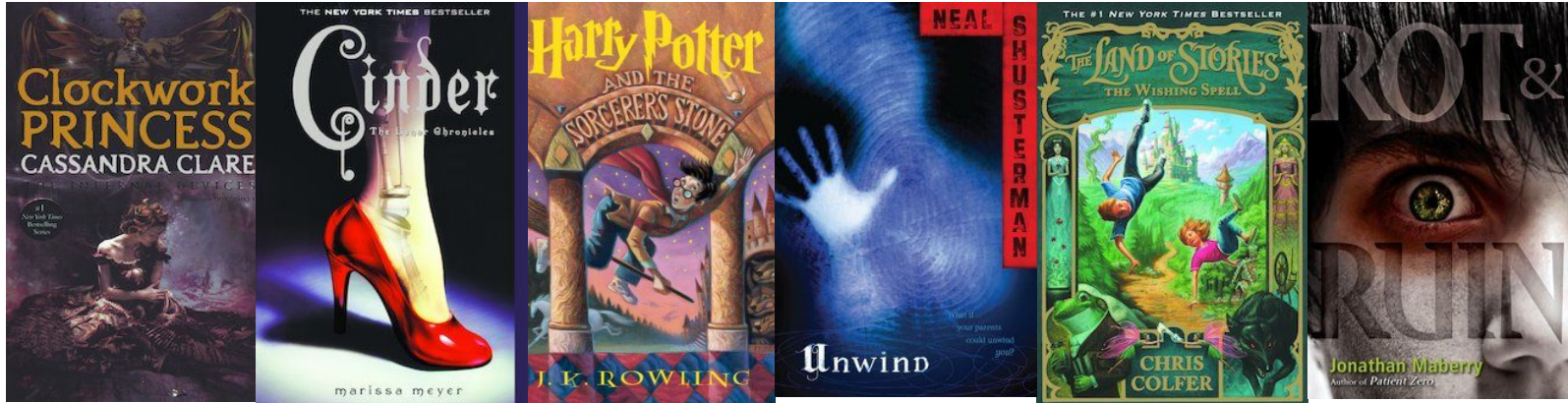
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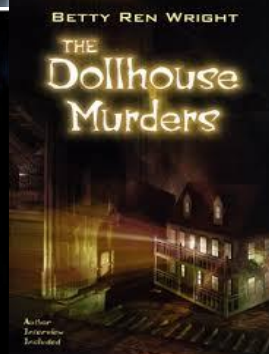
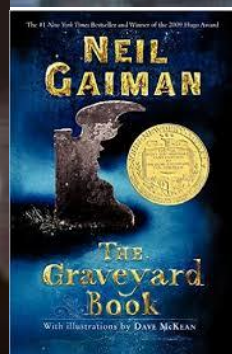
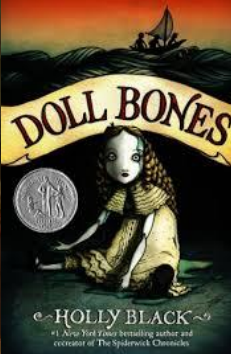
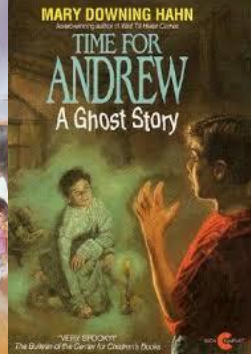
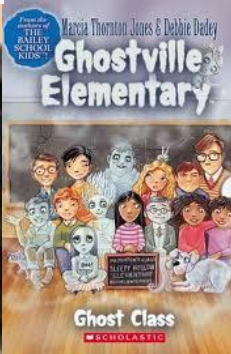
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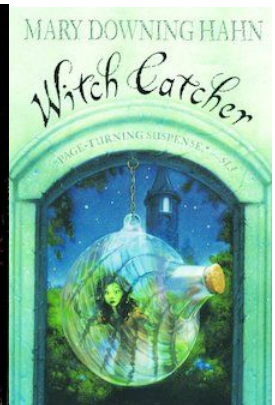
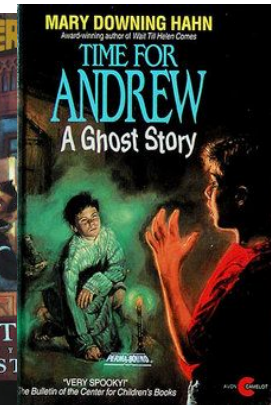
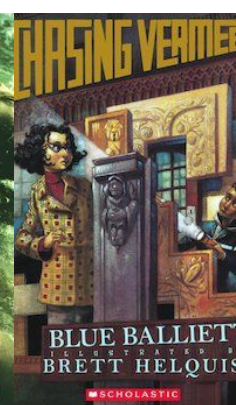
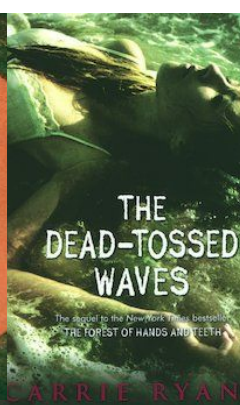
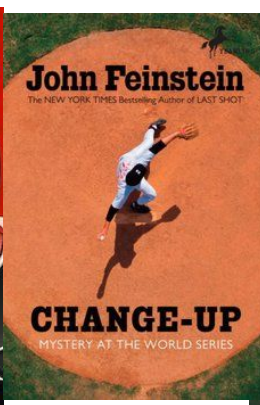
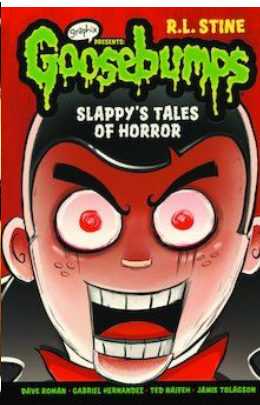
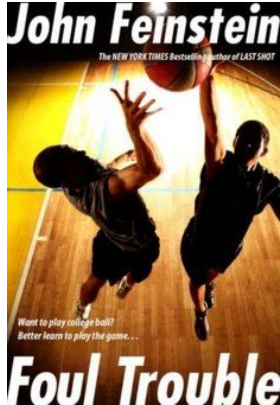
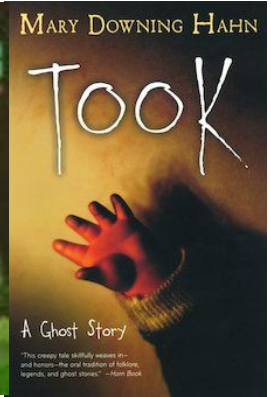
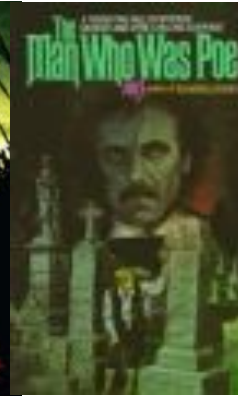
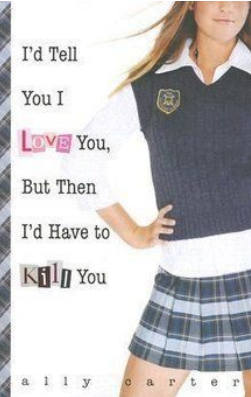
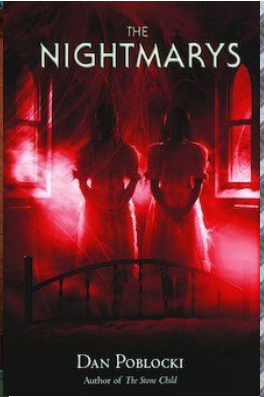
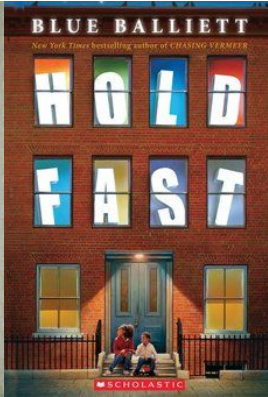
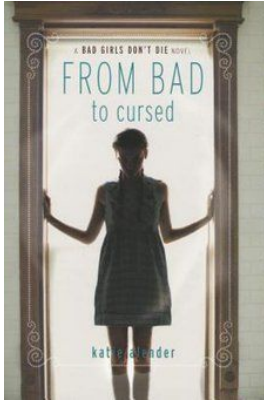
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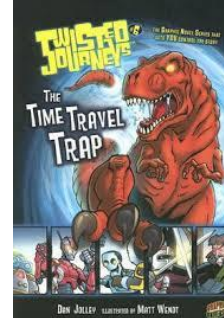
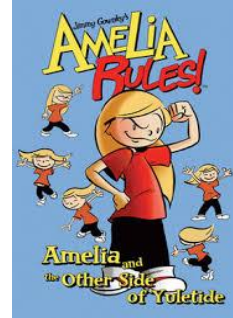
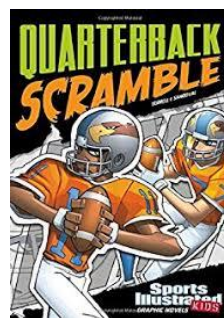
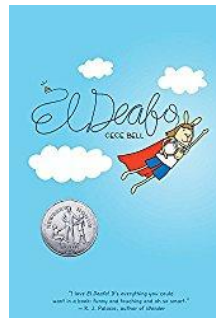
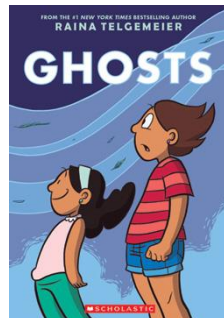
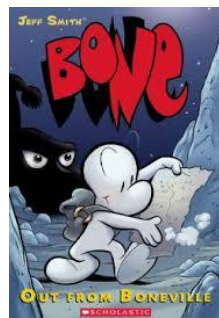
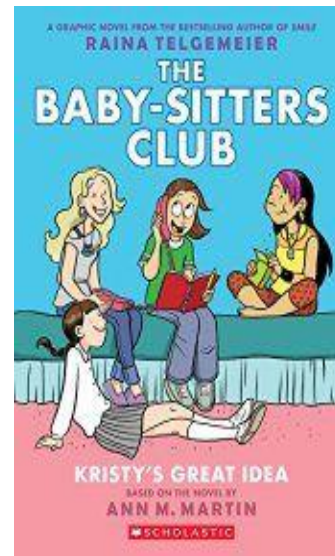
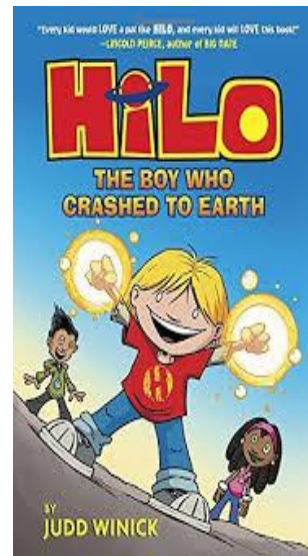
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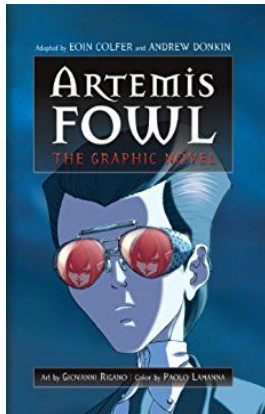
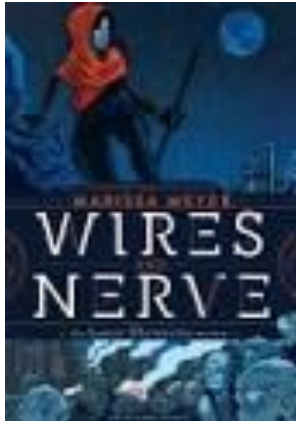
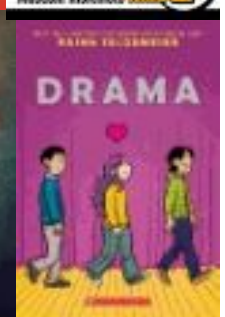
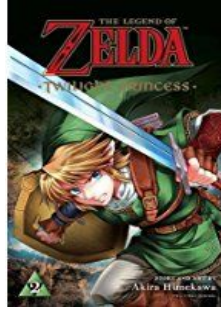
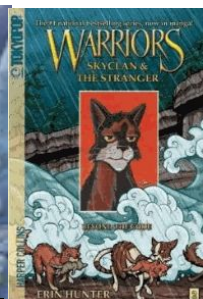
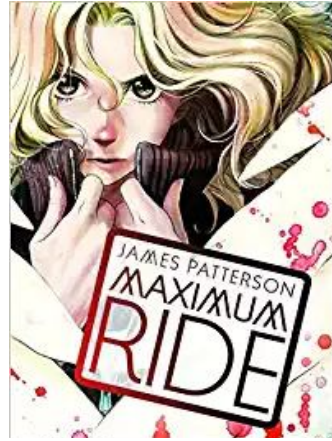
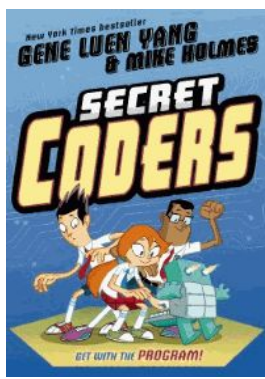
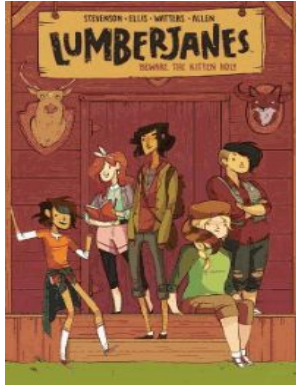
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GRAPHIC NOVELS- ELEMENTARY



GRAPHIC NOVELS- MS



POPULAR TOPICS- ELEMENTARY

- Ghosts/Big Foot/Lochness
- Unicorns/Narwhal
- Monster/UFO's
- Optical Illusions
- Scary stories-Folklore
- Language
- Dinosaurs
- Animals
- Sharks/snakes
- Pets-dogs/snakes/horses



- Planes/helicopters
- Coding/STEM
- Magic/cooking/how-to books
- Sports
- Joke/Riddle books
- Biographies
- World War II
- Books that are movies

POPULAR TOPICS- MS

- *Adventure*
- *Award Books*
- *Biographies*
- *Coding/STEM*
- *Drawing/How To Books*
- *Dystopian*
- *Funny*
- *Horror/Scary*
- *LGBTQ*
- *Mysteries*
- *Mythology*
- *Novels in Verse*
- *Poetry*
- *Realistic Fiction*
- *Romance/Love*
- *Social Justice or Social Issues*
- *Sports*

*Find out what they've read
before that they enjoyed*

MAKE A CONNECTION

HOW TO FIND READ-ALIKES

1) *Catalog: Same author searches*

Find [Reset All](#)

Keyword Title Author Subject Series

Narrow your search to... [Show Less](#) ▲

Location Adams Elementary Library Media Services - Multimedia

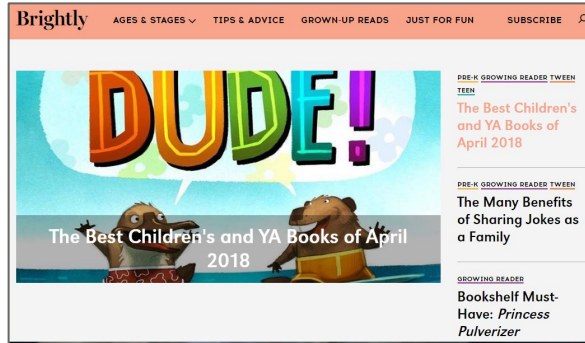
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Reading Level From to

Interest Level From to ?

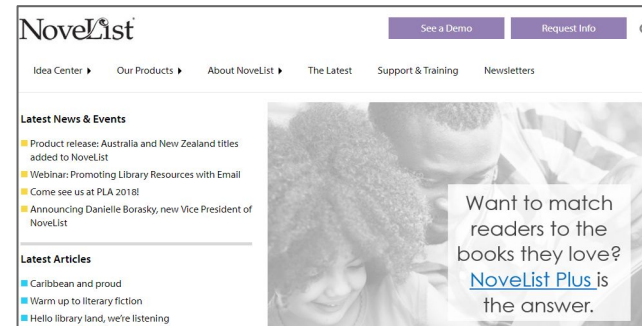
Reading Programs ?

2) *Brightly*



<http://www.readbrightly.com/>

3) *NovelList*



Know What's New

MAKE A CONNECTION

WHAT'S NEW IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

- *Publisher Newsletters*
- *ReadBrightly.com*
- *Watermark: Indie Next*
- *WPL: Book Pages*
- *Scholastic Book Club flyers*
- *Go Shopping: Walk the children's section in Barnes & Noble, Watermark, Target or Wal-Mart*

*Utilize Existing
Signage & Displays*

MAKE A CONNECTION

IDEAS FOR READER'S ADVISORY INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS

if you like *then try* *here's why*

 <p><i>The Diviners</i> by Libba Bray</p>	 <p><i>Darker Still</i> by Libba Bray</p>	<p>Both are paranormal mysteries set in Manhattan in the early 1900s.</p>
 <p><i>Clockwork Angel</i> by Cassandra Clare</p>	 <p><i>Something Strange and Deadly</i> by Susan Dennard</p>	<p>Both feature a girl trying to save her brother and have steampunk elements.</p>
 <p><i>Grave Mercy</i> by Robin Lefevres</p>	 <p><i>Shadowfell</i> by Juliet Marillier</p>	<p>Both are set in fantastical lands where a girl with magical powers must save her kingdom.</p>

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY teen zone



*As a Resource, Use Technology
to Follow other Professionals*

MAKE A CONNECTION

PROFESSIONALS TO FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter

- *@usd259libraries*
- *@goodreads*
- *@ksschoollib*
- *@yalsa*
- *@teenreads*
- *@fierceReads*
- *@BookBub*

Instagram

- *Scholasticinc*
- *Mrsb_reads*
- *Librarianlaci*
- *Libraryjems*
- *Mrsoslibrary*
- *Boss_librarian*
- *Kidlitbookaday*

AUTHORS TO FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- *Marissa Meyer - @marissa_meyer*
- *Kwame Alexander - @kwamealexander*
- *Ally Carter - @officiallyAlly*
- *Sharon Draper - @sharonmdraper*
- *Rachel Russell - @DorkDiaries*
- *Cassandra Clare - @Cassieclare*
- *Sarah Dessen - @sarahdessen*
- *Meg Cabot - @megcabot*
- *Jason Reynolds - @JasonReynolds83*
- *Rick Riordan - @camphalfblood*
- *Gene Luan Yang - @geneluenyang*
- *Mo Willems- @MoWillems*
- *Jon Klassen- @burstofbeaden*
- *J.K. Rowling- @jk_rowling*
- *Neil Gaiman- @neilhimsel*
- *Rainbow Rowell- @rainbowrowell*
- *Patricia Polacco- @PatriciaPolacco*
- *R.L. Stine- @RL_Stine*

*When all else fails, ask the reader
if they have a cat or a dog!*

MAKE A CONNECTION

LET'S PRACTICE MAKING A CONNECTION

Reader's Advisory Scenarios

CONNECT WITH OUR PANEL...

USD 259 Elementary & MS Librarians

QUESTIONS FOR OUR PANEL...

Young Adult Librarians

Wendy Fjorden, previous high school librarian, current district library support, and future middle school librarian (wfjorden@usd259.net and @WendyFjorden)

Kelly Frederick, previous high school librarian and current middle school librarian (kfrederick@usd259.net and @Mayberry(LMC))

Christy Goentzel, middle school librarian (cgoentzel@usd259.net and @wpsbrookslib)

QUESTIONS FOR OUR PANEL

Children's Librarians

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Rhonda Willome, elementary school librarian, (rwillome@usd259.net and @lo_library)

Andrew Gonzalez, elementary school librarian (agonzalez@usd259.net and @MrGLibraryMan)

Lauree Moore, elementary school librarian (lmoore@usd259.net and @LibraryMaus)

NOW YOU CAN CONNECT WITH THE NEXT
READER THAT CROSSES YOUR PATH...

Thank you!

RESOURCES

Flow Chart Book Lists-

<https://karissamlis.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/flow-chart-booklists.pdf>

Personalized Book Suggestion Form- (scroll about halfway down)-

<https://ontarianlibrarian.com/2015/02/13/interactive-readers-advisory-flow-chart-display/comment-page-1/>

Questions and Answers for display or flowchart-

<https://karissamlis.files.wordpress.com/2015/01/questions-and-answers.pdf>

RESOURCES

Teachers Pay Teachers-

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/FreeDownload/Famous-First-Lines-Book-Quote-Posters-with-black-AND-white-backgrounds-2715371>

Teachers Pay Teachers-

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/FreeDownload/High-School-English-Bulletin-Board-Epic-Opening-Lines-FREE-Easy-to-Build-2792014>

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