



Battle of the Books Middle School Book List

The Thing About Jellyfish

The Fourteenth Goldfish

Phantoms in the Snow

Double Identity

What Elephants Know

Independence Hall

Because of Winn Dixie

The False Prince

Three Burps and You're Out

Big Nate in a Class by Himself

Phineas Gage: The Man with a Hole in his Head

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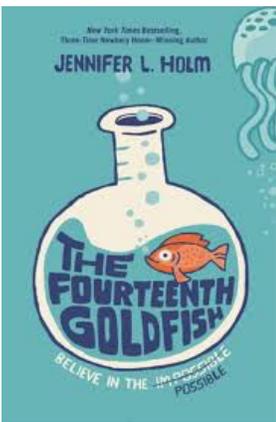
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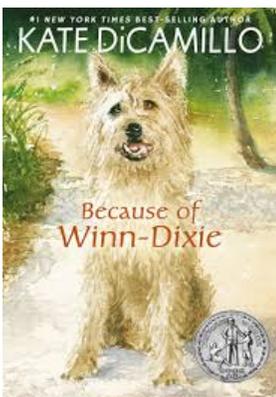
“Suzy is convinced that the true cause of her best friend’s death must have been a rare jellyfish sting. She crafts a plan to prove her theory—even if it means traveling the globe, alone.”

“...destined to become an American classic. I picked it up intending to read a little here and there.. and before I knew it, I had finished the entire book. I especially loved learning so much about these creatures.”



“I wish I had had this book when I was younger. I never really liked science that much and I think books like this would have changed that.”

“Eleven-year-old Ellie doesn’t like change. But, one day a strange boy shows up. And weirdly enough . . . he looks a lot like Ellie’s grandfather, a scientist who’s always been slightly obsessed with the secret to eternal youth. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin?”



“What didn’t I like about this book? It ended.”

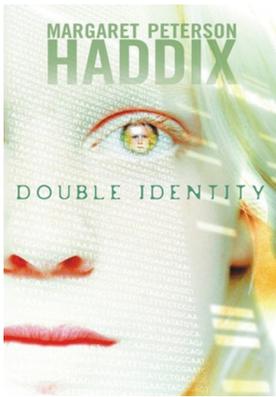
“This book will charm you to your toenails whether or not your daddy is a preacher, you live in a small Southern town, or your dog sneezes when he smiles and is named for a supermarket chain. BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE follows newcomer Opal Buloni as she acquires a ratty, smelly mutt in the aisles of the grocery store, grooms him, and loves him. The dog loves her back and her minister father too.”



“Historical fiction about WWII with a completely different angle than I’ve ever read before.”

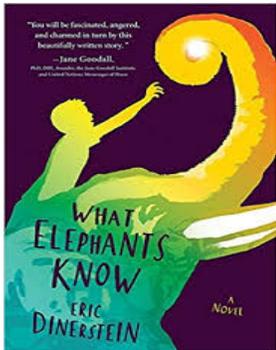
“I had no idea that the US Army trained a division of skiing soldiers known as Phantoms in the mountains surrounding Camp Hale, Colorado. The Tenth Mountain Division trained in brutal conditions to be able to tackle any mountain through skiing, rappelling and climbing, no matter the weather.”

“15-year-old Noah has been raised as a pacifist, a person who doesn’t believe in going to war to settle disputes. But when his parents die and he is sent to live with his Uncle – at Camp Hale will he become a Phantom soldier?”



“Haddix strikes gold again with this suspenseful, mysterious and emotionally charged science fiction novel. Bethany has never been apart from her overprotective parents until one night she is left at the house of an aunt she never knew existed. Her parents aren’t telling her why they have to leave her and the longer she stays with her aunt, the less she knows about her parents.”

“I read this book in 7th grade which was, oh, four years ago, and I still have not forgotten it.”



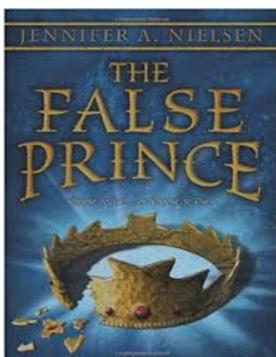
“This book was everything I wanted it to be. It made me cry, laugh, think, feel, and love animals even more. The ending gave me chills. READ THIS BOOK no matter how old you are!”

“While elephants do play a major role in this book, the story is mostly played out by humans, especially the narrator who was found abandoned in the jungle as an infant and considers an elephant to be his mother. So the thing I found here that I look for in books like this is that relationship of respect for animals and nature which is so abundant in these pages.”



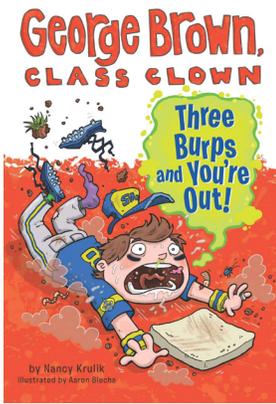
“An excellent spy novel for the modern age, the first I, Q book handles the topic of Middle-Eastern terrorism excellently, and he draws the lines at the right times. He makes the important distinction between Muslim and terrorist.”

“This book kept me on the edge of my seat! I enjoyed how it was real life and could happen in the future. One of my good friends recommended it to me and said it was a little “gory” but I did not think so at all! (I guess I’m used to books like this!) I would definitely recommend this book to 6th graders who love mysteries”



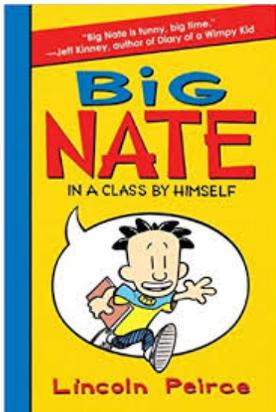
“Shut the front door that ending was fantastic....I did not see any of that coming. The last 1/4 of that book was just simply unreal. I also was impressed how the author was able to stuff so much material into a relatively short novel. (Mind you it is part one of a trilogy) I simply cannot say enough about this book. I loved the characters, the plot was fantastic and the twists and turns at the end just blew my mind. Well done! One of the best books I’ve read in awhile!”

“A mysterious man, an orphan, a kingdom, a ruler and a country in despair makes for the perfect recipe for grand epic adventure and fantasy. Effortless storytelling.”



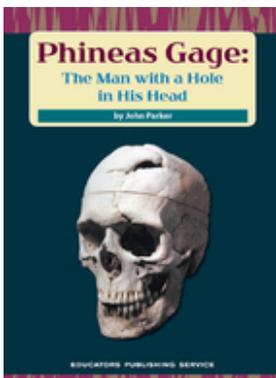
“George’s 4th grade baseball team wants to win the championship against the Klockmeister Kangaroos. George’s problem--the extra player on the team--is George’s super burp, an uncontrollable burp that takes over George’s body and makes him do ridiculous things.”

“A funny book with a protagonist who has magical burps? What could be better?”



A School Librarian says,

“I know I’m WAY out of the age range but this is literally one of the most requested children’s books at my library. Needed to know why the kids love it so much, and it’s simply because Nate is funny and pretty much does what kids wish they could do on a daily basis at school.”



“September 13, 1848, was a terrible day for Phineas Gage. He was working on a railroad in Vermont when an explosion sent a 3-foot iron rod crashing through his skull. Doctors were shocked to find that Gage was still alive and could even talk! How was this possible? And could he live a normal life after such an injury?”