



Battle of the Books Upper School Book List

A Prayer for Owen Meany

Where the Red Fern Grows

The Handmaid's Tale

Ghost

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Looking for Alaska

The Crossover

The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights

Bomb: The Race to Build- and Steal- the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

John Irving

Wilson Rawls

Margaret Atwood

Jason Reynolds

Kate DiCamillo

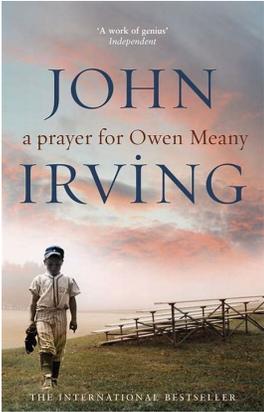
John Green

Kwame Alexander

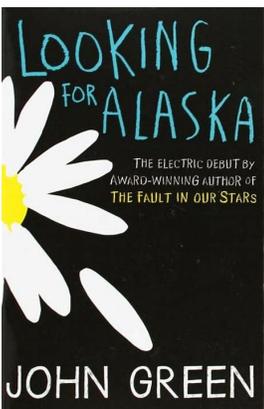
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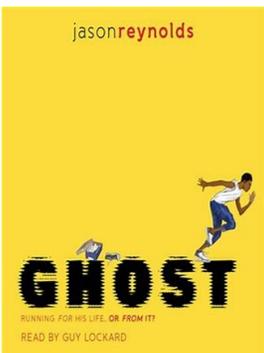
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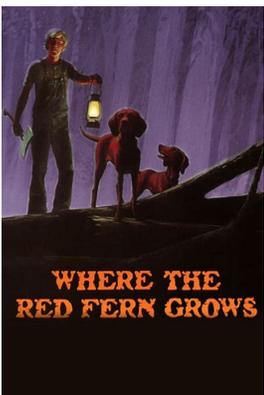
“I was trying to think of a book that made me laugh tears. And the first one that came to mind was Owen Meany. I couldn’t stop laughing, except for when I cried buckets. Rarely do I read books that shake my emotional equilibrium in the same entertaining way. Owen Meany in all his absurdities will stay with me forever.”



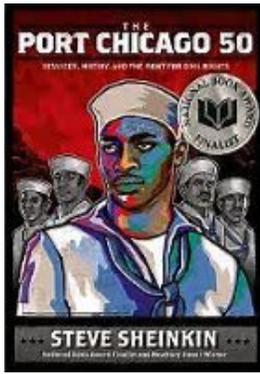
“This book, was by far the best book that I have ever read. It shows readers a thing or two about trust and living life to the fullest. It was amazing, no other author could have pulled off the surprise twist in the middle of the book the way Green handled it.”



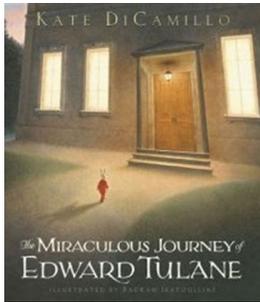
“(Ghost) does his best to move through the world under the radar to avoid trouble. Of course he fails. And that’s what I loved about this book. You have this kid who does a number of “bad” things, but it’s hard to get mad at him because his reasons, for the most part, are good. (The author) does an amazing job of getting this kid’s heart onto the page, and even when you’re like “Nooooo, Ghost! Don’t do it!”, you’re rooting for him.”



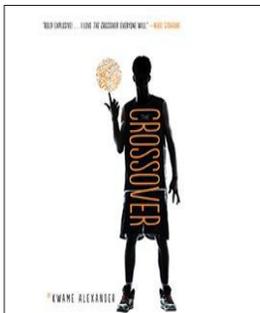
“I read this book when I was in school. One day I was waiting for class when an obnoxious boy decided it would be a good idea to take it. I informed him that it was my favorite book in the whole wide world and if he didn’t give it back that he’d be sorry. He then threatened to tear the book in half. With that I walked over to him, hit him over the head with my cast (I had broken my wrist a few weeks prior), took my book and calmly walked away. I think that a book that inspires someone to violence is worth reading, don’t you?”



“The Port Chicago 50 is a fascinating story of prejudice and injustice in America’s armed forces during World War II, and a nuanced look at those who gave their lives in service of a country where they lacked the most basic rights.”



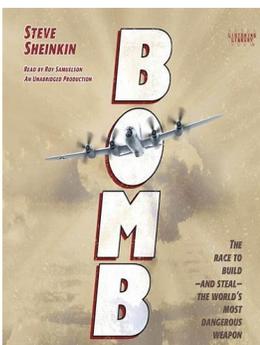
“I haven’t read a novel I absolutely loved from the very first sentence in a long time. I always say I have, probably because I want to believe that, but not every book is great and not every great book is exceptional. I want exceptional. Give me exceptional. Kate DiCamillo’s *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* is just exceptional.”



“Crossover is a great book. It has sports and poetry in it so it knocks out two genres with one stone. So I think that is cool that authors do that. Crossover is interesting and if you like trash talk and conflict you will like this book.”



“There are only a small handful of books that have affected me in a REALLY personal way. In a way that I always try to put into words and always, ultimately, fail. I have read a lot of books over the years and I’ve liked many, disliked plenty too, but out of the thousands I’ve read, there’s less than ten - maybe even less than five - that honestly hit me so hard that I would go so far as to say they changed me.”



“The book won the 2013 Newbery Honor and Sibert Medal from the American Library Association. This book follows the process of building the nuclear bomb. Bomb accomplishes exactly what Sheinkin wanted to do, which is tell history without being boring.”