



SAYRE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S Teen Book Reviews

Book Recommendations and Considerations Submitted by Local Teens
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THIRTEEN REASONS WHY

By: Jay Asher

On a day like any other, Clay Jensen receives a package on his doorstep containing seven tapes with thirteen recorded sides. After putting the first tape into a stereo in his garage, Clay discovers that they were created by Hannah Baker, a student from his high school who recently committed suicide. The tapes were produced to clarify the thirteen reasons why Hannah took her life. Clay will discover information that he never knew about Hannah as he walks through town visiting landmarks that were specified on a map created by Hannah. Thirteen Reasons Why is an intriguing story that contains many vital life lessons.

Submitted by: Miranda S.

METAMORPHOSIS

By: Franz Kafka

Gregor Samsa, a traveling salesman, wakes up in his bed to find himself transformed into a large insect. While the story itself is a little confusing to get into at the beginning, the story is an allegory. It examines some of the ideas held in existential philosophy. Some of those ideas are: existential philosophy, human free will, consequences and stress of making decisions, human nature through life choices, and so on. The book itself is a light read with only three chapters in it, and it's a bit depressing, but overall a decent book to read especially in English class.

Submitted by: Megan F.

Editor: Miranda S.



FOREVER FRIENDS

By: Tamela Hancock Murray

Kassia and Teague are partnered together in a friend's wedding. They end up going on a date just to get to know each other. Brad, a friend of Kassia, talks to her during their date and Teague feels jealous because of it. The more Teague learns about Kassia, the more he wants her in his life forever. Unfortunately, Teague loses his job and breaks an ankle; making him feel that Kassia could get someone better than him. Kassia slowly falls in love with Teague and becomes more involved in his life. Teague has a strong faith in God. Teague doesn't know if he should get involved with a woman who doesn't share that same strong faith. Eventually Teague and Kassia get married.

Submitted by: Emmie L.

FAHRENHEIT 451

By: Ray Bradbury

Fahrenheit 451 is an amazing book about a future that I had never imagined. One where no one is allowed to stop and smell the flowers and where billboards stretch miles just so one can read it because life goes by so fast. Where your “family” literally lives in the walls and where no one knows anybody. Where firemen burn books and houses that contain them. No one questions this until the day that a woman dies and the fireman that burned her starts to wonder if what they do is right. Is it really okay to burn things that the government doesn't like? Are books really all that bad? Read Fahrenheit 451 and find out.

Submitted by: Kali Jo S.

TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE

By: Mitch Albom

Mitch comes to find that his favorite college professor, Morrie Schwartz, has been diagnosed with ALS and will pass away within a short period of time. After having lost touch with his professor for many years, Mitch goes to visit him and becomes enrolled in the last course that Morrie will ever instruct. As Mitch learns numerous lessons about human existence, in topics such as forgiveness and death, he discovers what is truly important in life. Tuesdays with Morrie is an absolute must read.

Submitted by: Miranda S.