

TAC Book Reviews

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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

By: Mark Haddon

How much do you really know about autism? That is a question people don't think about often. Whether it doesn't come to mind, or they try not to think about living in such a way. This book tells what it is like to live with autism. Christopher is a boy who lives in England with his father and his pet rat named Toby. He goes to a school for kids with special needs, but can think so logically that he is taking upper level math classes. In the beginning of the book, Christopher finds his neighbor's dead dog and is deeply disturbed by it. He then decides to write a "mystery book" about him trying to find out who killed Wellington (his neighbor's dog). This book is told in his point of view and it is an excruciatingly interesting view. It shows how very logically he thinks and how he can't understand human emotions. I really enjoyed this book and it helped me to understand more about autism. I think The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time could be enjoyed by anybody as long as they kept an open mind while reading.

-Abby Davenport

Hush Hush

By: Becca Fitzpatrick

HushHush is about a fallen angel who fell because he fell in love with a human girl. Well a few hundred years later he saw this girl who thought he was evil and decided to stay away from him. But somehow they fell in love and she gets into trouble from his enemy. Will she die? Please read to find out! I love this book because its dangerous, exciting, romantic, and such a thrill! I recommend this to any one who loves to read romantic thrills as this!(-Megan Brown

Editor:
Abby Davenport

Handle with Care

By: Jodi Picoult

Handle with care is about a girl named Willow who was born with ***Osteogenesis imperfecta***. This is a condition where your bones are very fragile and they break very easily. Her parents, Charlotte and Sean, take Marium and Willow to Disney where there is an accident. The family gets treated horribly and one thing leads to another, and the parents decide to sue their doctor. **There's a catch. First, the doctor is a best friend and second they to testify saying they would have aborted their daughter if they know she had this condition prior to birth. Will it cause them to lose a family friend or hurt the daughter they love? I thought this book was amazing. It really makes you think, "What would I have done?" I think anyone that is open-minded and loves to read should read this book.**

-Marcella LeBlanc

Lord of the Flies

By: William Golding

A plane full of young British school boys crashes on a deserted, unknown island. The pilot is dead, the plane is gone, the boys are scared, now what? All of the boys gather on the beach of the island when they hear a horn being blown, which is Ralph blowing a conch shell. Soon after, Ralph is voted chief and all of the boys begin making a signal fire, looking for food, and exploring the island. This book by Golding is an exciting tale about young boys living without adults. They have to learn to survive on their own, which can be a very difficult task. There is an ongoing battle between Ralph, who always wants the signal fire to be burning, and Jack, who really wanted to be the leader and thinks hunting is more important than fire. This tale touches on instinct, rivalry, jealousy, tragedy, and bravery. Although parts of the book can be dull and hard to read, the ending of Lord of the Flies is a very captivating one.

-Abby Davenport

Wicked Lovely

By: Melissa Marr

Wicked Lovely is about one human girl who turns into a fairy queen! She has her human friend who loves her and then a fairy summer prince who has been entrapped to be a prince till he finds a girl who can overthrow his evil winter queen mother. Its a love triangle that will leave you breathless, between the trails the human must over come to be what the prince needs her to be and her feelings towards him and her best friend. Its a dangerous book with dangerous obstacles to overcome. Will she be the one to be the summer queen? Read to find out! I love this book because it has everything I look for in a book: Love, danger, the thrills! Everything about it is just amazing!

-Megan Brown

Love Finds You in Snowball, Arkansas

By: Sandra D. Bricker

Lucy is soon to be 30 and she still is single. She wants to find a man that will be with her for the rest of her life. So one day, Matt (her childhood friend) tells her about a trip the young adults group from church are going on and first she says no because she is not an outdoorsy girl but once she sees Justin is going, she immediately signs up. While on her adventure through the wilderness, she tries to get Justin's attention because she thinks they were meant to be. During this vacation, she finds herself in a difficult position... will she change who she is for Justin or has the right guy been right in front of her for her whole life? This is a very good book. Although the ending is predictable, it has a really good meaning. I think girls would really like this book. Even though it can be cheesy and silly, the meaning is very true. I do recommend this book to people who are willing to be open-minded and look past the cheesy parts.

-Marcella LeBlanc



Witch & Wizard

By: James Patterson

I like this book because its different then the other books I've read. It engages you with the author itself and if you like fantasy and magic than you'll sure to fall in love with this book as I did.

Its about a girl and her brother who are ripped away from her family and discover magical powers that they have. They must rescue all the kids of the nation and destroy the one who is the one. Scary right? Its drop dead exciting and I couldn't put it down! Can they save all the kids? Are they ever going to be back with they're family? Will the world be safe again? Read the book to find out. (:

-Megan Brown

A Thousand Splendid Suns

By: Khaled Hosseini

A Thousand Splendid Suns is a very powerful book. It's all about two girls...Mariam and Laila who live in Afghanistan. These two girls grow up in two completely different towns with two totally different families but have the same problem, marriage with Rasheed. Rasheed marries both girls at two different times, and they have to learn to get along and ultimately, stick together. This book describes the struggles women have to go through especially when it comes to marriage in Afghanistan.

My favorite part in this book is when Mariam first saves Laila from being beat the first time. To me, it shows that people can stick together even though they may hate each other. It shows that when it comes down to it, people do care about others and will try to help anyway possible. I highly recommend this book to anyone. Not only is it educational but it's very interesting and it always has a way to keep you wanting more.

-Marcella LeBlanc