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Readers Reviews

THE GIVER by Lois Lowry

The Giver by Lois Lowry is a very interesting book. It is about a boy who lives in a utopian society; they believe in equality and perfection for all. Their life is very different from ours. Everything is so perfect that marriages are set up, children are given to parents, everyone has a specific job, everyone must take pills to stop foolish desires, they do not see in color, and they cannot feel pain

or heartache.

One boy's world is turned upside down when he starts to see the truth and starts to see what everyone else in society is physically incapable of seeing; the truth. He starts to feel pain and is given the most important job of all time; being the Giver, the feeler of pain for the whole society. The book deals with many different interesting aspects and I would recommend it to any reader of any age. It is easy to

read, but extremely difficult to put down once you pick it up!

by Sarah D.

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Author Scott O'Dell

This book shows the problems that a 12 year old must face being on an island alone with only her little brother. She has to take responsibility over herself and her brother. I like it because the author tells it from the girl's point of view and uses many descriptive words making it seem as if you were right there in the story. Even though it may seem sad at some parts, it has a good moral. It teaches you the struggles that the girl must face and deal with. Scott O'Dell tells a heart-warming story that draws readers in so they have trouble putting the book down.

by Casey L

FRICITION: E.R. Frank

I recently read the book Friction, it is a thrilling novel on lying, friendship, and how to deal with problems. When a new girl shows up at the small school and starts telling lies about Alex she doesn't

know how to deal.

Then her best friend Tim starts to believe it too. But what if in every lie every told there is a sliver of truth? It is well written and a good read. It is available at the

Sayre Public Library.
By Kali S.

Guest Editor:
Sarah Dibble

WICKED by Gregory Maguire

Gregory Maguire has used brilliant word craft to complete his novel Wicked, which was based off the hit musical The Wizard Of Oz.

This novel is packed every page with lessons that should be noticed. Wicked teaches people about friendship, bravery, and most importantly about love. The novel Wicked is about what happened in the land of Oz before Dorothy dropped in, it describes and shows the life of the wicked witch of the west Elphaba, and how she has been misunderstood as the green girl. Elphaba was born green and the citizens thought she was evil because of it. This book shows the reader how Elphaba and Galinda the good witch became friends in school. But in the end Elphaba and Galinda discovered that because they knew each other they have been changed and can't look back at the past, they have to keep looking into the future.

This book is available at the Sayre Public Library.

I would recommend this book to people with wild imaginations and who are curious about how the wicked witch became wicked in the film The Wizard of Oz.

By Austin W.

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SPEAK by Laurie Halse Anderson

In Speak, we meet a freshman in high school who just does not fit in. We soon find that her story is deeper than this; she has a huge secret that is ruining her life. She can not tell anyone this secret, and soon becomes practically mute, and it hurts to even say one word. I would definitely recommend this book. Although it touches on some serious subjects, the author using dry humor and sarcasm that will keep the reader attached until the very last page.

By Sarah D.

JUST LISTEN by Sarah Dessen

In Just Listen, Annabel appears to have a perfect life. She is a beautiful model and comes from a fairly wealthy family. What else could anyone ask for? While reading this book, we come upon an unexpected truth: Annabel's life isn't nearly as perfect as it seems. She and her family have to suffer through many difficult things in life, such as an eating disorder, depression, and Annabel's secret tragedy. She finds herself distancing from her friends getting to know someone who she never expected to know, who not only tells her to "just listen" to a new type of music, but also introduces her to a new viewpoint on life.

This book kept me attached and I could barely put it down. It is highly recommended to anyone who wants to read a book about a teenage girl who truly does not have it all.

by Sarah D.