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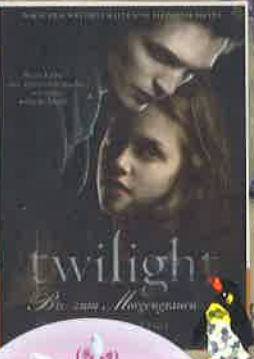
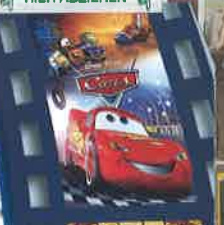
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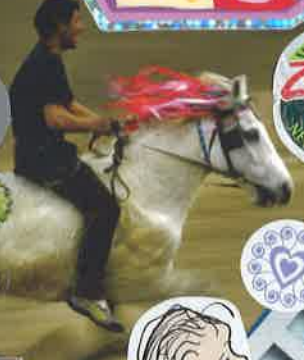


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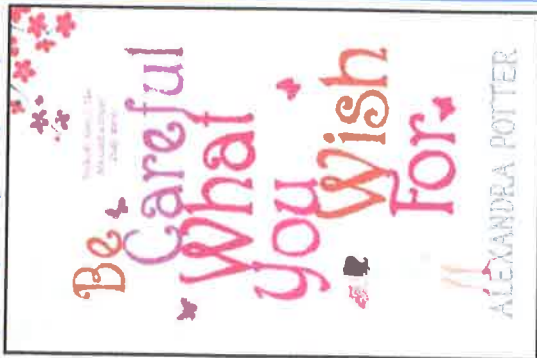
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1	Alexandra Potter	Be careful what you wish for	6.8.09	★★★	Nice!
2	Khaled Hosseini	The Kite Runner	8.9.09	★★★★★	Marvelous!
3	Lawrence Hill	Someone knows my Name	17.10.2009	★★★★	Fabulous!
4	Jodi Picoult	My Sister's Keeper	24.12.09	★★★★	Super!
5	Dennis Lehane	Shutter Island	4.1.10	★★★★	Fab!
	Well done!	Go on reading. There are many more interesting books!			
6	Khaled Hosseini	A Thousand Splendid Suns	17.1.10	★★★★	Wow!
7	Aldous Huxley	Brave New World	7.2.10	★★★	Great job!
8	Vikas Swarup	Slumdog Millionaire	14.3.10	★★★★	Tamabasic!
9	Zoey Dean	The A-List	21.4.10	★★★	You made it!
10	Lois Lowry	Number the Stars	22.5.10	★★★	Challenge yourself!
	Excellent!	You are a very good reader. You'll certainly find more good books in our library!			
11	Laurie R. King	Twisted	24.5.10	★★★★★	Thoughtful entry!
12	Nick Hornby	How to be good	10.6.10	★★★★	Brilliant
13	Laurie R. King	Fever 1793	13.6.10	★★★	You soar!
14	Nicholas Sparks	The Notebook	1.7.10	★★★	Terrific!
15	Ian McEwan	The Cement Garden	3.7.10	★★★★	Well done!
	Fantastic!	You are a real readoholic!!! You can be proud of yourself!!!			
16	Chris Cleave	Incendiary	5.7.10	★★★★	Way to go!
17	Jodi Picoult	Salem Falls	21.8.10	★★★★	Hooray
18	Cecelia Ahern	PS, I love You	27.8.10	★★	Yes!
18	Helen Fielding	Bridget Jones's Diary	12.9.10	★★★★	Dazzling!
20	Anne Simpson	Falling	10.10.10	★★★	Unique
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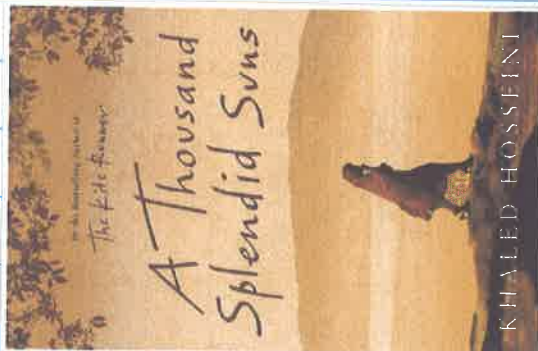
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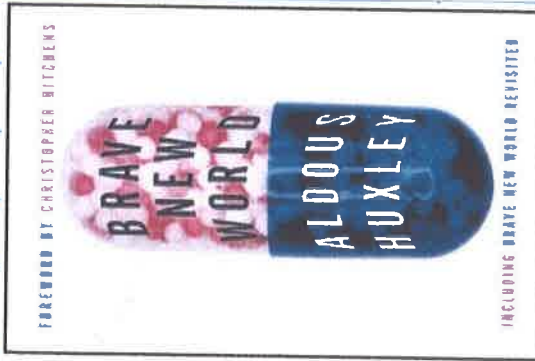
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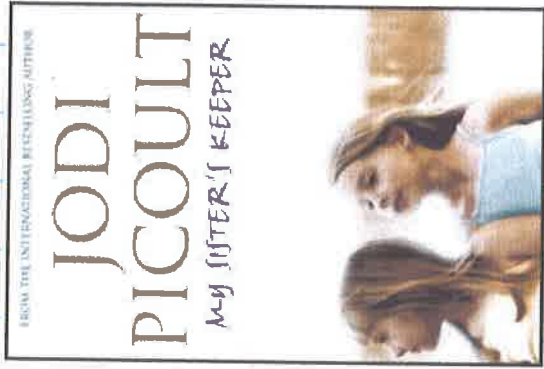
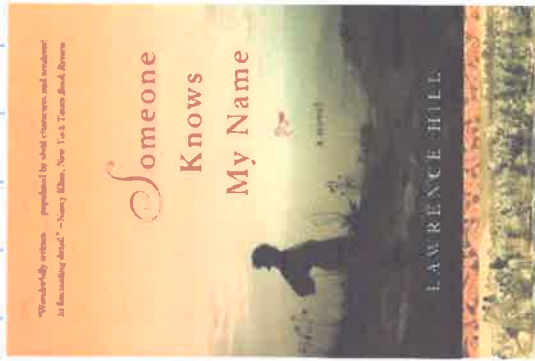


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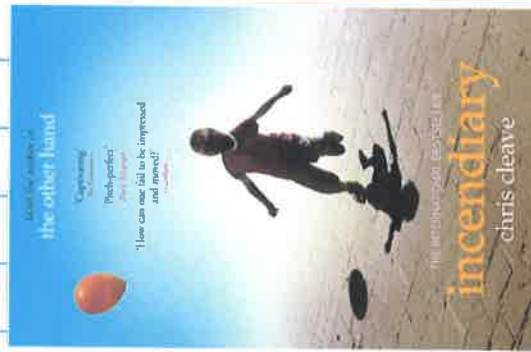


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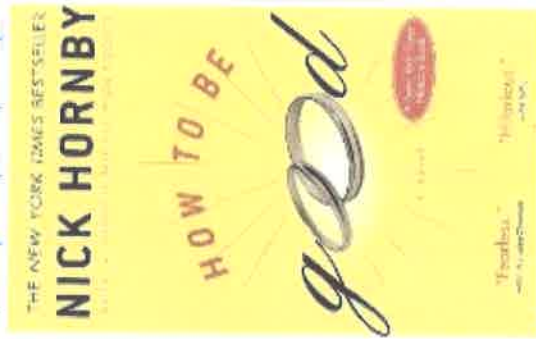




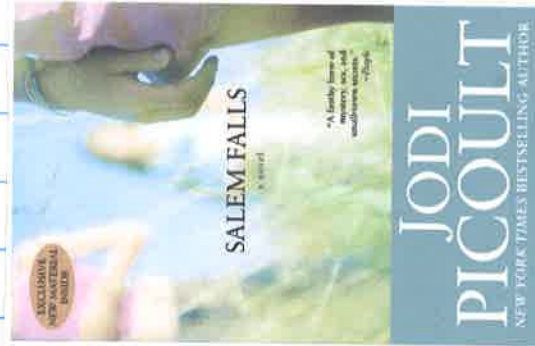
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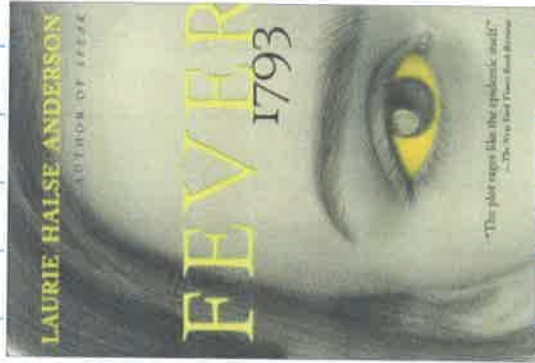
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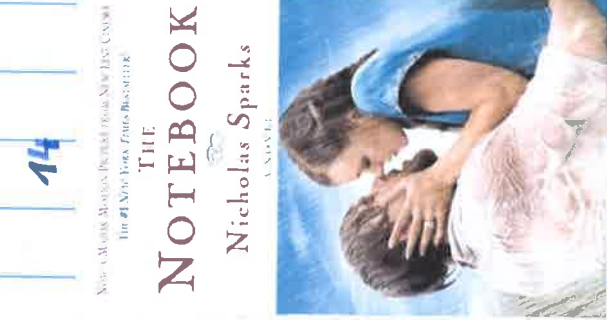
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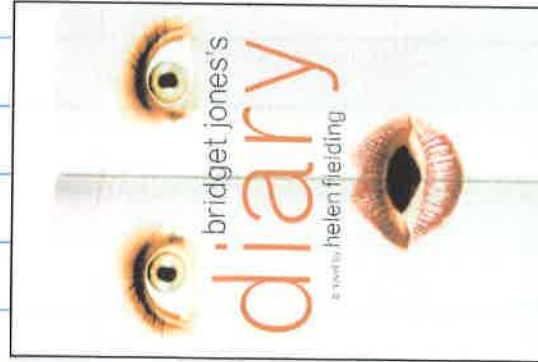
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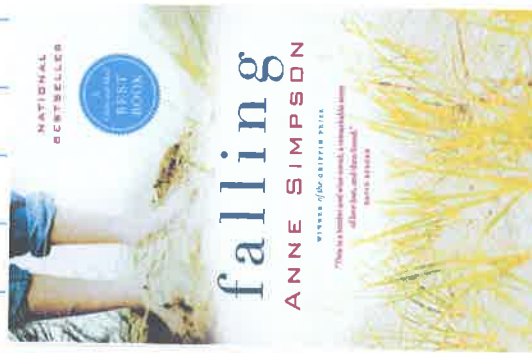
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# Be careful what you wish for

Written by Alexandra Potter



## CONTENT

Heather Hamilton is always wishing for things - not only big stuff, but mostly little everyday wishes like green traffic lights or getting a seat on the tube. Her only problem is, that she isn't very lucky and rarely any of her wishes come true. But then Heather buys a "luckyheather" from a gypsy and her life changes a lot ...

## BOOK REVIEW

After all the classics I have read in the last few months it was really good to read a light hearted book. Heather does have quite many problems, but they are not so serious, so that you can laugh about them and be happy that you aren't her, especially when the situation she is in seems familiar.

The book is written in an easy, fun style to read, especially Heather's thoughts are very entertaining. What I also liked was that there was a more serious situation too, when her father had the heart attack. Sometimes it annoyed me, that Heather didn't understand the most obvious things but thought there aren't any unexpected plot twists the story was fun and entertaining to read.



# The Kite Runner

Written by Khaled Hosseini



## CONTENT

The two friends Amir and Hassan grow up in Afghanistan in the 1970s. They have a good time together especially at the local kite-flying tournaments but then, one winter something terrible happens to Hassan at this tournament and it changes his and Amir's life completely...

## BOOK REVIEW

This story is definitely one of the saddest that I've ever read. The reason for which I liked the book so much is that I really got into the story - I felt with the characters and that doesn't happen very often.

I really hated Amir for what he (didn't) do to save Hassan, I just couldn't understand how he could stand there without doing anything.

Later I hated him even more because he treated Hassan so badly and made him move away.

What I liked very much were the unexpected plot twists and the ending because it wasn't a <sup>h</sup>Happy <sup>e</sup>Ending but a realistic ending with hope that fitted very well to the story.

You've made me very curious. I'll read it as soon as possible!

Marvelous!

# Someone knows my Name

Written by Lawrence Hill



## CONTENT

The book is the lifestory of a young African girl called Aminata Diallo who is kidnapped from her hometown in Africa as a child. <sup>She</sup> and <sup>and is</sup> crosses the ocean (to be) enslaved in South Carolina where she has to work in a plantation. Though she has already experienced a lot, this is only the beginning of her journey...

## BOOK REVIEW

I liked the story and that some of it was based on real historic events and real people. The story is really sad and moving but it didn't touch me right from the beginning, though it was very sad already from the first few pages onwards when she gets kidnapped. What really moved me was the part on the slave ship with all the (included) detailed descriptions of the horrible conditions.

I was happy when Aminata fell in love with Chekura, because I had actually liked him right from the beginning. So it made me even sadder when they were separated all the time. The worst part of the story was when both, her husband and her daughter, were gone. I felt really sorry for her. The only annoying thing about the book was, that it took so long to read it, but if you have enough time - read it!

You did a fabulous job, Johanna!





# Letter to Layout Department

Dear Layout Department,

I've read the book „Someone knows my Name“ and I have thought about an illustration for the beginning of „Book Two“, after Aminata has crossed the ocean and before she will be sold as a slave to Mister Appleby.

The color that is most present in my picture is black, which represents ~~the~~ fear. The fact that the black is above the other colors symbolizes that ~~the~~ fear is in a way always present for Aminata since she was abducted without knowing what was going to happen next. In another way it also represents the reader's fear and concern about what will happen to Aminata.

The green part represents hope. It is very small, because Aminata hasn't got much hope, but she hopes to survive and so this is the basic "force" against the black fear.

The blue part, that in some way "covers" the hope, stands for the pain and sadness Aminata has experienced so far, the death of her parents and the horrible journey on the slave ship. The reason for which it is above the hope is that Aminata's pain is bigger than her hope at that point of the story.

The bright red part represents ~~the~~ desire. In the reader's case it is the desire to go on reading, to see what will happen next, in Aminata's case it is the desire to go back home. This wish is bigger and stronger than anything else and it also helps to keep the fear away a little bit, for this reason the black doesn't directly attach to the red part.

I hope that you like my ideas and that my picture gave you a good overview of Aminata's and also the reader's situation.

Yours, Johanna Grünwald

This piece of writing is fantastic, Johanna!  
I am truly amazed.  
Your ideas are brilliant!

**Excellent**

# My Sister's Keeper

Written by Jodi Picoult



## CONTENT

Sara Fitzgerald leads a happy life until her daughter Kate is diagnosed with a rare form of leukaemia, but no one in their family is a genetic match for her. So Sara decides to have another child to save Kate. Her second daughter Anna is therefore "designed" to provide Kate with everything she needs: blood, tissue, bone marrow... However, at the age of 13 Anna decides that she no longer wants to do this and sues her parents for the rights to her own body...

## BOOK REVIEW

The story itself is really sad and the ending is even sadder but I somehow liked it because it fitted to the "character" of the story.

There were many things I liked about the book. One of them were all the excuses Campbell thought of, to take his dog with him to court or to hospital. I also liked that the story was told from all the main characters' point's of view and not just by only one person. I can really recommend the book, but people who like <sup>h</sup>appy <sup>e</sup>ndings, and only those, shouldn't read it!

I'd love to read it.



# SHUTTER ISLAND

Written by Dennis Lehane



## CONTENT

U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels and his new partner go to a hospital on an island for the Criminally Insane because a dangerous patient, the murderer Rachel Solando, has escaped from her room.

However, during investigating<sup>ons</sup> Teddy begins to notice that nothing on the island is like it seems...

## BOOK REVIEW

What I liked most about the book is, that it didn't take me long to get into the story. It didn't even take me 100 pages until I couldn't put the book down and because it was a quick read I finished it in two days. It hardly happens that I'm reading a book this fast.

The story had many unexpected plot twists and was told in a way that always made you know what was going to happen next.

I'm not really sure, if I like the ending but it was the better one of the two that were possible, though it was really shocking and sad.

I can highly recommend the book to anyone who likes this kind of story but otherwise don't read it.



You should work for a publishing house one day! Your reading diary entries are marvelous!!!

# A Thousand Splendid Suns

Written by Khaled Hosseini



## CONTENT

When Mariam is 15 years old she is sent to Kabul to marry Rasheed, who is a lot older than her.

Nearly twenty years later a friendship develops between her and the girl Laila who lives with them because her parents have died. Then the Taliban take over, and their lives change extremely...

## BOOK REVIEW

I wouldn't say that this book is better than Khaled Hosseini's first book "The Kite Runner" but it is also very good. The story is really heartbreaking and you really want a <sup>h</sup>Happy <sup>e</sup>Ending for the two women who have had such (a) hard (life). <sup>lives</sup>

Unfortunately, only one of them gets what she deserves. Still, I liked the ending, because it somehow gives you the feeling of hope and a better future.

I really liked that many events that really happened were described in the story because that made the way it was told much more realistic. There were quite many incidents and scenes where I had the feeling that they could really have happened like this in reality!



I'm reading it at the moment and I really like it, too.

# Brave New World

Written by Aldous Huxley

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## CONTENT

Far in the future, the ideal society has been created, with the clever use of brainwashing and drugs. Bernard Marx seems to be the only one who is not happy and so he decides to travel to a Savage Reservation, where people still live in the old, uncivilized way...

## BOOK REVIEW

I did not understand the story right away and while reading I often had to read the same page twice because I had lost track. Another reason why it was so hard to read for me was the language, because there were many words I didn't know and the sentences were often very complicated. I liked the story, especially the last few chapters when the Savage and Mustapha Mond talked about religion and God.

I think I wouldn't have understood the content of the book if I had only read the story, so I looked up some additional information in the internet and when I finally understood the book I also liked it a lot better.

Great job!



# SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

Written by Vikas Swarup



## CONTENT

Ram Mohammed Thomas has just won a billion rupees on a quiz show on TV, but instead of being celebrated, he is suspected of cheating and imprisoned. After all, how can a boy, who grew up in the slums of Mumbai answer 12 questions correctly about politics and literature?...

## BOOK REVIEW

At first I wasn't sure whether I should really read the book because I had already seen the movie, but the book is totally different from the movie that it didn't matter. It is <sup>hard to</sup> decide if I like the book or the movie better, I like both of them.

One of the big differences between the two stories is, that the story in the book isn't told in chronological order.

Ram tells his story in a way that they fit to the order of the questions on the quiz show. I really like the content of the book, there is sadness, happiness and enough emotions so you can really feel with the main character. Still, I must admit, that the ending was a little too happy for me and that there were too many coincidences, so that made the story a little too unrealistic.

I agree. I was also a bit disappointed by the perfect ending.



# The A-List

Written by Zoey Dean

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## CONTENT

17-year old Anna, daughter of wealthy parents, has always lead a good, unspectacular life. Now she decides, that her life has been far too boring so far and she decides to move to New York to live with her father. On the plane she meets Ben, a cute guy who she falls for immediately, but when she is introduced to his friends she notices, that she's not really welcome...

## BOOK REVIEW

This book belonged to my host in America. She gave it to me when I asked her about books she liked. I started reading there and finished the book within one week. It was really easy to read. I didn't like the story that much, normally I don't read books like this, it was a bit too superficial and full of clichés for me. What I liked was, that the story was told from different points of view and I often had to smile at the thoughts of the different characters.

The story was entertaining to read, but there were no unexpected plot twists, so I had the feeling that the ending would be very predictable. That the book didn't end like I had expected ~~it~~ made it more interesting to me again, but I still wouldn't read another book from the same series.



Tabulous that you managed to finish it while you were there!

# Number the Stars

Written by Lois Lowry



## CONTENT

The life of ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen in Copenhagen in 1943 isn't easy but it gets even more dangerous when her best friend Ellen has to move in with her to hide from the Nazis, because she is a Jew...

## BOOK REVIEW

I actually liked the plot, but I never really managed to get into the story. Although the feelings of the girls were described really well in the story, it didn't really "touch" me. I think the main reason for this is, that I'm actually too old for the book. Though it is a serious topic, the book was written for children and I really noticed that while reading. The language was just too simple and the plot wasn't exciting enough. Another thing that kept me from really getting into the story was that the book is very short, so the characters didn't have enough time to become interesting and the story was over before it had started.

I think I would have enjoyed the book if I had been a few years younger because it really is a children's book.

I agree, you need a more challenging book.



# TWISTED

Written by Laurie Halse Anderson



## CONTENT

High school senior Tyler Miller used to be the "guy in the background" who nobody bothered to pay attention to. However, his whole life changes after he gets caught spraying graffiti on the school. His new physique after a summer of workout outdoors to pay for it attracts the attention of his big crush who also happens to be his father's boss's daughter, his sister starts going out with his best friend and then he is suspected of a crime he hasn't committed...

## BOOK REVIEW

Laurie Halse Anderson is my favorite author of English books, because I just love the way how she can make simple language sound so funny you can laugh out loud after you've read a certain expression. "Twisted" is her first novel from a boy's point of view and I think the way she told all the incidents from the "opposite point of view" is just hilarious.

Not only the language but also the content of the book made it a page-turner. When I started reading I thought it would just be a usual high school love story about whether the boy gets the girl or not but it turned out to be much more than that.

The only thing I would change a little about the book is the ending, because it is a little too open for me. I would have loved to know how the story continues!

Very thoughtful entry!



# How to be good

Written by Nick Hornby



## CONTENT

Katie is in a carpark in Leeds when she tells her husband David on the phone that she doesn't want to be married to him anymore. Then, however, everything turns out to be totally different after David has been at a sort of spiritual healer to cure his back problems. He is so amazed by the healer's "powers" that he offers him to live with him, Katie, and their two children...

## BOOK REVIEW

I liked the book not only because of its hilarious story but also because of the language. It was easy to read and the language was quite simple. The few words I didn't know, I was able to understand through the context.

The story is really funny. It is a mixture of wry-day scenes and ridiculous incidents. What I really liked was, that Nick Hornby used many real people or places that do really exist to make the story more vivid. While reading I often found myself thinking about what I did, if I were Katie, but often I didn't have one clear answer and just kept on reading to find out what happened next.

Now, you've made me curious!



# FEVER 1793

Written by Laurie Halse Anderson



## CONTENT

Mattie Cook lives in Philadelphia during the summer 1793 when the yellow fever breaks out. At first everybody stays calm but then the illness turns into an epidemic and thousands of people are infected and die. Those who can afford it flee to the countryside. When her mother gets infected, Mattie has to make a choice...

## BOOK REVIEW

This is the first book I've read by Laurie Halse Anderson where the story does not take place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I actually like those a lot better, because you can play with the language if you write a "modern" story. In a story in the year 1793 this would just be ridiculous, here the content is more important. What I liked about the plot was that the author took many real people, places and incidents and made a story out of it by adding a little bit fiction. The fact that there really was an epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793 makes the story much more realistic, though I think that the ending is a little too happy to be truly convincing.



# The Notebook

Written by Nicholas Sparks



## CONTENT

At thirty-one, Noah is still thinking about his first love. Allie Nelson, the girl he met more than a decade ago, stayed in his mind though they haven't seen or heard from each other in many years. However, one day she is suddenly standing in front of his door and he falls in love with her again. The only problem is, that Allie's fiancée is waiting for her at home...

## BOOK REVIEW

I don't really like tragic love stories, but I still read the book. The beginning made me curious, but then the first part of the book was quite boring. Though a lot of emotions were mentioned, it didn't touch me.

I liked the last part of the story much better, because it was a lot more emotional in my opinion.

The language is really simple, but that makes it easy to follow the story. Sometimes I would have preferred a little more action instead of only descriptions, because there were quite a few boring parts.

I really liked the ending because it wasn't inappropriately happy, but still hopeful and optimistic.



# The Cement Garden

Written by Ian McEwan



## CONTENT

When the father of Jack, Julie, Tom and Sue dies, only her mother is left to take care of them since they have no other relatives. Their mother gets very sick and has to stay in bed all day until she eventually dies as well. Julie and Jack decide to bury their mother in the cellar, so that nobody finds out that she's dead and takes them to an orphanage...

## BOOK REVIEW

I am not really sure what I think about the book. The story is fascinating and disgusting at the same time. There were parts when I just wanted to put the book down and stop reading, but then I still kept on reading because I desperately wanted to find out what would happen next.

The question I kept asking myself while reading was, if it was <sup>possible</sup> at all that children would behave like the four siblings in the book. That Tom started dressing as a girl seemed quite plausible to me, if that was the way he dealt with both of his parents dying. However, that Jack slept with Julie, his own sister, was too weird and disgusting in my opinion. I liked the ending, because it is very open and you don't really know, what is going to happen next, so you can make up your own "final ending".

Yes, what a shocking and irresistibly readable book.



# incendiary

Written by Chris Cleave



## CONTENT

"Incendiary" contains four letters a deseperated mother wrote to Osama bin Laden after her husband and son died in a bomb explosion in a football stadion while they were there watching the game. In the letters, the mother talks about her life before and after "May Day", as they call the day of the horrible incident...

## BOOK REVIEW

When I started reading, the way the book was written made it hard to concentrate, because no commas were used. That the author always wrote "of" instead of "have" and also used some other strange words was quite irritating as well.

I liked the content of the book, but there were a few parts that were just too extreme and made the story partly ridiculous. The style and the language made the book fun and easy to read but in dialogs, I sometimes lost track of who was currently talking. The ending was really strange and I didn't like it. To me it seemed like the story got a little "out of control" towards the end.

I like that you are always very critical.



# Salem Falls

Written by Jodi Picoult



## CONTENT

Once a teacher, Jack St. Bride has <sup>d</sup> just <sup>to</sup> spent <sup>d</sup> 8 months in prison because a teenage girl lied about having a sexual relationship with him. Now he wants to start a new life in the small town Salem Falls, where he starts working as a dishwasher in a diner. Addie Peabody, the diner's owner, immediately falls for the handsome stranger but then history seems to repeat itself as Jack is accused of raping a girl in the forest.

## BOOK REVIEW

What I like about the book is, that it is told from different points of views, so you can really understand the very different opinions the main characters have about certain incidents. Another great thing about the book is, that it gets more exciting while reading. You start having doubts about things that were perfectly clear to you at first and after I had read the first two parts of the book, I couldn't put it down anymore.

That Jodi Picoult saved the biggest surprise for the last paragraph makes it even more interesting and shocking so that the book somehow stays on your mind even after you've finished reading.



# P.S. I love You

Written by Cecelia Aherm



## CONTENT

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Holly found her soulmate in Gerry, whom she had known since her childhood, and after they got married, she is the happiest wife on earth. But then, a few months before her 30th birthday, Gerry dies and Holly is devastated. After weeks of not leaving the house and avoiding contact to family and friends, Holly finds out that Gerry has left her ten letters, one to open each month, leading her into a life without him...

BOOK REVIEW

## BOOK REVIEW

I'm not really a fan of love stories, but a friend recommended <sup>to me</sup> this book, so I decided to read it. The basic idea for the story is good, but though it is a really emotional book, it didn't really touch me. To me it felt like I was always reading the same thing over and over again - Holly is sad, then she decides to go on living her life, then she is sad again, then she goes out with her friends to have some fun, then she is sad again... I would only recommend the book to people, who are really into love stories.



# Bridget Jones's Diary

Written by Helen Fielding



## CONTENT

Bridget Jones is a thirty-something singleton living in London. In her diary she writes about her hilarious experiences with men, her job, her weight and her mother. Things get even more difficult when she has to choose between two men and her mother runs off with her Portuguese lover...

## BOOK REVIEW

I expected the book to be funnier, than it actually was, but I also have the feeling, that I didn't get all of the jokes.

The way the book is written, was often a little confusing, because it just said: "Am going shopping;" instead of "I am going shopping." It took me a while till I got used to this style, but then I hardly noticed it any more. The language is pretty easy, but there were several words used from time to time, which I had never heard before, so I had to look them up. The plot itself wasn't too surprising so altogether, the book isn't extraordinary, but still an entertaining read.



falling



Written by Anne Simpson



## CONTENT

On a summer day a young woman has a car accident along the shores of Nova Scotia and is drowning while her brother Damian is sleeping nearby, unaware of what is happening. Almost a year later he and his mother visit his uncle in Niagara Falls and Damian meets Jasmine, who he falls for immediately. Still, he feels responsible for his sister's death...

## BOOK REVIEW

One main reason why I got this book is, that the setting is in Canada, Nova Scotia and Niagara Falls - both places where I have been this summer, so while reading I often had to think back to my holidays there, because the story includes lots of descriptions of these places.

The story itself was sometimes a little hard to understand and to follow because the points of view also often changed and the author also included things and stories that had happened before the actual storyline, so that was often a bit confusing to read. I kind of liked the ending, because it's really open, but on the other <sup>hand</sup> end it's also a little too abrupt and it takes you a while to figure out, that the story's over now.