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Dear fellow readers !



This is my reading log,  
join me on my book adventures  
through the most romantic, thrilling  
and page-turning stories.

My favorite books that I like  
to read, are mostly fantasy books  
like the Harry Potter franchise (I am  
still waiting for my Hogwarts letter to  
come), or the Lord of the Rings, the  
hunger games, Divergent, and many  
more !



So I hope you will enjoy  
this reading log !

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# DASHNER

## THE MAZE RUNNER



The Maze Runner - Summary / my opinion

heading

As you can probably tell from the heading, I am going to talk about the first book in the Maze Runner <sup>trilogy</sup>, which is also called, The Maze Runner.

When I first saw the book, I thought, well this looks brutal, and as it turned out, I was right. The story was written quite descriptive, but not too much, but also very clear and obvious what was meant. At some points the book gets really boring, even though sometimes very thrilling, shocking and brutal.



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I did not really enjoy how the book was written, that much and also the end, I don't want to spoil anything but, it was confusing and just too quick. All of the book was written so descriptive and then ... OKAY, well what just happened, is that the end? I would recommend this book to teens between 14 and 17, and if you choose to read this book, you should be a very patient reader and open to surprises. 😊

So basically, all this book is about, is that a boy named Thomas finds himself in a glade and just remembers his name. All the other boys there experienced the same. It's all about



And DO NOT watch the movie !!!

Yes - I fully agree !!!

→ group pressure (not in that sense like nowadays) but about who is the strongest, who is the leader and who is the smartest who gets to go out into the maze. But then, one day, a girl arrives and suddenly every one's faith changes. Some die, some live. And did I mention the Grievors? These huge monstrous, animal-machine things that kill you? Well now you know. This was not one of my favorite books, but all in all it was O.K.

# BETHANY

# HAMILTON

# SOUL SURFER

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This book. O M G. Inspiring, emotional, inspirational, real...

There wouldn't be enough words to describe this inspiring true story of Bethany Hamilton.

When Bethany was 14 years old, she was attacked by a shark, which bit her left arm off. Not that it

wouldn't have been as terrible for everyone as for Bethany, but she was <sup>training to become</sup> a pro-surfer and after the attack she started training and working out for hours a day. The year after she won the prize for 'Best comeback of the year'. Not only has she won that prize, but also countless others SURF competitions and championships. And today she is as good, or even better, than anyone with two arms!

 [www.diddi.com](http://www.diddi.com)



"Surfing is my passion, my way of life"

- Bethany Hamilton

"I don't need easy, I just need possible"

- Bethany Hamilton



This story has taught me so much about love, family and most importantly, not giving up! Bethany proved courage and bravery and strength, I can just look up to her!

After visiting elementary school for 4 years, she was homeschooled by her parents, just like most kids in Hawaii. She lives in a small city named Hawaii. Her family and friends mean everything to her. She is Roman Catholic and goes to church almost every Sunday. She has lots and lots of meets and greets where fans all around the globe get to talk, or at least see, to her. There is even a movie about her inspiring life with many good and known actors.



This book is perfect for anyone who likes good, passionate and thrilling stories. Everyone should read it, or at least give it a try. And if you are too lazy to read, I would definitely recommend the movie!

I'll read the book 😊  
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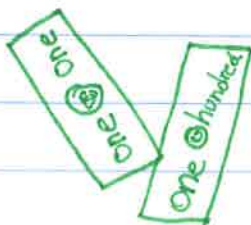
Fantastic!

# THE WA THE CLASS

This book we had to read for an english project at school, called: crossing borders. I first thought, well this is an, hm, interesting topic but I really enjoyed it!

This project was all about crossing borders physically and/or mentally. Like flying from Mexico to the USA, or, like in my book, finding out who you really are and exploring or doing new things. Especially in our age, I think it is important to talk about such things, because what we know, we understand, and understanding and love are probably the most important things in a world like ours!

This book's protagonist is Amy, a japanese girl with very strict parents. Her family is not one of the richest, but they aren't poor. Her brother married a white girl, and that's why her parents don't talk to him anymore, because they are very strict about culture and family. Amy's boyfriend Adam, is a very rich boy who lives in a very expensive neighbourhood, also in California.



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GLORIA MIKLOWITZ

In Amy's school they play this so called, colour game. It is called like this because you pick a bracelet with either the colours, blue, dark green, light green or orange. Blue represents the upper-class which are the superiors and the rich ones. Dark green is the next colour, they are the upper middle-class, which are not poor but working to become a blue. The next colour is light green, those are the lower middle-class, they don't have a lot of money and they have to work a lot. Last but not least we have the oranges, who are the lower-class and also the poorest. They can't afford proper living, sometimes and are not always treated well by

Amy, usually in real life ~~between~~ dark and light green, gets sorted into blue. Her real life blue boyfriend Adam, into orange. The class, all the kids in Mr. Otello's class had to attend the game, has to keep their bracelets, <sup>at</sup> all times, if not, they get punished. The kids also have to keep a journal, which they have to show the G4s, those are the game police, whenever they demand it. Whenever you face a superior coloured person, you have to bow to them, and do what they tell you, and you are not allowed to address them.

I loved and devoured this book. It's perfect for teens and it was so well written. I could put myself very good in the position of all the characters.

yes - we too.  
it's a clever book

OUTSTANDING

from the Harry Potter franchise

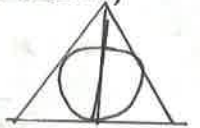
J.K. Rowling

# The Tales of Beedle the Bard

Just like all other books that were written by J.K. Rowling, it was amazing. It's so quick to read and I love her way of telling stories!

This book is a collection of old wizard tales, which are quite frightening, but always have a plausible moral to it. The story I liked the best is called: The Tale of the 3 Brothers

This is the story that Hermione read in the last book of the Harry Potter franchise, HP and the deathly hallows, because Xenophilius Lovegood, Luna's father, which they visited for a whole rather reason, was wearing the sign of the D&H around his neck.



This triangle on the right represents the 3 D&H, the line in the middle stands for the Elder Wand, the circle for the stone of Resurrection, and the triangle for the invisibility cloak.

But enough of this one story, I loved all of them, the one thing that really disgusted

me, was the story of The Warlock's Hairy Heart.

This story is written about a Wizard that wants to be the greatest of them all and therefore lays a ban on himself that makes him unable to love, so he can focus on his powers. But one day a beautiful woman visits his town, which is said to be fairer than any other woman any man had ever seen. So the powerful wizard invited her to come to his castle. After a few hours had passed and they were sitting at the dining table, he asked her to come with him, so he could show her something, his heart, which he cut out himself. In the End **SPILLER ALERT**

**SPILLER ALERT**.

This book, and these tales were meant to be for young wizards and witches, to be read or told by their parents at night when going to sleep. I don't think, I would read them to my children at night.

Conclusion, I loved it! I was amazed by all the stories and the creativity of J.K. Rowling, as always!

I can really recommend this book to all HP, fantasy, J.K. Rowling and magic, fans.

Stay tuned for Fantastic Beasts and where to find them and Quidditch through the ages.

Wow ♡,  
you are an  
expert in the  
field.  
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# FANTASTIC BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM

Surprisingly, this book was published a few years after the fourth book, HP and the Goblet of Fire, in the franchise, came out. Even before the 5<sup>th</sup> one. This book was written kind of like a Lexicon, every magical creature ever mentioned in the history of magic, you can find in here. My favorite ones were the Merpeople (sirens, selkies or mermaids). I have always loved water, swimming, and the first movie I had ever seen was Ariel, the little Mermaid, ever since then I sang and swam. And now there are magical creatures in the world of HP, which I absolutely adore and dedicated my childhood to, that live under water! Amazing! The merpeople in HP also share a love for music, how great is that?! To each creature in the book, however, you can find classifications of how dangerous they are, also in the description it is mentioned, what the creature looks like, where it can be found, what are his dislikes and likes, and so on. Another one of my favorites was the Unicorn, just because Unicorns ARE AWESOME! This copy that I have is the newest one so far, in it are handwritten comments from Ron, Hermione, and Harry, very amusing! And even Dumbledore himself wrote the introduction.

I know I always repeat myself, but J. K. Rowling is without a doubt, my favourite author! I loved this book. All these details and I am always astonished by the wide range of her fantasy. Not only did she make all the creatures up, but also included several ancient mystical creatures.

What I also liked about the Hogwarts library, The tales of Beedle the Bard, Fantastic Beasts and where to find them and Quidditch through the ages, is, that the reader really has the feeling he is in this magical world because of how these books are written and build up and structured: The book belongs to a famous witch or wizard from the world of HP. It was written by a famous, historical, magical person and published in almost always the middle ages (it can also go back to B.C.). Even the price is included, in Galleons, Kuts and Sickles (Wizard money in Harry Potter)

In all 3 books of the Hogwarts library there are lots of footnotes included, really everything is explained, so cool.

I can really recommend these books / this book to EVERYONE!!

P.S.: In 2016 there is a movie coming out called: Fantastic Beasts and where to find them! I am really looking forward to seeing it!

I'm sure the pictures in your head are even better.  
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# QUIDDITCH THROUGH THE AGES

Let me start with the recommendation of the book! This book was full of history, Quidditch history. All the players, different names of the game, how it was played in the last centuries, it was really interesting! And if you are totally into Harry Potter, sports (Quidditch especially) and history, then this is the perfect book for you. As always, of course, it's beautifully and really good written, although J.K. Rowling's writing style is always to be recognized as her's and similar to all her works, she always surprises me! In a good way! I love her works. This, Quidditch through the ages, is one of the few works of J.K.R., that I had to read slowly and carefully. There was so much information and so much "knowledge" I'd say about this sport! There are dozens of Quidditch teams even, Ron's favourite: The Chudley Cannons. Did you know that every Quidditch team's name consists of 2 words that start with the same letter? And that the golden snitch, smallest ball in Quidditch, gold and to be found/catched by the seeker, was named after a bird? Well now you know! Old articles and diary entries are also being shown in this book, in order to tell the story better, by the help of Written Sources (we learned that in history and I am just right now so proud of myself that I still know that :)) Anyway, I can only say good <sup>things</sup> about J.K. Rowling's works!

Read the book!

Yes, it's a magic world  
that she has created +!

# DIVERGENT

DIVERGENT is one of those books, where I made the horrible mistake of watching the movie first!


I don't like watching movie adaptations from book series or good book in general, I mean there are lots of good adaptations like the Lord of the Rings, the Devil wears Prada or Twilight (HA, just kidding), but the books are always better!

Even though Divergent the movie wasn't too bad in comparison to the book, but kind of incomplete and not all the same as in the book.

I did like the plot, the story about our future and having different groups with different 'powers', rather specialties. But then later on the idea was kind of brutal, in a way.

(Somehow, I was just wondering, it seems to me as if dystopian fiction is really popular at the moment)

I especially loved the chasing ceremony, I don't know why but such scenes always get to me personally. Also, Tris's 'changing process' was really interesting to watch, and also the tension between Tris and Four (Tobias), which later on turns into love.

All in all, I really enjoyed reading this book, I like Veronica Roth's writing style, and became a real fangirl over the franchise! I also really regret not reading THIS book for our reading/dystopian fiction project in school, but the more runner . I can recommend this book to fans of dystopian stories, action and well written books, and to almost all ages between 13-40...

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Read the sequel... 

# REFUGEE - PROJECT

In school we had a refugee-project for which we had to read a refugee-crisis related book or one that told a story of a refugee.

For myself, I couldn't decide which one to read, so I just read

3: I am Malala, A long walk to water and

In the sea there are crocodiles THE STORY OF ENAHATOLLAH AKBARI

Even though this was probably the saddest project in school so far, it was the most interesting and so teaching.

At Christmas we went to the cinema as every year and watched the moving documentary film of Malala. She is such a strong, passionate, beautiful young woman. I admire her so much. It's amazing but frightening what this 18-year old girl had to go through. The way she talks about these horrible events and the Taliban in her book made me cry a couple of times reading it. The pictures in the book are so frightening and the fact that this is all happening in many places of the world is unimaginable. I admire her so much for her passion and not giving up. As she tells us in her book about the new life she started with her family in England seems so very day-like. She attends school, fights with her brother as all siblings do, as every other kid her age. But what differs her from others are the speeches she holds, the visits she pays to kids around the world, the rights she fights for and her close relationship to her father, who is also a very inspiring man. I loved reading this book even though it was so sad and moving.

A long walk to water and In the sea there are crocodiles were quite similar books. They were both stories of refugee kids and their lives in a war-torn country and how far they travelled. A long walk to water told two stories that started off completely different. One was about a girl that lived in a small village with her family and had to walk 8 hours every day to supply her family with water. As the story develops at a different time of the year her 'title' and she moves to a place closer to a lake. At that place a company starts a project by drilling down into the sand and building a school and medical center for the local people.

The second story is about a boy that loses his family during a bombing of his school and home town. As he runs into the bushes and travels for months with various groups and people his life takes a drastic turn. He experiences terrible things, has to see people die and struggling for their lives. As the years pass by and he becomes a young man he has been to many refugee camps and as he finally arrives in the US a completely new, safe life starts. He even attends a college and becomes a successful businessman that has projects near his home country and around the world to help people in war-torn countries.

He builds schools, water canals and medical centers and gets to know people, and one of them is the young girl from the first story in the book.

In the sea there are crocodiles was a very well described book. It shows and tells the entire way of the refugee boy as he flees from his home country Afghanistan to Italy to start a new life. Like in the other book he travels with

groups through many countries and deserts.

At the very beginning of the book his mother tells him to promise her to be a good man and not to do any harm to anyone unless it is for the safety of his life. This story takes on his amazing and dangerous journey through deserts and having to experience how his travel friend gets eaten by a lion. This book very clearly describes how the voyage was for him and how things take place in these refugee groups. It's a very moving story and it should be known by everyone that thousands of humans have to go through such terrible things every day. It's unimaginable and I wish all of those terrible things wouldn't take place and that's why it's so important that such stories get shared and that this topic is being practiced and discussed in schools and with young people. Everything that can be done to help people affected by war and terror, should be done to stop this horror.

# NOUGHTS

# CROSSES



So this book called noughts and crosses is another one that we had to read for a school project about civil rights and the sixties. We talked a lot about the civil rights movement in America, this was such an interesting topic to talk about!

So anyway this book plays in a world where the roles of blacks and whites are swapped and the poor low-class whites are being called NOUGHTS and the rich high-class blacks are called the CROSSES. It's really a story based on the events and how people lived in the 60's.

This book specifically is about a love story, a forbidden love story (duh (ಠ\_ಠ) (ಠ\_ಠ) (ಠ\_ಠ)) Callum who is a 16 year old white boy lives with his family in a small wooden house whereas Sephy, a rich black girl and daughter of the mayor of the city, is a few years younger than Callum. They have been best friends since Callum's mom started working as the Madley's cleaning lady when their kids were in kindergarten age. This book follows their tragic, dramatic and forbidden love.

Throughout this book all characters go through some kind of change and towards the end the book gets more and more darker and thrilling. It has quite an open end so I am really looking forward to reading the second one. Good job Melorie Blackman.

# GAME OF THRONES

The book franchise called 'A Song of Ice and Fire' by George R.R. Martin is one of the most popular, and definitely one of the best. 5 books have come out so far and at the moment he is in the process of writing the 6<sup>th</sup> one, for which the whole GAME OF THRONES fan community is impatiently waiting for. A very successful TV-show adaptation of the first 5 books was made. The release date of the first book, which I just read was 1996 whereas the first season aired in 2011.

This is the BEST book I have ever read. The language he uses is kind of a little old and sometimes for me a bit hard to understand, but the way he build the story is just amazing. This franchise has lots of main characters like Daenerys Targaryen, Tyrion Lannister, Jon Snow, and many more. Each chapter is the story of one of them and they always change and occur again, that's what I found so fascinating.

Basically all these books are about is: There is a continent called Westeros, which is divided into lands ruled by high houses (7 Kingdoms). There is one 'iron throne' upon which sits the King of the 7 Kingdoms. So everyone wants to be king and there is lots of fighting, killing, torture, rape, sex, magic and these things involved.

I could go on and on talking and gushing about how extremely great these books are. I am so looking forward to finally finishing this book series, it's the best. I adore it !!

# LORD OF THE FLIES



So yet another book we had to read for school. You hear quite a lot of this book being mentioned in movies and other books. It is said to be one of the best children's books. It is true I really liked how the book was written (almost always at least). I found it quite interesting how the author chose things to be happenend. On the very beginning of the book I was quite bored because it sort of duells and there is lots of description. As one first gets to know all the characters and learn about the situation it's quite confusing. But it is true that some character traits relate to people our age. (Not as extreme as it gets towards the end of the book, but a bit) As the story and the characters develop throughout the book, I was starting to get confused who is allied with whom, Simon who has a complete mental breakdown, the murders. It become more and more shocking as the boys experience these things while on the island. It's also interesting how one gets to know each boy and also the island as they explore it.

I actually thought I would like this book more because one only hears good of it but at one point I just got lost.

But what bothered me the most was the ending. I mean, it's so unrealistic that after all what happened they all (well the ones that were still alive at the end) get rescued as if nothing had ever happened.

My conclusion: Well-written but weird ~~~