

Book Choices

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

Brandon is visiting his dad on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the attack comes; Reshmina is a girl in Afghanistan who has grown up in the aftermath of that attack but dreams of peace, becoming a teacher and escaping her village and the narrow role that the Taliban believes is appropriate for women--both are struggling to survive, both changed forever by the events of 9/11.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans

Michael Vey, a fourteen-year old who has Tourette's syndrome and special electric powers, finds there are others like him, and must rely on his powers to save himself and the others from a diabolical group seeking to control them.

24 Hours in Nowhere by Dusti Bowling

Welcome to Nowhere, Arizona, America's least livable town. For Gus, a bright 13-year-old with dreams of escaping, life there is made even worse by bully Bo Taylor. When Bo tries to force Gus to eat a spiny cactus, Rossi Scott, one of the best racers in Nowhere, rescues him by relinquishing her prized dirt bike. Gus agrees to do anything to get it back even if it means going into a deadly mine to hunt for gold.

The Scourge by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Sent to a quarantine colony for plague victims where she anticipates a short and painful life, Ani Mells uncovers sinister truths about the plague and the colony as well as her own unwitting role in a devious plot.

Squirm by Carl Hiaasen

Billy Dickens discovers that his mysterious father lives in Montana, so this summer Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, and save his own father.

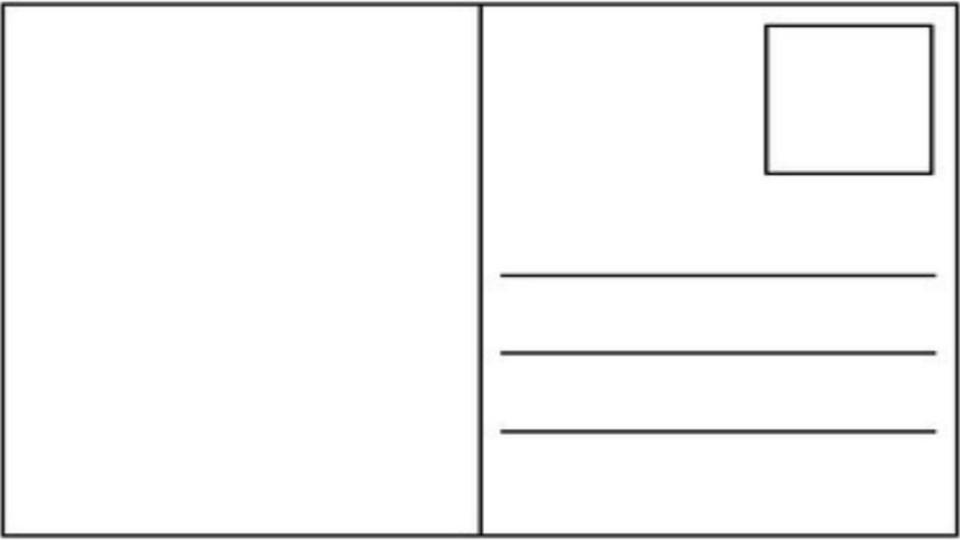
A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West--four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

Write a postcard to your sixth grade teacher. The note needs to include the following:

- *Title and author of the book you read
- *A brief summary of the book
- *Your favorite part of the book
- *Explain if you would recommend this book to others

On the front of the postcard, create a new book cover for the book. It should represent the heart of the book and include the title and author.



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