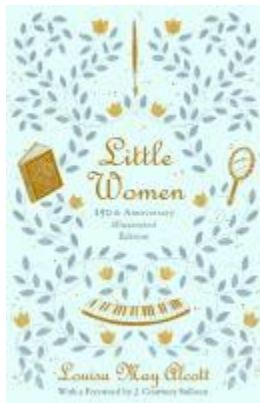


Books Reviews by Teens

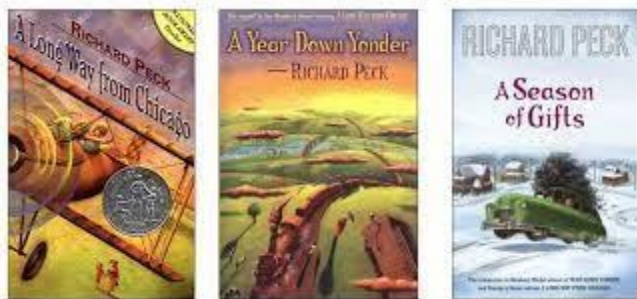


This review will include ****spoilers**** about **the movie and novel**. The award-winning film **Little Women** directed by Greta Gerwig, based on the classic book *Little Women* is a great movie to watch on a nice cold winter night. The plot is based on sisters who have a connection like no other. The narrator brings us along as we read about their daily sisterhood problems and life problems as well. Their father serves as a chaplain for the Civil War, so he is very distant. However, he loved calling them his little women, hence the title of the movie. The household is all full of women, with the four sisters and their mother. Jo March, one of the sisters, lives in New York City and makes a living as a writer. Amy, her sister, pursues her dream as a painter in Paris. Oldest, Meg, becomes a school teacher, and as of Beth, she develops a severe illness and later passes away, which helps bring the family stronger together.

Additionally, Theodore, who proposed to Jo but got rejected, gets his chance with Amy in the end. I would recommend watching this movie or reading the novel to others as having siblings; it was relatable and funny. There were several emotions conveyed throughout that kept me intrigued. The plot twist of who Theodore would be within the end also was shocking but made me feel good. Amy and Jo have a very conflicted relationship, even leading to Beth's death, but their bond was very tight. In my opinion, I would give this movie five stars out of five as I also read the book, and it was a great representation, and the book would also be five stars for me as the plot was excellent and light-hearted.

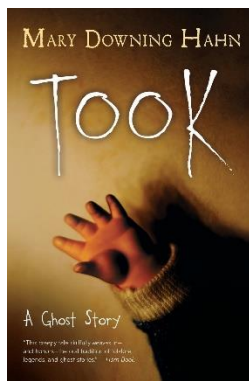
Book Review: A Year down Yonder

“A Year Down Yonder” by Richard Peck talked about two grandchildren who were going to see their grandma and stay there for the summer. It talked about the connection they had with grandma and a lot of funny parts and how they enjoyed their summer with their grandma. They did a lot of pranks that will make you laugh. This book has a few other books that connect. If you like funny fiction books I recommend reading this book. Richard Peck did a great job by connecting the other books and making one big book series. I hope you read this fabulous book by Richard Peck.



Book Review: Took

Another great book was “Took” by Mary Downing Hahn. Mary Downing Hahn writes great scary children books. When I read “Took” I thought it was a very good book. It all made sense and the way she made the book scary was awesome. Also the plot of the story was great and her ideas were very clear. She also has other great scary books that I recommend you should read if you like scary books. “Took” was more about a family who moved and how a mother gave her 5 year old daughter a doll since she didn't want to move and how that doll was a ghost. “Took” was a fabulous book to read and I will continue to read her other books as well.





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I am reviewing a book called **"Guts" by Raina Telgemeier**. Guts is about the author Raina. She is struggling with IBS which is Irritable Bowel Syndrome. Everybody goes through this syndrome differently, The way Raina goes through it is whenever she stresses about something her stomach hurts and then her stomach hurting makes her stressed. She is also scared of vomit. Her parents were confused about what was going on and she was absent a lot of days from school. Eventually, her parents decided she go to therapy, There with her therapist, she discussed what was going on.

Later with her therapy, she finds things that help her not stress that often like drawing. She also gets teased by some of her friends because they start noticing she doesn't eat as often and they say things like, "do you have an eating disorder." She later goes to a doctor, which is where she gets her diagnosis. IBS is something that is not curable but tends to go and come from time to time. The most important thing her doctor told her was to not stress. I'd rate this book a 9/10. I would recommend this book to everyone. This book is for those who struggle with stress and don't know how to help themselves or others. Thank you for reading my review!



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I am reviewing a book called **"Smile" by Raina Telgemeier**. Smile is about the author Raina. It starts from her losing her two front teeth during an accident, to the other tooth being stuck up in her gums, to her finding out she doesn't have true friends. During this book, Raina constantly goes through many rollercoasters. She feels things are going to get better, but they get worse. She goes through a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached.

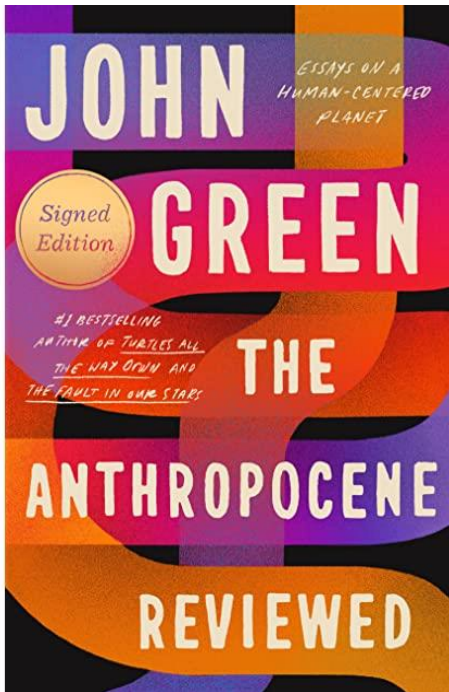
On top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. Raina's story takes us from middle school to high school, where she discovers her artistic voice, finds out what true friendship really means, and where she can finally ... smile. She also has to get root canals so she doesn't have to wear dentures at a young age. Raina thought high school would be better, but it started off being bad because every one of her friends had spent their summer with each other but they hadn't thought about inviting Raina. High School was still hard for her after she got new friends, but it seemed more fun with more and new people. I'd rate this book a 10/10. I would really recommend this book to everyone. Thank you for reading my review!



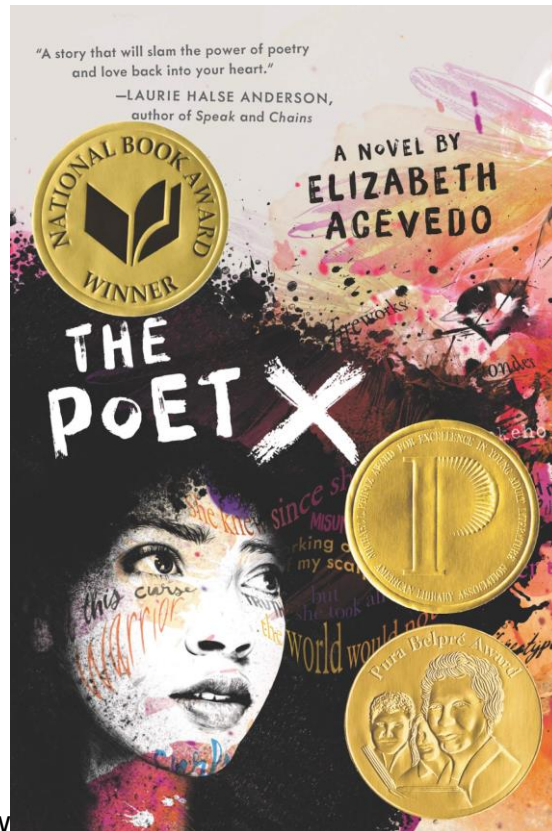
The Shining by Stephen King was an amazing book.

It's as though he built a haunted house and then filled every nook and cranny with detail. King is also at his best in regard to characterization, all well rounded and complete, we know family relationships, group dynamics, all the old hidden buried fears. The characters of Jack and his wife and child are described in so much amazing detail, it almost feels as if you know them. I would 100% recommend this book to anyone that loves thriller books or like Stephen King novels as this is probably his best.

The Anthropocene Reviewed



This is a nonfiction essay collection written by John Green who is known for his YA contemporary novels such as *The Fault in Our Stars* and *Turtles all the Way Down*. John Green proved his talent for writing and storytelling within this entirely new genre. In the essay collection, he reviews (on a five-star scale) many things from Diet Dr Pepper to Sunsets to Plague and in each one he tells a story. The collection is silly and intelligent and raw. While I do not agree with all of Green's final ratings (for example he gave monopoly 1.5 stars), I do think that the book is genius in its emotional review of things that we (people) many times do not think twice about. I think that this book has something for anyone to see themselves within and for this reason I would recommend it to everyone.



The Poet X Review

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo is a novel written in verse. It is both storytelling and poetry at their finest. The story follows Xiomara Batista, a teenager living in a world and as a part of a family that does not accept all that she is. The story is told in first person through the diary poems that Xiomara writes. Through this format and her stellar handle of words, Acevedo can draw a lot of emotion out of the reader because Xiomara's story feels real. The story explores religion, feminism, and what it is like to grow up as a first generation teenage girl. It explores family relationships, romantic relationships, and, most of all, one's relationships with themselves. It explores how poetry and self expression can be a form of salvation. I would recommend this to everyone. I would particularly recommend this to young girls who are trying to find their place in this world and could use a raw and empowering story such as this one.