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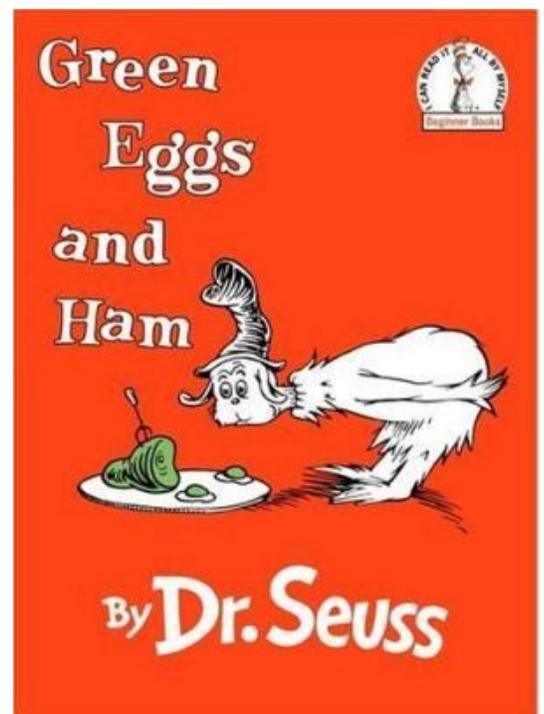
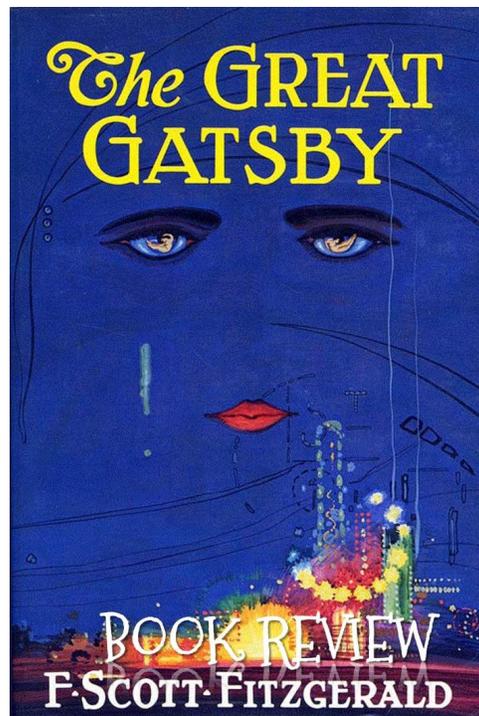
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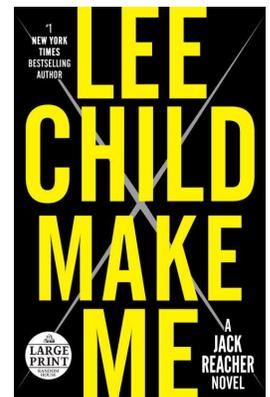
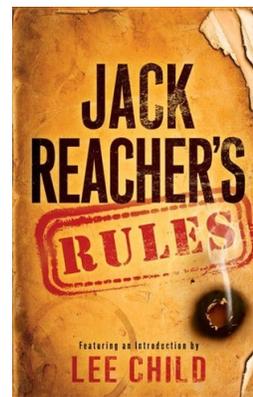
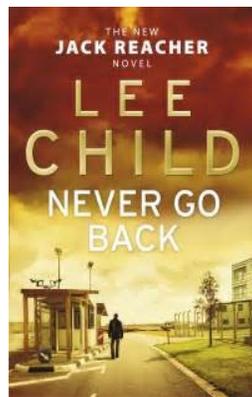
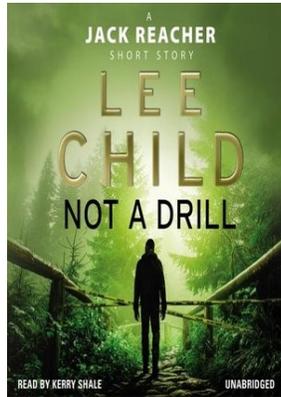
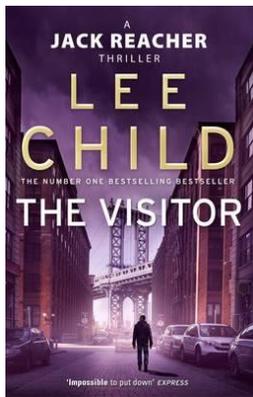
Welcome to the September 2017 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by the Florida Youth Council!!! For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC were asked to write about Book's and what it means

to them. This topic allowed members to share their thoughts about their favorite book. We hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to learn about our experiences and enjoy our thoughts and opinions in this September 2017 edition of *The Noodle*!

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Megan Germain
Ian Horowitz
Josh Tapia
Christopher Regan
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Christina Waldron
Serena Wetmore





The Best Book Series Ever

Christopher Regan

Out of all the books I've ever read, no other series has captivated me more than the *Jack Reacher* series. It is a combination of old romanticized elements from Cowboy Spaghetti Westerns mixed with modern technology and global events. The protagonist, Jack Reacher, is a retired Military Police Captain who roams around the United States in order to try and gain a greater understanding of the country he spent his entire military career defending. He always comes across a criminal conspiracy of some sort that he ends up right in the middle of, and is forced to use his cunning intellect and physical brute force to destroy the bad guys. Granted, a few of the individual books are subpar compared to the others, but overall it's a pretty solid series that has always managed to keep me coming back for more.

I have always loved the character of Jack Reacher. To me, he represents an archetype that I myself strive to imitate. He deeply cares about the average citizens of this country and wants to help them on a more personal level, which was the whole reason why he ultimately left the Army. He has an extremely bare-bones nomadic lifestyle, always buying whatever he needs on the fly and never staying in one place for too long. Due to him being completely off the grid, he ends up being in the best position to solve the problems he's faced with, as he doesn't have to worry about politics, red tape, or jurisdictions blocking his investigation of criminal activity. Even though he stands at a height of 6 foot 5 inches and has the physique of a mountain man on steroids, he very rarely explodes in fits of anger, instead usually choosing to calmly explain what exactly he's doing. In the end, he always solves the crime, occasionally gets the girl, and walks off into the sunset to who knows where.

ACTIVITY SHEET

The Wimpy Kid Wordsearch



These 15 words or names are all connected with the Wimpy Kid books. How many of them can you find? Words can run from side to side, up and down or diagonally. Good luck!

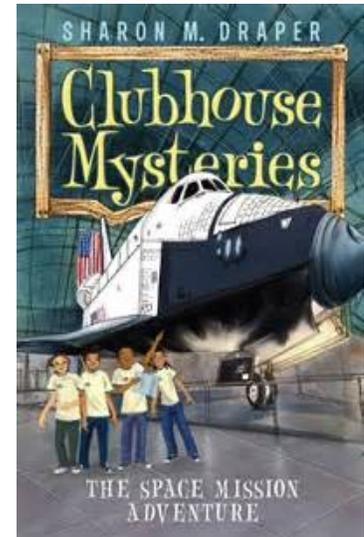
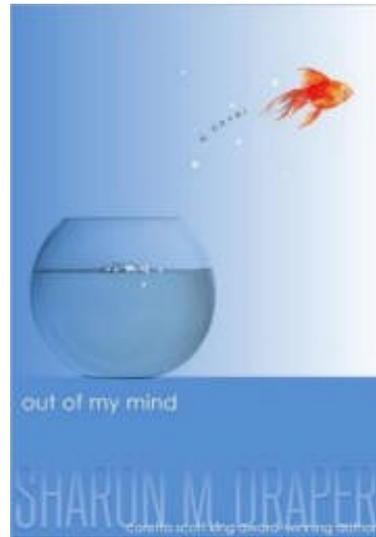
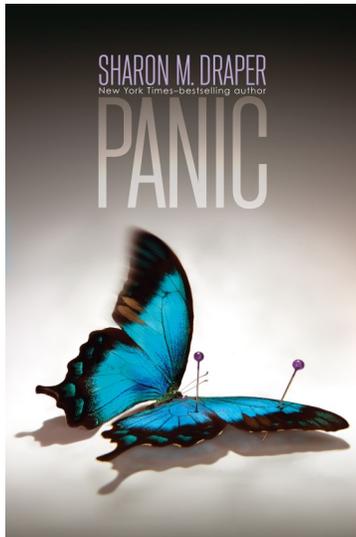
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Dog Days
Greg Heffley
Jeff Kinney

Loded Diper
Manny
Mom Bucks
Mrs Craig
Rodrick Rules

Rowley
The Last Straw
The Ugly Truth
Wimpy Kid
ZooweeMama

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The Symbol Within Us

By Serena Wetmore

A lot of people don't know about this book, but it was on The New York Times best-seller list at one point. The book is called *Out of my Mind*. It was written by Sharon Draper. It is about an 11-year-old girl named Melody who has cerebral palsy, is wheelchair bound and is non-verbal. The book is told from Melody's perspective, and the way she talks reminds me of when I was 11. I found this book to be very accurate and encouraging to people with disabilities, and I tell all my teachers and therapists that they should read it.

Melody just wants to be like any other girl her age and be able to communicate. She talks about her teachers, and the different perspectives they have in teaching their special needs classes. The reason why I think this is such a powerful book is she is very smart. In fact, she has a photographic memory, but there is one problem. Other people do not know how smart she is because she can't communicate. I'm not going to spoil what happens, because I want you to read the book, but Melody is a symbol for people who want to have their voices heard but cannot do it. To those people, I say keep trying, never give up, because you shouldn't let your physical silence quiet your emotional advocacy. And to those of us that can talk, continue to advocate for yourself, because indirectly you are advocating for other people.



Burned & Smoke

By Megan Germain

Gosh, it's so hard to pick a favorite book. As an avid reader, I have many favorites. But, if I have to pick, I'm going to pick two books that I love dearly. I chose to pick two instead of one because with these particular books, you can't have one without the other. What are these books I speak of, you ask? Well, they are *Burned and Smoke* by *Ellen Hopkins*.

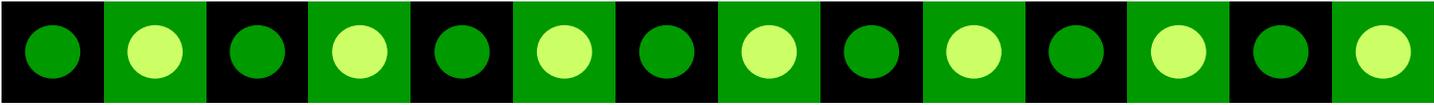
Ellen Hopkins is hands down my favorite author. I have read all of her books! *Burned and Smoke* happen to be my favorites because they gave me a glimpse into someone else's life in, for lack of a better term, a crash and burn kind of way. Patten (the main character) grows up in a less than ideal household with many siblings and an abusive controlling father. However, even with her father, siblings, and her church telling her what to do, she still manages to find love, proving you can do anything you set your mind to no matter what the circumstances. Just don't go to extremes like Patten did.

Smoke takes place after the death of Patten's boyfriend and father. She runs away and meets many people along the way that help her fight her inner demons.

So that is a sneak peek into the books *Burned and Smoke* by *Ellen Hopkins*. I love her books. They are raw and not sugar coated. They remind me that life isn't always butterflies and rainbows. Oh, and another thing about her books is that they are written in poem stanzas. So they are a quick read.

These books are intended for young adults and are not suitable for small children.

Happy Reading!



North American Animals



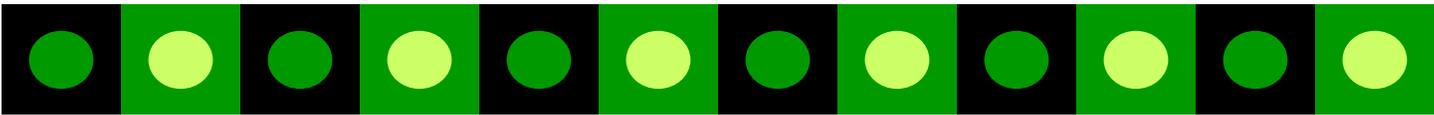
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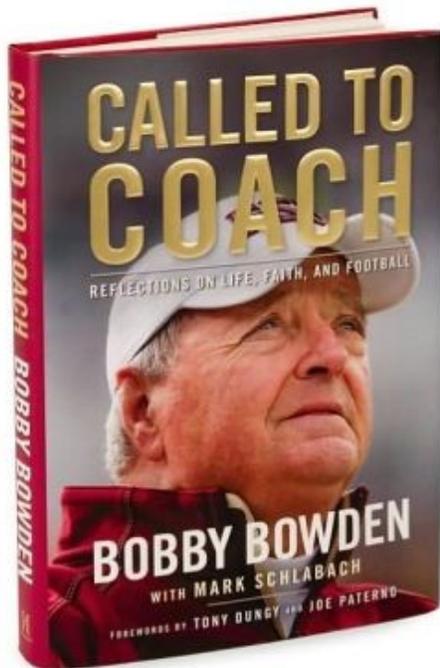
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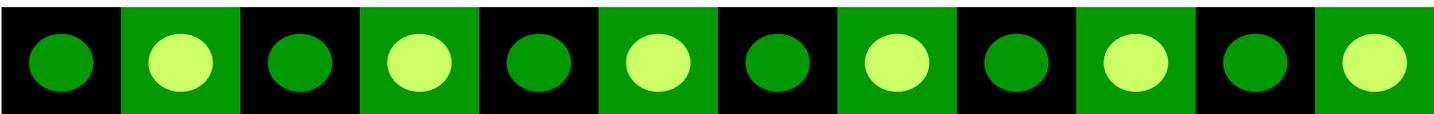
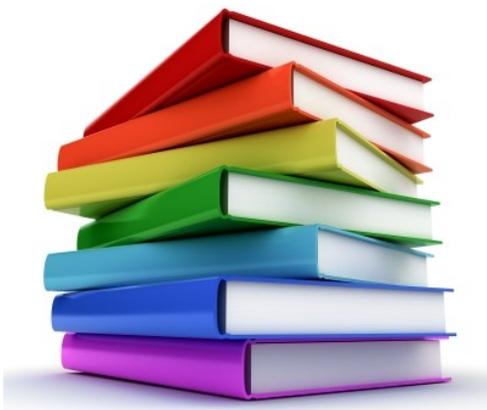
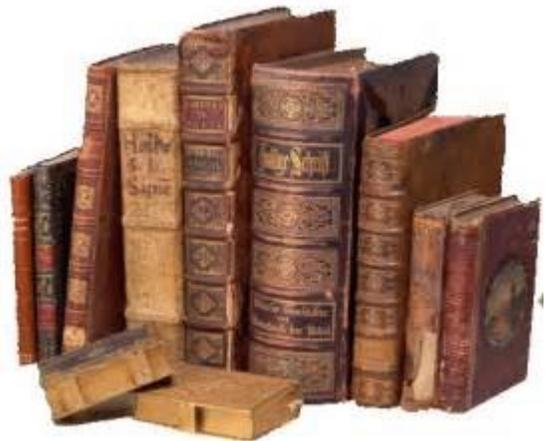
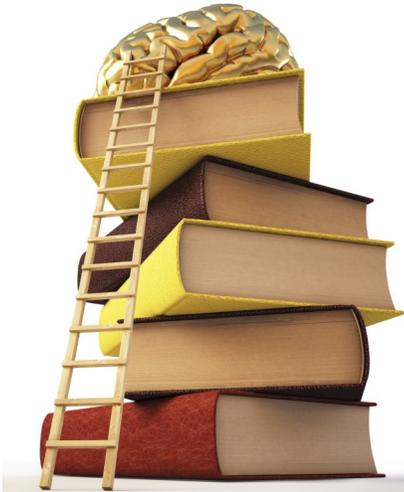
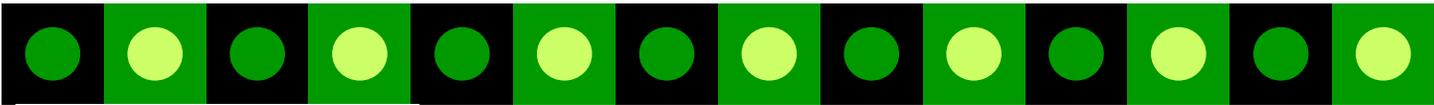


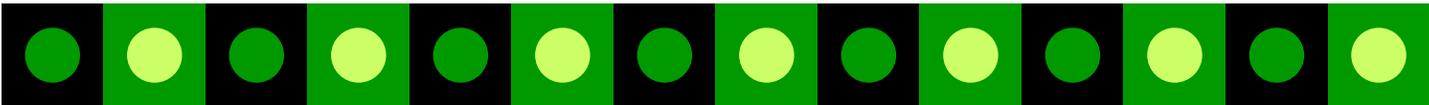


My Favorite Book

By Derek Carraway

Let me start by being completely honest. Reading books isn't my favorite go-to activity. So needless to say my list to choose a "favorite" out of is small. Thankfully however, I do have one in mind that I enjoyed when I read it. It was an autobiography called *Called to Coach* by Bobby Bowden. He was the longtime head football coach at Florida State University, and if you are a veteran reader of this newsletter and have seen some of my previous articles, you know I love football and FSU is my #1 team. Because of that, I enjoy learning and reading about things related to the team and its history. It delves into more than just football too. Coach talks about his personal life, growing up, his strong Christian faith, and how he wanted to please the Lord through football, feeling that he was called to coach. It featured some funny stories in his traditional style, with a few "dadgummits" thrown in there. It was altogether a good read, I enjoyed it, and that is why it is my favorite book.





How Do I Become Part of The Florida Youth Council?

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to discuss those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to address them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please visit The Florida Youth Council website at www.floridayouthcouncil.com. The program is open to application year round. We hope to hear from you soon!



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