

Book Talk 101

Engage, Excite and Empower Readers





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27 years

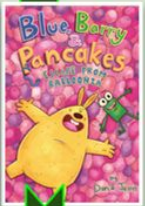
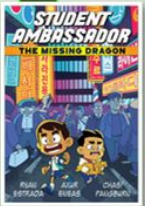
Visit 39 classrooms a month

~ 180 books



POW!

Click [HERE](#) to have Ms. Terry PLACE A HOLD!



Fiction

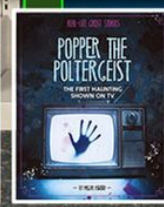
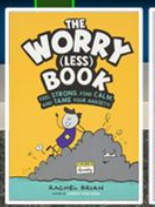
Click on a book to hear more about it!



Fall Reading Challenge begins October 1!

NONFICTION

Click a bookmark to place a hold on a book and pick it up at the library!





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reader or one at a time?



Read reviews

How do you choose books
for your collections?

Do you?



Like movies

Only if I've read
the book first!



Read flaps

Do you immediately open
a book to read the flap?



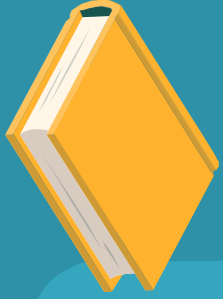
Like stories

Tell me more...



Advise readers

You know, help patrons
find a new read?



Training Complete!





I am a librarian!

I know stories.

I already have the skills needed to book talk.





To Read? or

150 BOOKS



**Me sharing how much
I loved a book**



THIS IS HOW MUCH I CARE



7th Grade Student

Book Talk Basics



Character

Who is the book about?



Setting

Where does the story take place?

Problem

What is the main problem?



Quirks

What makes this book interesting?



Where to look:



- Book description
- Library catalog
- NoveList
- Amazon
- Other review sources





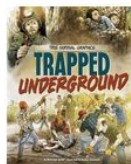
Library Catalog

Abstracts, reviews,
subjects...





Details for Trapped underground [Graphic Novel] / by Myra Faye Turner ; illustrated by Daniele Dickmann. ✕



Trapped underground [Graphic Novel] / by Myra Faye Turner ; illustrated by Daniele Dickmann.

by: Turner, Myra Faye, author.

ISBN: 9781669082286

Format:  Books

Physical Description: 48 pages : color illustrations, 23 cm.


Abstract: "A cave explorer falls into a deep chasm in Wales. Two men are buried alive when an earthquake strikes a gold mine in Australia. A toddler becomes stuck after plunging into an abandoned well in Texas. These remarkable true tales could have ended in tragedy--but they didn't! What happened to these people when they became trapped underground? And how did they survive to tell their tales? Young readers will find out in this easy-to-read hi-lo graphic novel that will keep them on the edge of their seats!"-- Provided by publisher.

Subject Term: [Caving -- Search and rescue operations -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Caving accidents -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Mine accidents -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Wells -- Safety measures -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Rescue work -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Survival -- Juvenile literature.](#)

Series: True survival graphics

Holds: 0

Preferred Shelf Number SEILER MARK

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Summary

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Professional Reviews



School Library Journal April 1, 2025

Gr 4-8—The titles in this exciting series of graphic novels each cover three stories of survival that really happened. Some of the stories begin with a bad decision or mistake, while others begin with an accident like a fall or a cave-in. Each story ends with the survival of the main person the story is about, although not all of their friends are as lucky. The fascinating story of Ada Blackjack from Deep Freeze Danger will leave readers wanting to learn more immediately. An Alaskan native, Ada was the only woman on a far north expedition, and the only survivor. These graphic novels are written at a third grade level and recommended by the publisher for grades four through six, although as all the biographies are of adults, older readers may enjoy them, too. VERDICT A great choice where graphic novels are popular or used to support reading.

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NoveList

Abstracts, genres, themes, mood,
style, readalikes, “heads up”,
reviews...

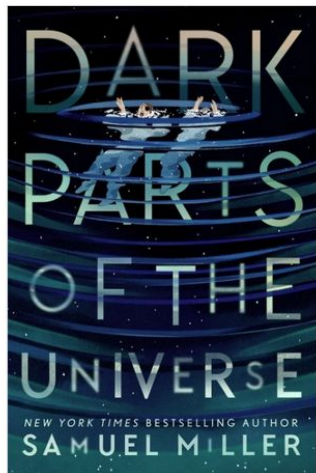


Keyword TR "Dark parts of the universe" AND ND Book

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Dark parts of the universe (Apr 2024)

Author: Miller, Samuel

Teen Fiction

Description:

While playing an app-based adventure game, Willie, his brother Bones and their friend Sarai stumble upon the dead body of Sarai's stepfather, and as wilder and stranger things begin to appear, a much deeper mystery about their small town is unlocked.

Genre: Thrillers and suspense

Mood: Suspenseful

Style: Lyrical; Character-driven; Thought-provoking

Min/Max Grade level: 9 - 12

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Popularity: ★★★★★

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75 reviews

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Island. This fraught, high-octane thriller engages readers in psychological warfare from page one. No characters are safe, and there is little reprieve from the gruesome deaths and intensely suspenseful life-or-death situations. Beyond the surface, Oliver engages with elitism and the dehumanization social media and reality TV engender. VERDICT An absolute bloody blast and a fantastic choice for readers looking for the horror of Adam Cesare's *Clown in a Cornfield* and the deadly single-winner competition of *The Hunger Games*.—Allie Stevens —Allie Stevens (Reviewed 04/01/2024) (*School Library Journal*, vol 70, issue 4, p139)

Amazon

Reader reviews, professional reviews, publisher blurbs, age levels...





Laurie Ann Thompson

★★★★★ **A thrilling tale of science and adventure!**

Reviewed in the United States on August 19, 2024

A thrilling tale of science and adventure! Young readers won't be able to put this one down as they read about the harrowing survival stories as well as the scientific research surrounding the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in this thoroughly researched and expertly crafted narrative nonfiction. Highly recommended!



Editorial Reviews

Review

A *Kirkus* Best Book of the Year

A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year

An *Evanston Public Library* Best Book of the Year

"A heart-stopping account." —Elizabeth Partridge, Sibert Medal Winning author of *Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration*.

"The pages of this book absolutely crackle with ash and mud. . . A taut, white-knuckle true tale that will keep readers turning the pages from beginning to end." —Candace Fleming, YALSA Nonfiction Award winning-author of *The Rise & Fall of Charles Lindbergh*

"Barone mixes science and survival in this white-knuckled account of the most deadly and destructive volcanic eruptions in the history of the United States." —John Rocco, author of the National Book Award nominee, *How We Got To The Moon*

* "Pulse racing history that's sure to fascinate any reader." —*Booklist*, **starred review**

* "Rock-solid history and science, high-octane action, and vivid descriptions—the book will inspire as much as it entertains." —*Kirkus*, **starred review**

* "An engaging [and] explosive title." —*School Library Journal*, **starred review**

"Equal parts science, history, and action." —*Horn Book*

Amazon Reviews



Does it work?



Student Comments

- *I can't decide! You make everything sound good.*
- *I don't know what I would do if you didn't bring books to school—I can't get to the library.*
- *I highlighted them all so I can get them at the library later.*
- *I'm going to ask my grandma to bring me to the library because my parents work.*
- *Can you bring more books by this author? When are you coming back?*
- *Do you come to the high school too?*
- *I miss your book commercials.*



Book Talk Effectiveness

70%

3rd Grade Magee (in May 22): 20 books book talked / 14 checked out

87%

4th Grade Magee (Nov 25): 23 books book talked / 20 checked out

82%

4th Grade Magee (April 25): 23 books book talked / 19 checked out

73%

8th Grade Clarke (Oct 25): 22 books book talked / 16 checked out

100%

If a teacher asks to keep a book if no student checks it out...it gets checked out.

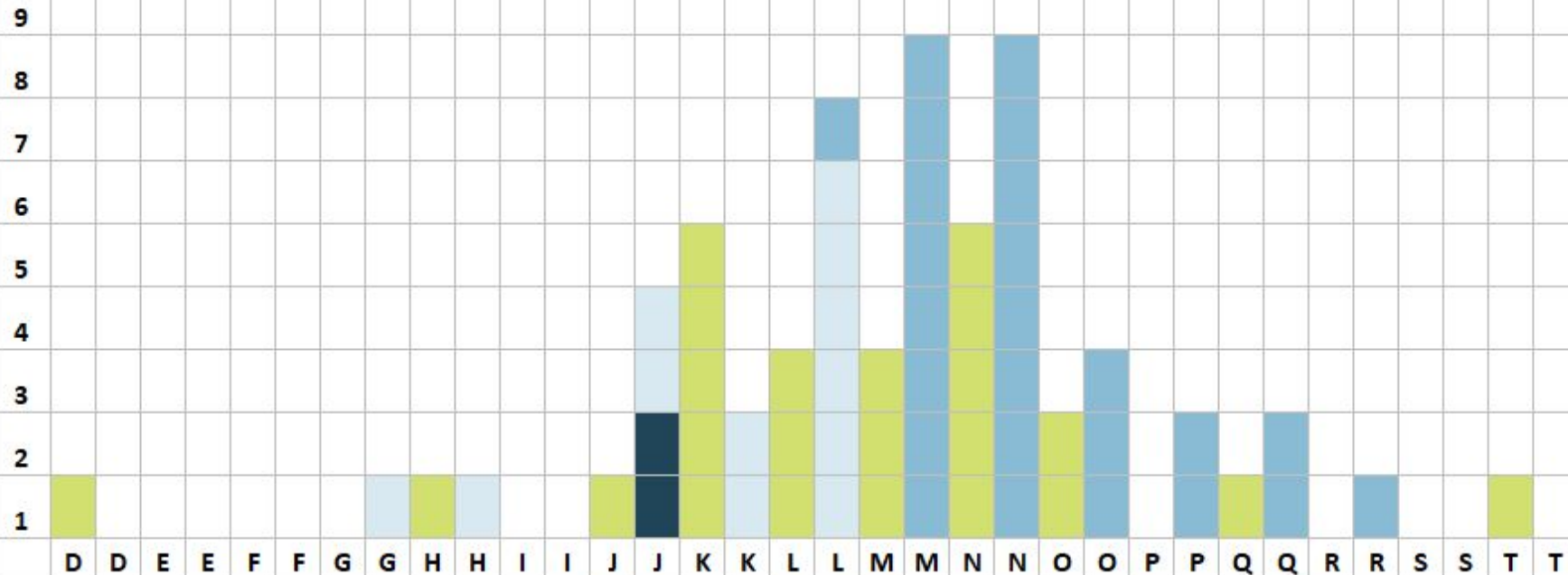


This year: 1,949

284 this month | 57 new library cards



Number of Students



3rd Grade (Magee) Reading Levels (Dec 22)



No library card



Library card



New card this year



Non TR card



Class Lists

Who has cards already?

Permission Form

Opt out only

Book Lists

What did I bring?

Book Talks

Talk to each class

Checkout

With each class



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Book Talks with Ms. Terry

What is a Book Talk?

A Book Talk is like a commercial or trailer for a book.

Why are Book Talks helpful to my student?

Sometimes students are overwhelmed by the number of books they have to choose from. Reluctant and struggling readers find it even more difficult to find a book that's right for them.

A Book Talk is a quick and enjoyable way for students to hear what a book is about, and whether or not they might enjoy it. For example, Ms. Terry might say, "If you like funny stories like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, then this is a good book for you." Or, "This one is scary; you may be sleeping with the lights on tonight!"

Book Talks entice students into wanting to read a book.

How do Book Talks with Ms. Terry work?

Each month, Ms. Terry brings 15-20 books from the Lester Public Library and gives a 30-second Book Talk about each one. She gives students a bookmark listing all of the books she talks about (in case they want to check them out later).

Then, right in their classroom, students check out the books that interest them, with no need to wait until they can get to the library. Students **must** have a library card in order to check out a book but do not need to have it with them.

When Ms. Terry returns the following month, students return the books they borrowed the previous month. Students will **not** receive overdue fines for any books checked out at school, regardless of due dates.

What if my student doesn't have a library card?

Simply fill out the attached form and return it to school. Your student's teacher will give Ms. Terry the form and she will bring your student a library card the next time she visits.

If your student has a library card (Two Rivers, Manitowoc, New Holstein, Kiel, Brillion or Chilton), they're good to go!

Why Ms. Terry?

Ms. Terry has been a children's librarian for 25 years. She orders all of the books for children and teens at the Public Library. She **knows** books: books that will entice reluctant readers; books that are like other books you have enjoyed; age-appropriate books for strong readers; and what's new and popular. She reads youth books **reads about** youth books **ALL THE TIME**. She can help your student find books they want to read.

To opt out of this program, sign and return slip to your student's teacher.

My student, _____, does not have permission to check out books from Ms. Terry at:

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____



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4th Grade 1.31.25

Fiction

A Wolf Called Fire by Parry
Gigi Shin is Not a Nerd by Lee
The Horrible Bag of Terrible Things
by Renzetti
The Headless Doll by Ford
Lola by Valenti
The Polar Bear Explorers Club by Bell
The Area 51 Files by Buxbaum
Secondhand Wishes by Staniszewski
The Bubble Wrap Boy by Earle

Graphic Novels

The Haunted Mask by Stine
I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies,
1967 by Tarshis
Mack Moon and the P.E.T.S. by Jolley
The Curse of Medusa by Gunderson
Annabelle The Terrifying Doll by Wolfe
Katie the Catsitter by Venable

Nonfiction

The Truth About Sharks by Whipple
World Kitchen by Wheatley
34 Amazing Facts About Pro Wrestling
by Miller
One-hand Grabs and Griddy Dances
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Unofficial Guide to Science Experiments

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Everything Awesome Shark / Learn to Draw Cars

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Cash Splash / CYS Gettysburg Battlefield

How it helps ME:

- **Library cards**
- **Collection development**
- **Reader's Advisory**
- **Program promotion**
- **Teacher requests**
- **Kids know me**

Thanks!



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