



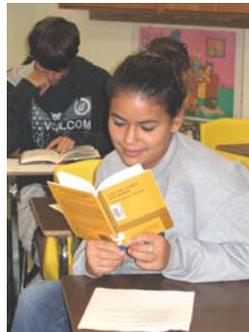
What are YOU reading?

Students at W. T. Sampson High School in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were asked to write a brief description and recommendation for books they are reading from our school information center.



North by Night, by Katherine Ayers, is a book about the underground railroad and a family whose home was one of the stops for the slaves on their way to the North to find freedom from slavery. Recommendation: “It was not my kind of book to read. I

think people who like history would enjoy it.”
12th grade student



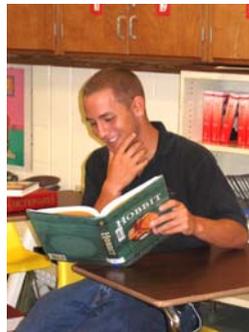
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, by Tennessee Williams, is a play about a family in the Southern U. S. They were in a fight over inheriting a plantation. Big Daddy is dying and one son, who is an alcoholic and favored by his father, wants to own the plantation. Recommendation: “I liked this

play, but I didn’t enjoy trying to visualize the setting. I think any imaginative person would like it.” 12th grade student.

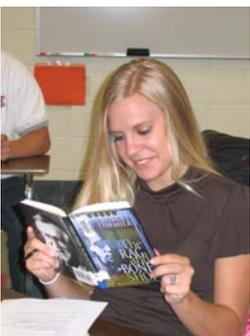


1984, by George Orwell, is about how the author thought the world was going to be in the year 1984 –living a world with a corrupt government, people spying on others and secret police in everything. Recommendation: “I thought the book was OK. It had a

cool story line with a twist at the end. Everybody should read it.” 12th grade student

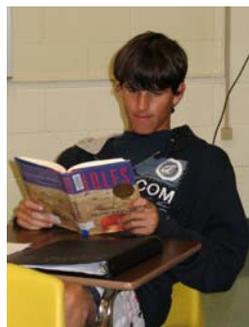


The Hobbit, by J. R. R. Tolkien, tells the adventures of Bilbo Baggins. He, Gandolf and seven dwarves go to reclaim the dwarves’ ancestral home. Recommendation: “Anyone who enjoys a good fantasy book would definitely enjoy this one.” 12th grader.

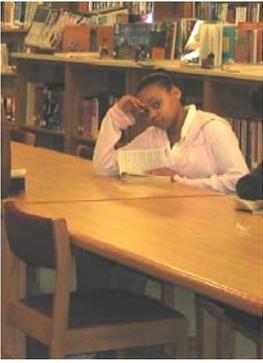


The Rag and Bone Shop, by Robert Cormier, is about a young girl who was killed and they thought that the young boy Josh killed her. The investigators got a confession from him. Even though he had not killed her, he now felt he had no reason not to kill “again.” Recommendation: “I

thought it was a great book and anyone would enjoy it.” 12th grade student



Holes, by Louis Sachar, is a book about how a family had a curse for three generations. The youngest Yelnats boy went to a camp to avoid jail, but everything started to unravel for him there. Recommendation: “This was a good book. I would give it a 9 out of 10.” 12th grader.

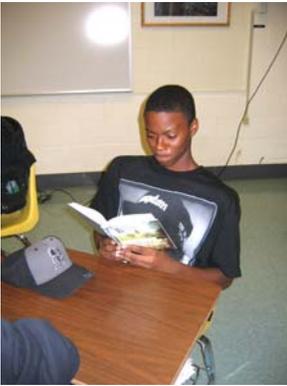


Sounder, by William Armstrong, is basically about a little boy who lives with his uncle and a dog. Recommendation: “The book was interesting.” 10th grade student



for teens and people who like to read about the Revolutionary War.” 10th grade student

My Brother Sam Is Dead, by James Lincoln Collier, is a story about a family that owned a tavern and had a son Sam Meeker, who was in the Revolutionary War supporting the Yankees. He was caught by the British (Lobster Backs) and was executed. Recommendation: “I think the book is mostly

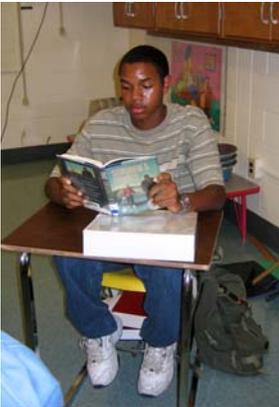


Monster, by Walter Dean Myers, is about a teenage boy who was accused and arrested for taking part in a drugstore robbery. The book went on to the actual courtroom dialogue. At the end, the teenage boy was found not guilty.

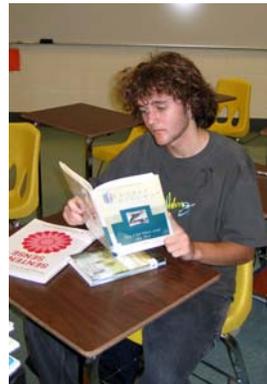
Recommendation: “Although it was a low reading level, I think this was a good book. I think underprivileged teenagers would enjoy reading this book.” 10th grade student



The Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway, is about an old man who lived in Havana, Cuba, and couldn't catch a fish for a long time, but finally did and only one person believed in him. Recommendations: “I loved the book. I think my mom would enjoy reading it, too.” 12th grade student.



Somewhere in the Darkness, by Walter Dean Myers, is about a boy who has a father in jail. His father escapes because he knows he was set up. The two go on a trip to find the person who framed him. Recommendation: “It was a good book and should be read by all ages.” 10th grade student



“I thought The Old Man and the Sea was boring and hard to concentrate on. People who like fishing should read it, though.” 10th grade student



Driver's Ed, by Caroline Cooney, is about a girl and driving. Several students, taking a driver's education class, talk about stealing stop signs and other road signs. Because they do this, a woman dies in a traffic accident, and the students get caught.

Recommendation: “It was all right—definitely different from any other books I have read. It was easy to read, but a little slow.” 10th grade student.