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Reviewer:
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Amelia Lost: the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart

by Candace Fleming

Reading Level: Grades 3-5

Amelia Earhart was one of the most formidable female pilots of her time, spurring her decision to be the first woman to fly around the world - alone. But a few hours into her flight, Amelia's plane lost radio contact with the ground and became lost. She was never found. Fleming's new

biography of Earhart is great for younger readers interested in both the story and the time period.

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More books by Candace Fleming

Other fascinating biographies:

The Great and Only Barnum by Candace Fleming

Sir Charlie: Chaplin, the Funniest Man in the World

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip M. Hoose

Reading Level: 3rd Grade,4th Grade,5th Grade Subjects: Biographies, Read-Alikes Location: J Non-Fiction
Reviewer:
EF

I Survived: The Shark Attacks of 1916

by Lauren Tarshis

Reading Level: Grades 2-4

If one of your friends came up to you and told you there was a man-eating shark in Lake Michigan, right off the shore of Highland Park, you'd probably laugh at them. That's what happened when Chet, a ten year old boy living in New Jersey in 1916, sees a shark fin in the river near his house. But no one believes him. A few days later, Chet hears about a shark attacking a person just up the coast - but his friends don't believe that either - there's no *way* a shark would ever attack a person. But Chet knows what he saw in the river, and he believes the newspaper story. How can he stop his friends from continuing to swim in the river?

(Based on a True Story)

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More books by Lauren Tarshis

More survival stories:

Black Star, Bright Dawn by Scott O'Dell

Shipwreck by Gordon Korman

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Reading Level: 2nd Grade,3rd Grade,4th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Animals--Real, Books for Boys, Friends, Historical Fiction, Read-Alikes, Realistic Fiction Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
EF

Brain Jack

by Brian Falkner

Reading Level: Grades 6+

After accidentally crashing the country's online systems for three days, teenage hacker Sam finds himself recruited and working for Homeland Security - and all he intended to do was use Telecomerica's giant bank account to purchase new state-of-the-art laptops and neuroheadsets for him and his best friend. Suddenly, thrust into the world of *professional* hacking, Sam begins to unearth information about Telecomerica and the neuro-headsets that go against even *his* unscrupulous view of privacy.

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More books by Brian Falkner

A few other suspenseful digital adventures:

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

Streams of Babel by Carol Plum-Ucci

Hacking Timbuktu by Stephen Davies

The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer

Hacking Harvard by Robin Wasserman

Trackers by Patrick Carman

Reading Level: 6th Grade,7th Grade,8th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Books for Boys, Friends, Misfits, Mysteries, Read-Alikes, Relationships, Science Fiction, Spies Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
EF

Delirium

by Lauren Oliver

Reading Level: Grades 7+

Love, aka *deleria* is the reason for all problems in the world, which is why upon every citizen's eighteenth birthday, a cure is administered, severing the receiver from potential infection. Boys and girls under the age of eighteen, of course, are separated, lest interaction between two uncureds causes an infection. 17 year-old Lena Haloway, like all other teens her age, can't wait to get the vaccine and be cured of the *deleria* - she hopes that becoming cured will finally sever her from the stigma of her uncured mother's suicide. Just a few months before her scheduled cure, Lena meets Alex, somewhat by accident, and becomes infected. Headstrong and in love, Lena begins to question the cure, as well as everything her society stands for and has taught her; yet her cure date looms ever-closer, promising to destroy herself and Alex.

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More books by Lauren Oliver

A few other dystopian love stories:

Matched by Ally Condie

Divergent by Veronica Roth

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Older readers will also enjoy:

Wither by Lauren DeStefano

Bumped by Megan McCafferty

Across the Universe by Beth Revis

Girl Parts by John Cusick

Reading Level: 7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers Subjects: Adventure, Books for Girls, Don't Miss These, Dystopias, Friends, Read-Alikes, Relationships, Science Fiction, Social Issues
Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
EF

Bless This Mouse

by Lois Lowry

Reading Level: Grade 2-4

It is not easy for Hildegarde, the Mouse Mistress of Saint Bartholemew's Church, to keep the more than two hundred church mice who dwell in the church safe and away from human eyes. But try she must for each mouse sighting by a human increases the chances of the dreaded **GREAT X**

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More books by Lois Lowry

Other tales of hidden creatures include:

The School Mouse by Dick King-Smith

The Doll People by Ann Martin

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
SJS

Say Hello to Zorro!

by Carter Goodrich

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 8

Bud the dog has a good life. He has his things and his routine and he likes it that way. Then Zorro comes along. Zorro is bossy and doesn't share (but Bud can be grumpy and selfish too). Can these two dogs find ANYTHING they have in common and become friends?

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More books by Carter Goodrich

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade Subjects: Animals--Real, Family, Humor Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:

SH

No Passengers Beyond This Point

by Gennifer Choldenko

Reading Level: Grade 5-7

Six-year-old Mouse, twelve-year-old Finn and their unfriendly older sister India are sent to live with their uncle in Colorado after their mother loses the family home. Instead rendezvousing with their Uncle Red at the airport, they are met by a man driving a feather covered car who takes them to Falling Bird a world that seems, a first, much better than the life they left behind.

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More books by Gennifer Choldenko

If you enjoyed this story try:

The Glitch in Sleep by John Hulme and

Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin

Reading Level: 5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Family, Fantasy
Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
SJS

Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder

by Jo Nesbo

Reading Level: Grades 3 - 7

When Lisa?s best friend moves from Norway across the world, she prepares herself for an unpleasant school year. Of course, that?s before Nilly, the smallest red-headed boy she?s ever seen, moves in next door. Nilly, a courageous, outspoken boy, quickly befriends both Lisa and Doctor Proctor, a pleasantly mad scientist who lives on the other side of Nilly?s new house. Doctor Proctor, a frustrated inventor who never seems to invent anything quite *useful* enough for anyone, finds Nilly?s creativity a helpful asset to his inventions, especially his latest one ? Fart Powder.

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More books by Jo Nesbo

A few other flatulent adventures

The Day My Butt Went Psycho by Andy Griffiths

Sweet Farts: Rippin' it Old-School by Raymond Bean

Reading Level: 3rd Grade,4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Fantasy, Friends, Humor, In Other Lands, Misfits, Read-Alikes, School Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
EF

Divergent

by Veronica Roth

Reading Level: Grade 8+

Veronica Roth has created a dystopian setting as gritty as the world of the Hunger Games.

In Chicago, the city on the swamp, people belong to one of five factions, each dedicated to a virtue: Erudite (intelligence), Dauntless (brave), Candor (honesty), Amity (peacefulness) and Abnegation (the selfless). At age 16 all must declare their faction. While most chose the faction they were raised in, a few forsake their families and cross to another faction.

16-year-old Beatrice dreads the Choosing Ceremony. Her family is Abnegation. Beatrice has never been able to suppress all her selfish impulses. But if she is not Abnegation, what is she?

At the Choosing Ceremony Beatrice makes a shocking choice. Now she must turn her back on all she knows and loves to make it through the brutal initiation. Only the top ten initiates will be accepted...all others will be forced to live out their lives as one of the factionless.

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More books by Veronica Roth

Reading Level: 8th Grade,High Schoolers Subjects: Adventure, Dystopias, Fantasy, Science Fiction Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
SJS

Pink

by Lili Wilkinson

Reading Level: Grades 7+

What does *pink* mean to you? Does it mean a little girl?s bedroom, wallpapered with ponies, princesses, ballerinas and unicorns? A color occasionally featured in your wardrobe? A bonafide, lip-glossed, perfect 'Plastic' a la *Mean Girls*? Or is pink a color you hate with every dark black fiber of your being?

For Ava, pink is a secret. Pink is the color, the person, that she wants to become ? a girl who likes color instead of cloaking herself in black, hiding behind the monochrome lipstick and hair matched perfectly with black, black, black and more black clothing. Ava and her longtime girlfriend, Chloe, have been a dark duo for most of high school; Ava has not had a problem with that at all. At least not until now.

Ava wants to explore her pink, preppy side, but she?s afraid of Chloe?s feminist, antiestablishment and anti?pretty much everything, except Ava and her freethinking parents. What?s more, Ava isn?t 100% sure that she?s a lesbian anymore. It isn?t that she doesn?t love Chloe, or that she doesn?t like girls anymore; she just wonders what it?s like playing for the other team. But in order to explore those desires, she would have to leave Chloe, something Ava isn?t ready to do. So rather than confront Chloe about her identity-altering questions, Ava applies to a new school for the next school year ? Billy Hughes.

Before her first day at Billy Hughes, Ava spends hours at the hairdresser stripping years of black dye out of her hair. She prepares her first day outfit ? a pink cashmere sweater previously hidden away in the very bottom of her closet. Everything is ready for her new life as a pink.

Everything goes perfectly on Ava?s first day ? Alexis, obviously one of the most popular girls in school, invites Ava to her lunch table, and within just a few bites, Ava?s future in the school as a popular girl (a Pastel, in this novel) is secured. All she needs to do now is keep up her façade as a sort-of-Goth with Chloe, and gain a part in the school play with Alexis, Ella-Grace, and Vivian.

When she bombs her audition, Ava joins stage crew, in the hopes that she?ll still be able to hang out with Ethan, the hot guy Alexis is trying to set her up with. (I mean really, who better to test one?s sexuality with than a super-hot theater guy named Ethan?) But as you no doubt have already guessed, Ava?s lies begin to snowball ? and fast.

Check availability of this book

More books by Lili Wilkinson

If you likedPink, try reading these other books about:

Girls who lie about themselves:

Ten Things I Hate About Me by Randa Abdel-Fattah

Boy Proof by Cecil Castelluci

Girls struggling with their own sexuality:

Annie on my Mind by Nancy Garden

Empress of the World by Sara Ryan

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