



2009 Student Recommended Beach Reads

All I Ever Need to Know I Learned In Kindergarten by Robert Fulgham

Because he talks about everyday things you can relate to and gives you a fresh perspective to consider.

Jen B.

Animal Farm by George Orwell -

I thought it was a great read because it puts government in a different perspective; one that younger people can understand.

Ariel M.



Blue Bloods by Melissa De La Cruz

Highly recommended to TWILIGHT fans. This book takes vampires to a whole new level.

Sandra P

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

I started off hating it, but ended up LOVING it!

Sandra P.

Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin

This book is so interesting. Once I began reading, I never wanted to put the book down. It is an easy read, and gives you a new outlook on life and death.

Faking 19 by Alyson Noel

It's very good. Very interesting and you get hooked very easily.

Nikki J.

Finding Grace by Melissa Brugman

This book is an easy quick read. Grace is a shy high school student who gets involved with unexpected people who change who she is in a positive way. It's a "feel good" book.

Nicole B.



Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by JK Rowling

This is the best Harry Potter book of them all, and by far the most adventurous and thrilling. It is a really good read, and I recommend it for the summer!

Sam S.

How to Teach Filthy Rich Girls by Zoey Dean

This book shows an exciting new outlook on life. It's a great "from rags to riches" story that catches your attention and keeps you interested from cover to cover. Zoey Dean shows that many people create facades in order to look cool, but that genuineness gets you much farther. It's a relatively easy read, with a great ending.

The Legend of the Wondering King by Laura Gallego Garcia

The plot and writing style is excellent. It transports you to a different time and place and makes you feel for the characters. A fast read too!

Nicole H

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

This book is a great novel - about how a young teen goes through many changes. And, it shows you how teens can overcome many obstacles.

Andrew R.



Pretty Little Liars by Sam Sheperd

This book, along with the captivating drama and teenage angst that is typical of a young adult novel, also proves to be a surprising thriller, with twists and turns at just about every part of the story. Although the young adult genre is by far not my favorite, I recommend this book because it goes above and beyond what is expected.

Melanie M.

Republic Commande: Hard Contact by Karen Travis

It is an action packed "Star Wars" story following up on one game. It shows the adventure of a special group of soldiers on a journey.

Joshua B.

Running with Scissors by Augusten Burroughs

It documents the rather crazy life of the author, Mr. Burroughs – a homosexual man with perhaps the most ridiculous family in the world. The tone is lighthearted, witty, and fast paced. More importantly, it raises awareness about the inner conflicts associated with a difficult home life and being true to yourself.

Kara M.

Shorty Spooner by Max Blue

It is a good read about Alabama in the 1950's where the main character has the mostly unknown job of a telephone pole planter.

Alex F.



Till We Have Faces by C.S. Lewis

It's a challenging read, but the story is worth it. The plot is simple, but the message is deep. A MUST read!

Nicole H.

The Witch of Portobello by Paul Coelho

This book was a different read for me. The life of Athena Shreen is told by the people that knew her, or thought they knew her. After reading this book I felt that there was more to life than just living like everyone else. Taught me how to be courageous. I recommend this book for adults and for people that want to read something different for a change.

Sarah K.

Lucia, Lucia by Adrianan Trigiani

This book is very interesting and full of suspense. It is an easy read, and it is written very well. Also, there is a great theme, setting, and characters. Overall, it is a great book!

Kina K.

Angels and Demons by Dan Brown

I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to read a fast-paced novel that will keep you on the edge of your seat. It is my absolute favorite novel, and I could read it again and again! The thrilling, brilliantly crafted plotline continues to astound me to this day! Everyone should read this book!

Zachary D.

The Shack by William P. Young

This book is one of the best I have ever read. It answers the frequent question of the world; where is God in the midst of tragedy? The SHACK is an intriguing story with challenging concepts. However, it is worth reading.

Brittany R.



The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

I recommend this book because it is a great story. There is a lot of great action and there is a little bit of romance. Everyone can understand the book. It is written by a well known author.

Sahill P.

The Lovely Bones by Alice Seybold

I would recommend this book because it captured my attention. I could hardly put this book down while I was reading it. This story is a great murder mystery, like nothing I have ever read.

Jessica N.

Velocity by Dean Koontz

I would recommend this book to people who enjoy suspenseful thrillers. It has awesome characters and a great twist at the end that I never saw coming. It makes you feel great compassion for the main character, and it is very relatable

Kaitlyn G.

Hammer: The Confessions of a Hockey Player by Dave Schultz

I recommend this book because it shows you the struggles of what it takes to make it big as a pro-athlete. It gives you the understanding of how hard it is to be famous and the bad effects it can put into your life. It is a great biography about a great player, Dave Schultz.

Justin Moffett

Airhead by



I recommended this book because Meg Cabot keeps your attention by foreshadowing events you can't believe until they happen. The plot isn't any other you've read before. She manages to make a depressing situation humorous, but so you still understand how the characters feel.

Devon R.

Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes by

Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes is a great book. It tells a wonderful and fun story of a girl named Ginny. Ginny travels all around England because of the blue envelopes her Aunt Peg sent her. I'm not an avid reader so it was great that I found a book that I didn't want to put down. Girls will love this book.

Maureen J.

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown

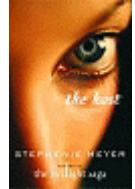
The book is full of many plot twists that keep the reader engaged. Brown is able to keep the reader guessing through many riddles and puzzles.

Kevin L.

The Host by Stephanie Meyer

This book is very good. It is a cute romantic book about the struggle between two people and a very strange relationship. The book is descriptive and makes you feel like you're there. It also makes you want to read more and never put the book down.

Brittany B



One More Day by

One More Day is about a suicidal drunk man after his mother dies. His mother comes back to him for one more day. I know that everyone has lost someone close to them and this book shows this man's chance to make up for everything he's ever done and spend time with his deceased mother.

John M.

The Almost Moon by Alice Seybold

This is a good book because anyone can relate to it. It is about a daughter's relationship with her mother. Although her mother was mentally ill she still got through the hard times. Everyone has had bad times with their mothers so anyone can relate to this book.

Alayna A



My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

There is a movie being based off the book coming out in the summer, it would be interesting to compare and contrast the book and movie. This book is also something that people could relate to, helping family members and dealing with their problems. This is a very exciting book, that I enjoyed reading.

Jeannie C

Unwind by Neal Shusterman

An exciting book all the way through. Once you read it you will never want to put it down. There are some unexpected turns that you will have to find out for yourself.

Grant W.

Gone by

Gone is a really great action, edge-of-your seat book perfect for teens. It is an easy read but entertaining at the same time. Gone keeps you hooked until the very last page and leaves you craving for more when the book is over. It has romance, action, drama and science fiction.

Brandon K.

Worth the Wait Tale of 2008 Phillies by Jason Stark

his is a great book for all Phillies fans. It gives you a replay of their World Series Championship Season. This is an amazing book.

Dom S.

Deadline by Chris Crutcher

It deals with real life issues. It is about high school issues involving disease and death. It also deals with family problems and sports. It shows troubles in school, problems with relationships. It shows the point of view of a person who only has a short time to live, and the hard decisions you have to make in that situation.

George D.



An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

I recommend this book because it is fun and a little romantic. This book is pused more toward the teenage side or anyone who has a sense of humor. It has some inappropriate jokes but that's what makes it funny. It's a great book that will keep you laughing.

Ally J.



First to Die

It is a murder mystery that will keep you reading. You want to stop reading until you found out all the secrets of the murders.

Karissa K

Angels and Demons by Dan Brown

This book is well written and great for people who enjoy action books. Dan Brown's writing makes you forget about your own problems and makes you keep reading.

Nancy C.