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The Elephant
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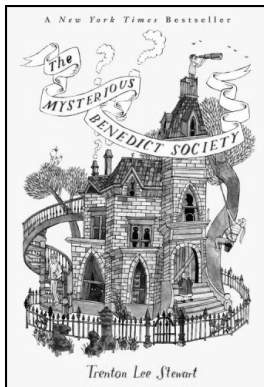
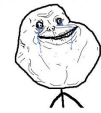
ÜBERHEINOUS (awful)
PARTIALLY HYDRATED SOYBEAN OIL (bad)
MEH (ok)
LIKE BUTTER (good)
FLIPPIN' AWESOME (excellent)

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Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Stewart

Critic: Yashi Platypepo
Rating: Flippin' Awesome

The Mysterious Benedict Society combines a great

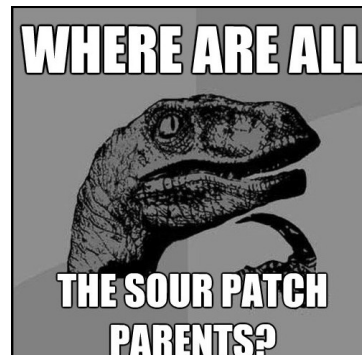
mystery with endless enjoyment. Readers can try to test their wits with the main characters. This book will leave you guessing what will happen next. It'll keep you reading until the end. In fact, you won't want this book to end! Read this book, you'll want to read the second and third book to continue all of the fun. So the next time you go to the library or get a book, consider this the best book there is, *The Mysterious Benedict Society*.

Ashes of Rose

by Mary Jane Auch

Critic: Finn the Goldfish
Rating: Überheinous

This book 8th graders need to read for school. It was one of the worst books I ever read. It's basically about a family of Irish immigrants who come to America looking for a better life. The book doesn't have much of a plot or a point. She basically just runs around looking for jobs and stuff until a giant fire kills a whole bunch of her friends and then the book ends with a whole bunch of unanswered questions. Whatever you do: do not read this book: YOU WILL REGRET IT!!

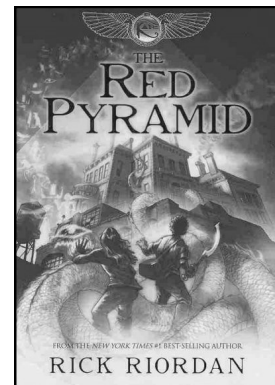


The Red Pyramid

by Rick Riordan

Critic: Pink Cupcake
Rating: Like Butter

The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan is about Carter and Sadie Kane, who are not average kids. They are magicians from the House of Life, and have just discovered their powers. Unfortunately, they have a limited time to save the world from Apophis, the evil snake. Will Carter and Sadie get along long enough to save the world, and their father? Read this thrilling book to find out!

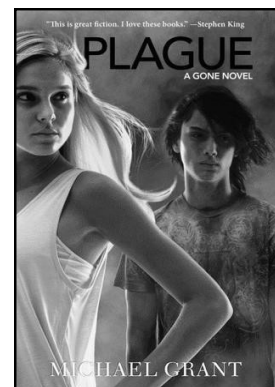


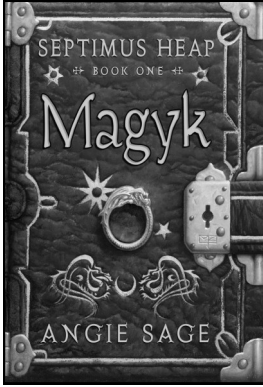
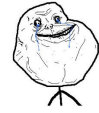
Plague

by Michael Grant

Critic: No
Rating: Like Butter

Warning: This book is not for the weak of stomach. The gore factor of this book is just as much (if not twice as much) as the Hunger Games. If you can't handle severed limbs being replaced with tentacles, superhuman coughing fits, and five year old boys with the power of the world in their heads, then this book is not for you.





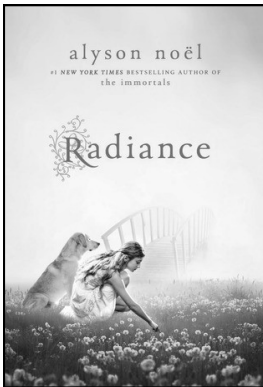
Magyk

by Angie Sage

Critic: Cry Baby Chibi
Rating: Flippin' Awesome

I recommend this book to fantasy lovers as it is a great magic book in my opinion. *Magyk* is about a family called

the Heaps, Maria, Overstand, and Boy 412. The Heaps are a family of wizards and their "adopted" (in a way) daughter is Jenna. On Jenna's tenth birthday this adventure starts to unfurl. That's all I'm going to tell you so if you're curious (or bored) check it out!



Radiance

by Alyson Noël

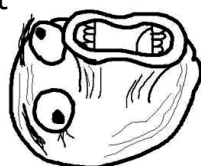
Critic: The Elephant
Rating: Partially Hydrated Soybean Oil

The book *Radiance* by Alyson Noël is about a girl named Riley Bloom, who is dead. She gets assigned a

job in her afterlife as "soul catcher," meaning she has to go to Earth and get ghosts off of it.

The book was just sort of...bad. The general idea was pretty interesting. I mean, the main character is dead the whole time, and the book is about her afterlife in this place called "Here and Now." The actual book is sort of boring. The characters are sort of flat, and we only spend like, three chapters in "Here and Now," the actually interesting part of it.

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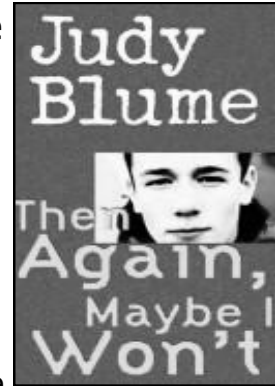


It's not super horrible or anything. I actually suggest reading it, if there's nothing else to read.

Then Again, Maybe I Won't

by Judy Blume

Critic: Twilightstar
Rating:

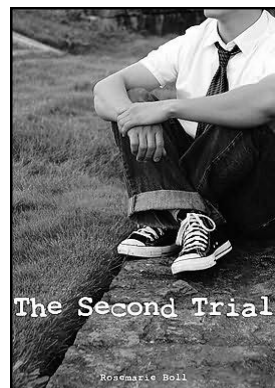


When his dad strikes it rich from an invention, Tony and his family move to a more wealthy neighborhood and Tony's life turns around. He lives in a big house and a fussy maid pushes his grandmother into her bedroom. Why did this happen? This is a great book.

The Second Trial

by Rosemarie Boll

Critic: Twilightstar
Rating:



Danny McMillan never thought of his dad's actions as a threat to his existence or his mom's or sister's, but when his dad is sentenced Danny has to face the truth with his sister. Legal protection is insisted to be the safest option and the victim protection program helps the family to rebuild their lives as the Mayer family. But Danny doesn't want to be David and live this life that now must be his reality. Who is he? This is a great book.

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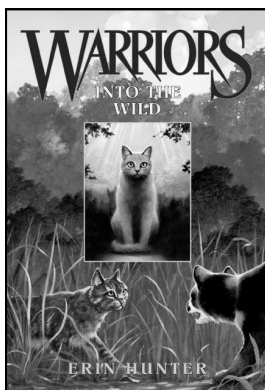


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Aberoth
www.aberoth.com
Critic: Kudu
Rating: Flippin' Awesome

Aberoth is an 8-bit massively multiplayer online role playing game with 4 extensive maps, including the orc cave, forest, rogue den, and satyr pit. You start out as a person with nothing and are transported into a room where you are confronted and asked if you will defend the Land of Aberoth from various enemies. If you say yes, you are given a club, which is the simplest weapon in the game. You must first defeat Ratingar and his Band of Rogues. You can obtain more gold by killing bees and rabbits and enemies will drop gold as well. You can obtain better items with more gold. To become stronger, you must go to Lysis' hut in the bottom right hand of the screen — for 25 gold, she will teach you life skill which will give you more hit points allowing you to fight stronger enemies, such as wolves and orcs. Join Aberoth and become a CHAMPION TODAY!!!



Warriors series
by Erin Hunter
Critic: Flarie
Rating: Flippin' Awesome

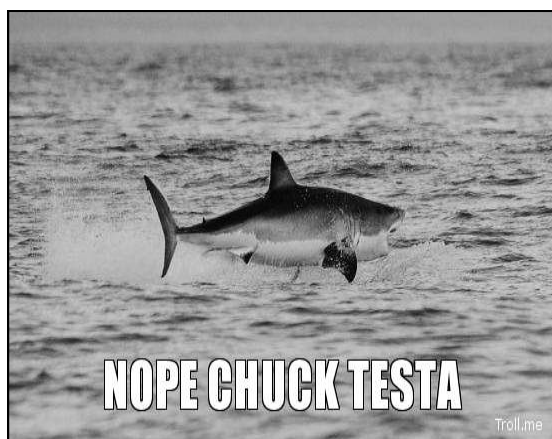
Warriors will enchant anyone who loves fantasy and animals, especially cats. The author, Erin Hunter, makes the books come alive! Her text dances in your mind like a movie!



Aberoth
www.aberoth.com
Critic: Magic Sweet Potato
Rating: Überheinous

Aberoth is an 8-bit browser based MMORPG: Massive Monstrosity Online Really Poorly done Game. The name itself is a knock-off of "Azeroth" (the world in "World of Warcraft"). Basically you are an eyeless little character that can walk around and hit stuff. To name your character you kill bees and rabbits to get gold. You can go on quests all given to you by the same person. The quests are as easy as they are bland, and to be honest, you could beat them all within 2 hours (if you wanted to waste your life). You can't really eat in the game, but you can drink beer and potions. The potions make you stronger and faster. The invisibility potion doesn't really make you invisible. You just look like floating gear. So essentially, the game is promoting alcoholism, steroids and hallucinogens. You can even get a drinking skill. This game also promotes animal cruelty, as you are meant to kill wolves and rabbits. You also can kill orcs and satyrs, though much harder. You can buy and sell gear, too. But the game's major flaw is that it is truly designed to upset you. You get all this stuff, and eventually you will die. Most likely killed by another player. So this game is also promoting murder. So go ahead. If you want to waste a chink of your life, head right to your computer and type in www.aberoth.com. If you have common sense, NEVER GO NEAR THIS WEBSITE!





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MEET THE CRITICS



twilightstar

A pony in ponyville who is awesome and very smart. But if don't know who I am you need to learn.



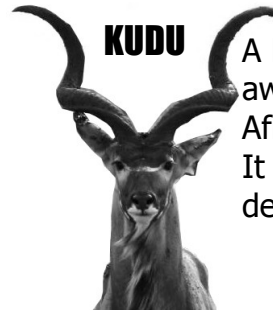
FINN THE GOLDFISH

I am a hero of the goldfish crew. Without me the commercials would be incomplete. I am made of cheddar and am sprinkled with salt. I am the snack that smiles back.



Pink Cupcake

I like pink cupcakes (with pink frosting). I also like books, pink stuff, and CRITICS CLUB.



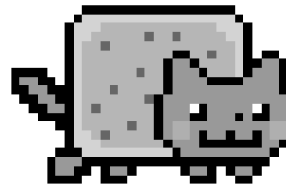
KUDU

A kudu is an awesome African deer. It lives in the deep jungle.



YOSHI PLATYPEPO

Yoshi Platypepo is a master juggler that was raised by the makers of Mario. Two years ago, she was nominated for the "Licked the Strangest Things" awards. She now lives in secrecy due to annoying fans forcing her to participate in fast food eating competitions. Be sure to read Yoshi Platypepo (yo-shi plat-e-pee-po) writing pieces!



The Elephant

Nyan nyan nyan
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Cry Baby Chibi

Nice to meet you, I'm Cry Baby Chibi. Please read my review or I'll cry.



MAGIC SWEET POTATO

Beware of my CURSE. My magic powers are magical.



flarie

I love flying, eating, and playing with my dragon.

NO

