

READING PRACTICE

TEENAGE BOOK REVIEWS

A Planting the Seed

This is the first in a series of family history novels which will follow the lives of one family over two hundred years. It's only the first book, and it's a very long one, but I got through it in just over a week. Two six-year-old brothers lose their parents and have to try to live on their own. An uncle comes to look after them, but he only wants to take them to his farm and make them work. We see how the boys' lives change because of what happens to them. In the end they both become very wealthy, but an argument about business ends their relationship. I can't wait to read the next one to find out what happens.

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B Do You Really Want To Do That?

This fascinating novel is about a young teenager who keeps doing dangerous things like climbing on top of buildings and jumping off bridges into the river. It looks at why people might want to do such things and what this can do to people. The boy always gets good marks at school and appears to be a model student, but at night he lives a completely different life. When his parents are asleep, he creeps out of his house to do something dangerous. However, one night he sees something that changes his life forever. I can't tell you what because that would spoil the

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story. But I strongly recommend you read this book if you love adventure and mystery.

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C One Dark Story

This must be one of the worst books I've ever read. The plot was completely impossible to understand and the three main characters, two girls and a boy, are not people you would want to meet. The cover says that it's a detective story which will keep you hooked. I was already confused by the third page. I feel that I've really wasted two hours of my life reading this. I can't believe that other reviews said it was brilliant. I'm sure they were reading another book!

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D A Better Day Tomorrow

This thought-provoking novel is about the day-to-day experiences of a normal teenager and how she navigates the challenges and obstacles that present themselves in her school and home life. It is essentially a story about how to manage your self-esteem and improve your relationships and is written in the form of a diary. As a teenager myself, I was able to identify with the protagonist, and with her problems and dilemmas. Without giving anything away, the plot also has some surprising twists and turns which will keep you reading late into the night. I thoroughly recommend this book to any teenager who is trying to understand themselves and the people around them.

7 You are going to read four book reviews. For questions 1-12, choose from the books (A, B, C or D). There are two questions you can't answer.

Which book ...

- 1 has a narrative that could be tricky to follow? _____
- 2 will be followed by more related books? _____
- 3 is a love story between two teenagers? _____
- 4 features a perfect pupil as its protagonist? _____
- 5 has a plot that will completely hook you? _____
- 6 has - according to its publicity - a plot that will completely hook you? _____
- 7 is a diary written by a boy who has a lot of problems? _____

8 has characters who have fallen out with each other by the end? _____

9 can help you become a better person and citizen? _____

10 is the reviewer confident that people won't like? _____

11 starts off with an element of tragedy? _____

12 uses the first person to pretend to be a specific text type? _____

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