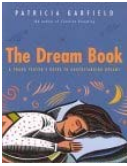


Good Reads

Great Non-Fiction

Think non-fiction books are only for writing reports? Check out these books that are so interesting, weird, and fun that they must be true.



The Dream Book: A Young Person's Guide to Understanding Dreams. by Patricia Garfield. YA 154.6

Do you ever dream you're hanging out with Katie Holmes or Johnny Damon? How about showing up at school in your underwear? Driving a car even though you've never driven? These dreams are more common than you think and there are some reasonable, and surprising explanations for them.



With their Eyes: The View from a High School at Ground Zero. edited by Annie Thomas. YA 303.625

September 11, 2001 started as a normal day for the students of Stuyvesant High School, four blocks away from the Twin Towers in New York City. Read firsthand accounts from the students; about living in the shadow of the World Trade Center attack. These powerful writings were originally presented in a play written by the students.



Celebrating a Quinceanera: A Latina's 15th Birthday Celebration. by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith and Lawrence Migdale. YA 395.24

Ariana watches as plans are made for her cousin, Cynthia's Quinceanera. The beautiful photographs of the ceremony are what make this book great.



The Exploding Toilet: Modern Urban Legends. by David Holt and Bill Mooney. YA 398.2

Did you hear about the man who gift-wrapped his garbage? Or the man who was accidentally taken to a mental hospital? Did you know that your hamburgers may have worms in it? Read about these and other strange stories, which you're never sure are true or not.



The Kid who Invented the Trampoline: More Surprising Stories about Inventions by Don L. Wulffson. YA 609

In 1963, at a middle school in New Jersey, an eighth grader invented the snowboard. The inventor of Liquid Paper (also known as "white out") had a son who later joined the Monkees. Read about these and the minds behind the trampoline, toilet paper, margarine, and Post-it notes.



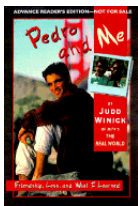
We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success by Sharon Draper with Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt. YA 610.92

Three boyhood friends from Newark, New Jersey, who were getting into trouble, make a pact to better their lives and continue with their education.



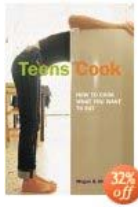
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach. YA 611

A funny view of various uses for dead bodies, such as for research for medical school, and for organ transplants. There's even a chapter about cannibalism.



Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss, and What I Learned by Judd Winick. YA 616.9792

A graphic novel detailing the friendship between two men who met while filming *The Real World*, one of whom, Pedro, suffered from AIDS. Pedro's story is vividly told through Judd Winick's words and drawings. Even if you watched *The Real World: San Francisco*, you won't know the whole story until you read this book.



Teens Cook: How to Cook What You Want to Eat by Megan and Jill Carle. YA 641.5

Two teenage girls give their favorite (and easy) recipes, including chicken quesadillas, frozen bananas with chocolate and toffee, and baked potato soup.



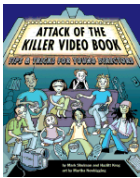
The T-Shirt Book by Charlotte Brunel. YA 646.3

A brief history of the t-shirt, accompanied by hundreds of color photographs of all different styles and brands.



The Code Book: How to Make It, Break It, Hack It, Crack It by Simon Singh. YA 652.8

Describes a history of code making, from Ancient Egypt to Mary, Queen of Scots, to present day. There are also hints and details given about cracking codes.



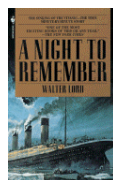
Attack of the Killer Video Book: Tips and Tricks for Young Directors by Mark Shulman and Hazlitt Krog YA 778.59

An introduction to making movies, for budding directors or for those of you just looking to have some fun with a video camera.



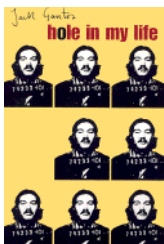
In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle by Madeleine Blais. YA 796.32362 and *Friday Night Lights* by H.G. Bissinger YA 796.332

Read the true stories of a high school girl's basketball team in Amherst (*In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle*) and a high school football team in Texas. (*Friday Night Lights*)



A Night to Remember by Walter Lord. YA 910.452

Before Leonardo DiCaprio was even born, this was **the** book (and movie) about the Titanic.



Hole in My Life by Jack Gantos. YA/B/Gantos

Back in the early 1970's, Young Adult and Children's author, Jack Gantos (*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*), wanted a life of excitement and so he agreed to smuggle drugs from Florida, and soon found himself in jail. *Hole in my Life* is the story of Gantos's time in prison and how it helped shape him into the adult he is, today.