

Book reports

Secrets Beneath the Sea

Author: Robert F. Marx
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This book is about a man named Robert Marx who at the age of six decided to become a deep-sea diver.

He ran away from home at the age of fourteen to the east coast of the United States and fulfilled his dream to become a deep-sea diver. This story tells about his adventures and the excitement as he discovers wrecks of boats from beneath the sea. It tells about his search for the golden sword lost on the wreck of the "Fanny and Jenny" and of his explorations of the lost city of Port Royal.

It is a very exciting book and I enjoyed it very much, good reading for a long summer day.

The Sign of the Twisted Candles

Author: Carolyn Keene
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This story begins with Nancy Drew, the featured character, when her and her two friends are out for a drive and get stranded at a restaurant wherein they discover a tower room where the owners were keeping a person against his wishes. A Mr. Asa Sidney, and the thin foster child, Sadie, comes to Nancy Drew for help. After much intrigue and mystery Sadie finally learns who Asa Sidney really is and what relation she is to him and has a struggle to prove that she is really the one who is meant to inherit his fortune as set out in his will.

This book is a true mystery and very exciting to the very end.

Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Author: Washington Irving
by Gary Banting
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Once there was a school teacher named Ichabod Crane who had newly moved to a small town where there was a job for him.

In one of his music classes there was a beautiful girl named Kabrian Van Tassel whose father was very rich and prosperous and whom Ichabod took a great liking to. She had a boyfriend named Brom Bones and he was very jealous of Ichabod. One night at a party Brom was telling ghost stories and one of the stories was about the Legend of Sleepy Hollow.

Later when Ichabod was going home he saw a dark figure on a horse holding its head in its hands. He was very frightened and tried to cross a bridge before the horseman, where he knew he would be safe.

Would the horseman disappear as in Brom's story? Would Ichabod reach the bridge in time? This story is mysterious and great fun to read.

Buffalo Knife

Author: William O. Steele
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This book is about a boy who received a knife from his Uncle Oz before setting out on a trip to French Salt Lake to bring Isaac to town.

shoulder. During their trip they were stranded on mountains, were carried over a large waterfall and always had the Indians watching and waiting after them. Andy's dog, Silas, was bitten by a rattlesnake among many other interesting happenings, until finally they complete their wanderings and meet with Uncle Oz at French Salt Lake.

A very interesting book which I highly recommend.

Wilderness Family

Author: Arthur R. Dubs
By Sharon Taylor
Elmvale, Ontario

The Wilderness Family is an adventure book about a family who once lived in a city and moved into the wilderness to get away from all the noise

and pollution. In this book they have hardships and always have to be learning something new in order to survive. There are no schools so they have to initiate their own studies. The general idea is that people can survive in the wilderness if they learn from nature and work together as a family, especially if they are persistent and don't give up easily.

Pat, the mother, was very discouraged for a time and wanted to give

up, but decided to give one more try and eventually everything worked out. They had visits from all kinds of animals but when Three Toes, a giant grizzly bear, comes around and attacks everyone and everything in sight, there are some exciting moments.

This book would be recommended for nature lovers and outdoors types and I enjoyed it very much. There is also a movie made which has been based on this book.

Canary Red

Author: Robert McKay
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The novel Canary Red is about a fifteen year old girl, Ming, who always thought she was an orphan because her aunt and uncle told her that both her parents were dead. However, her father robbed a bank and was in prison for twenty years.

One day, Ming's Aunt Sara had to tell Ming that her father really wasn't dead, that he was in prison and was coming home. Ming was very shocked and wondered what her father would be like.

When Ming and her uncle George went to pick her father up at the train station, she was very nervous but she really wanted to get to know him. Her father, Mason Campbell, had brought some wooden crates with

him and many people wondered what was inside of them.

Once they were home, Ming's father took all the crates into the barn. Ming soon realized that her father was interested in birds, because that's what was in those crates. Ming's father told her many things about birds and decided to let her help him all the time.

The next day Mason Campbell was happy to wake and not see those walls all closed around

him, as well as look outside and not see walls between him and the horizon.

I enjoyed the story and I learned a lot about birds and how to take care of them. I also learned about people. To be honest with you, there wasn't a thing I disliked in the story. There was the odd flashback but that made the story all the more interesting. I also feel that a lot of people would enjoy this story because there wasn't a dull moment.

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