

Previous Month's Book Reviews

The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

Enter a world where Gods and Goddesses are real. Percy Jackson has gotten kicked out of every school he has attended. The funny thing is, it's really not his fault. Wherever he goes these really strange things happen to him. For example, while on a field trip he shoots at his bus with a cannon or causes his whole class to take a swim in a shark tank at SeaWorld. At the end of another dismal year, having been asked not to return, Percy heads home to NYC with his best friend Grover. While on vacation on Montauk with his mom, Grover returns with a shocking secret. After a wild night of storms, monsters and a wild chase Percy finds a safe haven at a camp for special children. When a serious problem presents itself, Percy, Grover and a new found friend, go on a race against time to return something that was stolen.

Fantasy - Recommended by Mrs. Buckley

Touching Spirit Bear

by Ben Mikaelson

This is a riveting story of a young boy's journey from self-destructive anger to taking responsibility for his actions and healing himself and the community through Native American Circle Justice. Cole Matthews is angry, defiant; full of hate - a bully. His anger stretches too far and he beats up a ninth-grade classmate, Peter Driscoll to the point of brain damage; Cole faces a prison sentence but instead is offered Circle Justice: a system based on Native American traditions in which the victim, offender, and community all work together to find a healing solution. Cole scoffs at the concept, but he'd do anything to stay away from prison. Cole is banished for one year on a secluded Alaskan island. Does he survive the year and what happens when he is faced with Spirit Bear?

Historical Fiction - Recommended by Mrs. Hushmندی