



Your Environment. Your Choice.



THINK about all the things you do each day. You make hundreds, maybe even thousands of choices. Many of these choices affect YOU! Others may affect your family and your friends.

Many of these choices—even the smallest ones--have an impact on the environment, too. What about that bottle you tossed away? The computer that you recently replaced with a newer, faster model? The plastic bags you tossed?

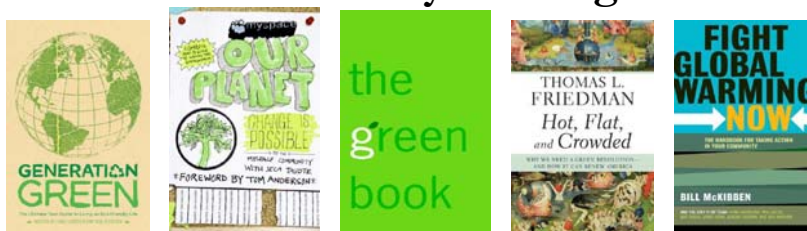
THINK before you toss that can away. RECYCLE it! The computer...give it to someone who can REUSE it! The shirt you no longer wear...donate it and REDUCE the valuable natural resources that go into the manufacturing process.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE. Be an environmental steward. Think how YOU can reduce YOUR environmental footprint by conserving resources. Remember: we do not own the environment, no one can. We are merely a “caretaker” of the natural resources around us for future generations.

TOP 20 Ways for Teens to GO GREEN!

1. Ride bike/ walk /carpool
2. Pack trash-free lunch
3. Buy organic food
4. Use reusable canvas bags
5. Recycle paper/plastic/cans
6. Turn off computer at night
7. Reuse BPA-free drink bottles
8. Plant a tree
9. Grow a vegetable garden
10. Volunteer - Westminster's Community Pride Day 5/9/09
11. Buy local
12. Donate unused clothes
13. Turn off water when brushing teeth
14. Turn out lights
15. Use compact florescent bulbs
16. Take shorter showers/no baths
17. Use organic pesticides
18. Re-use gift bags/don't use wrapping paper
19. Read newspaper online
20. Join pro-environment causes

Read to find out how you can get active...



Read how these fictional characters fight for Environmental Protection causes



Act now...

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- <http://www.stopglobalwarming.org>
- <http://www.thegreenguide.com>
- <http://www.treehugger.com>



On April 4th the Colorado Teen Literature Conference was held in Denver... again. A few people from the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) came to the conference as well. It was a great experience for us to meet the authors that were there. The main speakers were Jordan Sonnenblick and David Lubar. These two great authors gave us a hysterical time (this years theme is funny stories) We all had fun going to classes, shopping and some of us even got to speak on the Teen Panel to the authors. All in all it was a great time.
-Moorea C

The conference was fun and a good experience. People can get up close and ask authors questions: from their ideas to writing a novel to just asking for an autograph. The overall experience is something that every teen and adult should experience. -Christine S

David Lubar



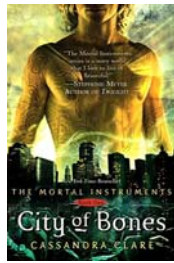
Jordan Sonnenblick



Terri Clark Todd Mitchell



Book Review



The City of Bones / Cassandra Clare

- Rate the book cover? 4 (parents don't like)
- Story description on the jacket flap or back of the book? 7
- How well written was the book? 8
- Did you enjoy reading the book? 9
- Do you think your peers would enjoy reading the book? 9
- Would you recommend this book to someone? 6
- Would your parents let/like you to read this book? 3
- Did you finish this book? Yes

The City of Bones is about vampires, werewolves, shadow hunters, and daemons. It all starts when Clary goes to the club Pandemonium, where she sees three people, with marks all across their skin, kill a kid. Normal people can't see them, because they're shadow hunters and their job is to kill daemons to keep regular people safe. The shadow hunters are truly puzzled that Clary, who they all think is a normal person, can see them. It gets all the more confusing when daemons attack and abduct Clary's mom. Clary's only hope to find her mom is to fight with the shadow hunters. Along the way she finds out that that her mom was married to an evil shadow hunter allied with the daemons called Valentine, and that she too is a shadow hunter. She discovers that she was raised hidden from the rest of her kind so that she would be safe from her father.

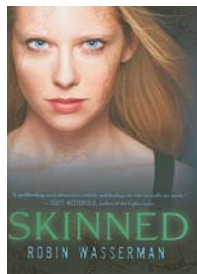
Overall I think that this is an amazing book. It's long, but it has a lot of action, romance, hate, and secrecy. I think anyone who likes to read will love this book.
-Soham



A Certain Slant of Light / Laura Whitcomb

This. Book. Was. Amazing. And I'm serious. Rarely do you find a book that challenges the way you think in so many different ways. A romance that is heart-breaking and enlightening at the same time. You will fall in love with the characters. Feel their desperation, their love, their happiness, and their anger. Although this book was superb and engrossing, I would not recommend it for anyone under the age of thirteen because of its mature themes. This book was on the "Banned Book List", but it should forever be available for readers! You will find yourself looking at things through a, well, different slant of light. Read this and prepare to have your world changed!
-Lena

Skinned / Robin Wassermann



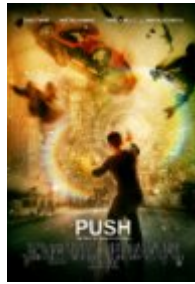
I have to admit, this book was a real mind-opener. It tells of a future where people can die, but have their souls put into a robot that looks similar to them. As you read the book, you cry tears for the main character's fate as she goes from rich princess to social outcast, from beautiful human to beautiful robot. After the accident, Lia lives surrounded by people who despise her, and a family who wishes they had just let her die.

The plot twists in so many unexpected ways, that by the end, you will be craving for the second book in the series. This is a book about human need, and the loss and rebirth that can sometimes fall upon you, even when you never wanted it to happen. A beautifully written story, one that will keep you wanting more! - Lena

Movie Review

CD Review:

Taylor Swift's new album **Fearless** mixes country songs with a little pop, with great songs like *Love Story* and *Forever and Always*. The album starts off strong with *Fearless* and ends with a dramatic song describing change. The lyrics and melody of her new music video *Love Story*, a modern day "Romeo and Juliet" go perfectly with modern Victorian times. Plus, Taylor Swift's gold dress pairs off nicely with the video as well. *You Belong with Me* hits the heart when it tells you about a guy not seeing the girl he can really be with, when it's right in front of his face. *You're not Sorry* is a sad song that reflects the breaking up part in every relationship. *The Way I Loved You* reflects the most exciting parts in a relationship when you first meet a guy like holding hands, first kisses, and first dates. So, if you liked Taylor Swift's first album, than you'll like her second one. Make sure you add this album to your playlist. -Thy Thy



Push - Of all the movies I've seen so far in '09 I would say that the movie, Push is the best. Push is a sci-fi movie that all action movie lovers would die for. It has a heart-pounding plot from beginning to end. It's all about a man named, Nick who can move things (telekinesis) and his journey running from the Division. Division is an evil part of the United States government that wants to round people who have powers all up and use them as weapons. Nick meets some interesting characters with other special powers. All and all I give this movie five stars out of five. – Dylan



Coraline, the animated horror-fantasy 3D motion picture based on Neil Gaiman's book is a great movie that is also an accurate depiction to the book. Once Coraline Jones moves into her new home she notices some very strange things such as the secret door with the skeleton key. She befriends a stray black cat and an odd boy named Wybie Lovat. She also befriends long-retired actresses Miss Spink and Miss Forcible, and an acrobat named Mr. Bobinsky. After discovering the strange door she unlocks its mystery by jumping into a strange world where her "other-button eyed version of mother and father" lay. In the "other world" Coraline finds the delicious food, the magical garden, and the attention that she is missing from her parents in her very own world. But everything is not what it seems when Coraline is asked to have buttons sown in her very own eyes, by giving up her world. The black cat, which can speak while in the Other World, informs Coraline that the "other Mother" and her world is a trap set to lure children who are neglected. Coraline also finds the ghost children who have been previously trapped by the "Other mother". Coraline also finds out that the evil mom kidnaps her parents. Aided by the black cat and a seeing stone given to her by Spink and Forcible, Coraline challenges the "other mother" into a searching game so she can free her parents and the lost souls of the children. One by one, she finds the children's "eyes" (or rather their souls) and disintegrates the monstrous, twisted inhabitants of the Other World guarding them. After tricking the other mother by having her open the door to her world and cutting off the other mother's hand she frees her parents. Soon, the other Mother's severed hand tries to enter Coraline's world, but Coraline and Wybie destroy the world when they throw the hand and key into a well. The movie ends on a happy note with a garden party. If you loved the book then you'll love the movie. –Thy-Thy

Video Editing Software

FLIPSHARE www.theflip.com
FlipShare is the video editing software program that comes loaded with every Flip camera, and it downloads onto a computer the first time the Flip camera is connected to it. It gives users the least amount of decision-making power but probably creates the most attractive movies. User editing tools include the ability to trim from the front and the end of a video but not split the video. Users can arrange clips into a movie but cannot choose different types of transitions between clips—a fade is automatic. Users can also choose to integrate background music as long as it is in MP3 format. There are six very serviceable tunes built-in. Users can add titles and credits at the beginning and end, but these are only white text on a black screen and the amount of text that can be put on a title or credit slide is limited.

WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER

The most recent version of Windows Movie Maker is 2.1. Available for download from the Web or part of XP's Service Pack 2. Users first have to import video into the program by either selecting it from a computer location or capturing it from a video device. Users can also import pictures and music. Each imported object can be dragged onto a collection's time line that runs at the bottom of the screen. This time line allows users to trim videos, split them into two, insert transitions, add titles either on a separate slide or directly onto the clip, and also add background music. Unlike **FlipShare**, there is a wide range of choices for everything.

VIDEOSPIN www.videospin.com
VideoSpin is a scaled down version of the more comprehensive Pinnacle Studio. It is the most intuitive program of the three. Most users will not need to use the tutorial video. The overall layout of the program is very similar to Windows Movie Maker, with a time line at the bottom of the screen offering different channels for video, audio, titles, and other text; music and playback is in a frame on the right. This program makes it the easiest of the three to find and include media from your computer.

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Going green helps us
As a single and a whole
Please help and go green
-Christine S

The world through a butterfly's eye...

Butterfly
Oh how you lay
Upon the maple wood
It is sad
And quite bad
How you're not understood

Will you fly?
In the sky
Oh Butterfly don't lie

Above the sky
Will you fly?
Dearest Butterfly

I wish to see
What you see
Through the eyes of you Butterfly
-Dylan

The words on this page
are dragging me in.
I'm waiting for the adventure
to begin.
This book casts a spell
over my eyes
my mind starts to swell
there is no compromise.
To a good book
on a rainy, spring day.
So keep on reading
it's the same as play.
-Moorea



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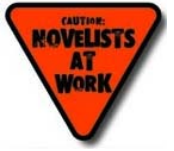
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Chapter Six

I woke from my dream with a fright. Shivers ran down my spine. I looked over and turned off my ringing alarm clock. I grabbed up my uniform and a towel. I tiredly walked out of the room and into the hallway. The cold marble woke me up right away. I went into the bathroom at the end of the hallway.

No one was in there. Was I the only one here who took early morning showers? I took my time taking a shower, and waited in my room until the sun arose from behind the trees of the surrounding area.

I walked down to the Mess Hall trying to take as long as I could. I wish I was home with Greta, Jaxon, and Alison. I could almost smell Greta cooking in the kitchen making her famous homemade waffles. I stood there with my eyes closed wishing to be there with my family. But that fantasy ended when someone ran into me.

I fell to the ground, smacking my head against the hard floor. I looked up to see who it was that hit me. The boy was younger than me with short caramel colored hair. He turned around and looked at me.

“S-Sorry,” he said mechanically almost like a robot.

“It’s okay.” Before my words could reach him he was already in the Mess Hall. I followed them in. I looked up at the center of the Mess Hall where a huge statue was. Right under the statue waving like crazy at me was, Sophie.

I grabbed my tray and got in line quickly so I could sit over by Sophie. I flopped some oatmeal on my tray with a side of scrambled eggs and a piece of buttered toast. I scurried over to where Sophie was and sat her table.

“Hi, Kevin.” She squeaked.

“Hi, Sophie.” I replied as through a spoonful of oatmeal in my mouth.

“So you’re an early riser too?”

“Yeah, I guess. Do none of your friends get up this early to eat with you?” Sophie nodded her head. She looked up at me through her dark brown hair.

“Well you better get to eating. Your food will get cold.” She smiled.

That part of her reminded me of Greta, with her mother like tone and reactions. I tried to eat my food as soon as possible. It was almost eight thirty. I had to get to my first class fast if I didn’t want to be late. I snuck by my dorm room and grabbed all my books. Then I sprinted through the courtyard to the eastern part of campus where my class was.

I walked into the classroom and looked around the room again. It looked the same as yesterday. I’ve seen déjà vu but never this bad. Everything was the same even the teacher. He was wearing the exact same outfit. I thought as a chemistry teacher you had to be clean apparently not. I looked around the room one more time looking over everything. Everything was the same except that creepy Zach Taylor kid wasn’t here. Where was he?

To be continued.....