

Book Review Examples For High School

Title: *I, Alex Cross*

Author: James Patterson

Genre: Action Adventure/Mystery

James Patterson's *I, Alex Cross* is an amazing action mystery story about the death of a beloved Cross family member. Alex Cross is a famous police detective who receives a call on his birthday telling him about a woman by the name of Caroline. After Alex finds out that this is Caroline Cross a beloved, beautiful family member it all goes downhill from there.

James Patterson's *I, Alex Cross* is an amazing page-turner that will make you crave for more. This story is a great mix of action, adventure, and intrigue. I would recommend this book to young adults and teens. This book is amazing and something everyone can enjoy. Will Alex find Caroline's Murder? You will have to read the book to find out!!!

Title: *Paper Towns*

Author: John Green

Genre: Realistic Fiction

John Green's amazing way of writing has not let us down yet. With his mesmerizing book, *Paper Towns*, he has captured the interests of teens around the country. *Paper Towns* has a setting that corresponds to our time and gives teens more reasons to drop their computers and pick up *Paper Towns*.

Quentin, also known as Q, fell in love with his best friend, Margo from the day she moved to his neighborhood. Since they were little children they've managed to get themselves into a great deal of mischief. For example, one spring afternoon they found an old dead man in the park they always visited. Q is a charming, loveable boy who would do anything for Margo, and Margo, she's something special. She's beautiful and outgoing. She doesn't care what she does and if someone does anything bad to her she will get revenge no matter what. Margo and Q are now in high school and it's almost their graduation day. A week before, Margo disappears, no one worries at first because she is known to disappear and reappear at times-- except when Quentin gets worried and tries everything to find her.

Will Q ever find his love? And will she ever love him back? You will have to read this amazing book to find out. *Paper Town* is an amazing love story that will leave you craving to turn the page; you will never know what would be coming from Q or Margo. I recommend this amazing book to any girls or boys who like Realistic Fiction and love.

Title: *Twenty Boy Summer*

Author: Sarah Ockler

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Twenty Boy Summer is by far the best realistic fiction novel I have ever read. Sarah Ockler, the writer of this book, wrote these events as if everything happened to her when she was younger. I will never forget this book as long as I live.

This realistic fiction novel follows a teenager named Anna Riley through a summer of fun, lies, and relationships. She is accompanied by her best friend in the whole world, Francesca, known as Frankie. One ordinary day, Anna, Frankie, and Josh are getting ice cream. Everything changes when the three best friends are in a fatal accident. Now Anna and Josh's

love will never be told to anybody. It is a secret that will always be in Anna's heart. Anna's world has flipped upside-down.

The plot of this novel makes a spectacular realistic story. There is a plethora of drama and romance. I recommend this book for all teenagers. I believe that Sarah Ockler is an amazing writer.

Title: *Soldier X*

Author: Don L. Wulffson

Genre: Historical Fiction/Action

My all time favorite book of the year was Soldier X. This historical fiction/action novel is a real page turner. This story is about a teenager named Erik that was forced to join the German army during World War II.

Erik didn't even have experience shooting a gun; he was learning new commands and enduring training in order to defend himself and country. He was also forced learn and speak German. Erik was not only German, he was also Russian which eventually affected his life later on in the book. Erik is the type of man that doesn't enjoy hurting others or destroying others' belongings; he's timid and has complex character traits throughout the entire text.

This book is mesmerizing because the author has a clear plot. He wants the reader to recognize the point that in life there's not always going to be great parts. Even the most terrible situations can have a positive ending or a great resolution. This makes for an excellent story to read because not only is it engaging it teaches a piece of history and how the Jews and Germans were treated and how World War II affected many lives. Many soldiers died to defend their country from harm while Hitler planned to kill innocent people for ridiculous reasons.

In conclusion, I recommend that you decide to read this because it's compelling, educational, and has various moods and character traits.

Title: *Ball Don't Lie*

Author: Matt De La Pena

Genre: Realistic Fiction

The book *Ball Don't Lie* by Matt de la Pena is an emotional story about urban street basketball and a young man named Sticky, who plays it exceptionally well.

Sticky has had a very hard childhood mostly spent in a series of foster homes where people did not care for him, hurt him, or ignored him. The book takes us back and forth between past and present, explaining Sticky's defense mechanisms, his silence and toughness, and his repetitive behaviors.

Sticky finds a family in the other street basketball players in a run down inner city gym, where he finds his skills, his heart and his desire to move beyond the hardships of his childhood. His relationship with his girlfriend also helps Sticky to care and to learn to respond to another person's caring for him.

All the characters in the book are very believable, and the exciting plot and excellent writing kept me very interested, and I was cheering Sticky on to make the right decisions all the way to the end. By the way, this book is available in the school library!