

Perspectives



Please note: Books vary widely in maturity level and content.

Any questions?

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Looking to earn Community Service Credit Hours? Check Out the back of this Bibliography!

How to Earn Community Service Credit After Reading a Book in this Bibliography:

Fill out the Writing-Based Community Service Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/EtXZ7cNK86V3tbYF9>

Read any book on this list, then answer the following questions in one to five sentences.

1. What is the main plot of this book?
2. Which character did you most identify with and why?
3. What do you believe is the main message of this book?
4. Do you think the main message of this book was effectively integrated into the story, or did it come across as too “preachy”?
5. If two or more perspectives on an important topic were explored/presented in this book, which one did you agree with and why?
6. In what ways (if any) were your beliefs about a topic changed or reaffirmed through reading this book?
7. What perspective, if any, do you think was missing from this book?
8. Did this book encourage you to pursue any topics further through more reading, research, action, etc., and if so, how?
9. What type of reader (based on age, interests, perspectives, etc.) would you suggest this book to?
10. What other book(s) you have read that you think would make a good addition to this category of the Perspectives Bibliography, and why?

Please include the questions (numbered and in italics) in your document. Begin your response on a new line below the question. Cite specific examples from the book, as needed, to back-up your answers.

Email the completed response as an attached Word Doc or Google Doc to the teen librarian, Emily Ostrander, at teens@emmaclark.org. Please include the Title, Author, and Category of the Book you are responding to, as well as your Full Name, Grade, and the Date you wrote the response in the body of the email, so that we can send the community service certificate to you in a timely manner. Please save a copy of the response for your records.

Accepted responses will earn 2 hours of community service credit and be published on the Emma Clark Library Teen Website!

Teens may submit up to 12 responses per calendar year, earning up to 24 hours of community service credit.

Ariel Crashes a Train / Olivia A. Cole / YA COLE / 2024
A Bánh Mì for Two / Trinity Nguyen / YA NGUYE / 2024
Becoming a Queen / Dan Clay / YA CLAY / 2023
Bite Me, Royce Taslim / Lauren Ho / YA HO / 2024
Breathing Underwater / Abbey Lee Nash / YA NASH / 2024
Brighter than the Sun / Daniel Aleman / YA ALEMA / 2023
Brownstone / Samuel Teer / TEEN GN TEER / 2024
Cancelled / Farrah Penn / YA PENN / 2024
Chronically Dolores / Maya Van Wagenen / YA VANWA / 2024
Come Home Safe / Brian G. Buckmire / YA BUCKM / 2023
Cruzita and the Mariacheros / Ashley Granillo / YA GRANI / 2024
Dear Medusa / Olivia A. Cole / YA COLE / 2023
Dear Wendy / Ann Zhao / YA ZHAO / 2024
Different Kinds of Fruit / Kyle Lukoff / TEEN LUKOF / 2022
Don't Call Me a Hurricane / Ellen Hagan / YA HAGAN / 2022
Eighteen Roses / Shannon C.F. Rogers / YA ROGER / 2023
Fatima Tate Takes the Cake / Khadijah Vanbrakle / YA VANBR / 2023
Four Eids and a Funeral / Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé and Adiba Jaigirdar / YA ABIKE / 2024
Girls Like Her / Melanie Sumrow / YA SUMRO / 2024
The Glass Girl / Kathleen Glasgow / YA GLASG / 2024
Gooseberry / Robin Gow / YA GOW / 2024
Go With the Flow / Karen Schneemann / TEEN GN SCHNE / 2020
The Great Cool Ranch Dorito in the Sky / Josh Galarza / YA GALAR / 2024
Heretics Anonymous / Katie Henry / YA HENRY / 2018
Imposter Syndrome and Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim / Patricia Park / YA PARK / 2023
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus / Dusti Bowling / TEEN BOWLI / 2019
Joined at the Joints / Marissa Eller / YA ELLER / 2024
Junkyard Dogs / Katherine Higgs-Coulthard / YA HIGGS / 2023
Just Ash / Sol Santana / YA SANTA / 2021
Just Happy to be Here / Naomi Kanakia / YA KANAK / 2024
Just Say Yes / Goldy Moldavsky / YA MOLDA / 2024
Let's Talk About Love / Claire Kann / TEEN KANN / 2019
The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen / Isaac Blum / YA BLUM / 2022
Louder than Hunger / John Schu / YA SCHU / 2024
The Loudest Silence / Sydney Langford / YA LANGF / 2024
Love is in the Hair / Gemma Cary / YA CARY / 2024
Never Saw You Coming / Erin Hahn / YA HAHN / 2021
No Going Back / Patrick Flores-Scott / YA FLORE / 2024
Not About a Boy / Myah Hollis / YA HOLLI / 2024
Not Your Average Jo / Grace K. Shim / YA SHIM / 2024
The Next New Syrian Girl / Ream Shukairy / YA SHUKA / 2023
On the Bright Side / Anna Sortino / YA SORTI / 2024
On the Subject of Unmentionable Things / Julia Walton / YA WALTO / 2022
Out of Left Field / Johah Newman / TEEN GN NEWMA / 2024
Out of the Blue Comes Green / M. E. Corey / YA COREY / 2024
Pieces of Me / Kate McLaughlin / YA MCLAU / 2023
Plan A / Deb Caletti / YA CALET / 2023
Prom Babies / Kekla Magoon / YA MAGOO / 2024
The Rez Doctor / Gitz Crazyboy / TEEN GN CRAZY / 2024
Royal Blood / Aimée Carter / YA CARTE / 2023
Rules for Camouflage / Kirstin Cronn-Mills / YA CRONN / 2024
The Sharp Edge of Silence / Cameron Kelly Rosenblum / YA ROSEN / 2023
Skater Boy / Anthony Nerada / YA NERAD / 2024
Spilled Ink / Nadia Hashimi / YA HASHI / 2024
Sun Keep Rising / Kristen R. Lee / YA LEE / 2023
Sunrise Nights / Jeff Zentner and Brittany Cavallaro / YA ZENTN / 2024
Teenage Dirtbags / James Acker / YA ACKER / 2024
Tender Beasts / Liselle Sambury / YA SAMBU / 2024
There Goes the Neighborhood / Jade Adia / YA ADIA / 2023
This Book Won't Burn / Samira Ahmed / YA AHMED / 2024
Through Fences / Frederick Luis Aldama / TEEN GN ALDAM / 2024
Tilly in Technicolor / Mazey Eddings / TEEN EDDIN / 2023
True True / Don P. Hooper / YA HOOPE / 2023
Ultraviolet / Aida Salazar / YA SALAZ / 2024
We are Mayhem / Beck Rourke-Mooney / YA ROURK / 2024
We Don't have Time for This / Brianna Craft / YA CRAFT / 2024
We Got the Beat / Jenna Miller / YA MILLE / 2024
Where Wolves Don't Die / Anton Treuer / YA TREUE / 2024
Where You See Yourself / Claire Forrest / YA FORRE / 2023
Who We are in Real Life / Victoria Koops / TEEN KOOPS / 2024
With Love, Miss Americanah / Jane Igharo / YA IGHAR / 2024
Your Plantation Prom is Not Okay / Kelly McWilliams / YA MCWIL / 2023