

RANT & RAVE

Book reviews for you, by you!

Welcome to the very first issue of *RANT & RAVE*, a newsletter of book rants and recommendations for teens, by teens. Do you always walk around with a book in your bag? Stay up all night reading under the covers? Love to tell your friends what to read next? Wish someone had told you to skip a book you hated? This is the place to make your voice heard!

Four times each year, we'll collect book reviews from teens across Asheville and Buncombe County and publish them in *RANT & RAVE*. Our reviewers rate books on the following scale:



For our first issue, we have reviews of two very different books, a nonfiction memoir and a fantasy novel. Read on, intrepid book-lovers, read on!

Jessie Snedden, 15, of the Leicester library reviews . . . *A Child Called It*, by Dave Pelzer



What is the book about?

It's about a boy telling his life story about how his mom treated him. She singled him out from his two brothers, and it's just terrible how she abused him; it's really sad.

What did you like?

I liked how he had the courage to deal with all that and how strong he is. He's a big inspiration. I also like how he made it through everything his mom put him through

What did you NOT like?

I didn't like the way his mom was, but there isn't anything about the book itself that I didn't like.

Would you recommend this book to your friends?

Yes, I would definitely recommend it.

Lasting thoughts you took from the book. . .

People really need to realize what they have because some people really live a rough and horrible life, and they wish they had what we do. So everyone needs to stop complaining and be happy with what they've got.



Eilish Hollar, a junior, of the Weaverville library reviews . . . *Starlighter*, by Bryan Davis



What is the book about?

A girl enslaved by dragons and a boy who grew up poor try to save the people enslaved by dragons.

What did you like?

The action and suspense, and the witty comebacks.

What did you NOT like?

The point of view, and that they worked without knowing the other was also doing something about it 'til later in the book.

Would you recommend this book to your friends?

Yes.

Lasting thoughts you took from the book. . .

Sometimes you just have to believe.



Do you want your review published in *RANT & RAVE*? Anyone ages 11 to 18 can submit a review. Look for a submission form at your local Buncombe County public library. (Or write a review in your own style – just make sure to tell us your name, the author's name, and the title of the book.) Turn your review in to any library and look for it in the next issue of *RANT & RAVE*!

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