

# Rant & Rave

## Book reviews for you, by you!

Welcome to the second 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 collect book reviews from teens across Asheville and Buncombe County and publish them in *RANT & RAVE*. Our reviewers rate books on the following scale:



It's spring (well, almost)! Exams and end-of-grade tests are coming, but you still have time to squeeze in some fun reading before it's time to get down to some serious studying. In this issue, our reviewers cover everything from international crime capers to the story of a father recovering from war.

**Emily Greene (9<sup>th</sup> grade) of the Fairview Library reviews . . . *Heist Society*, by Ally Carter**



*What is the book about?*

Kat Bishop. A girl born a thief despite all her attempts to change that. When Kat's father is accused of stealing a collection of incredibly valuable paintings, she is in charge of retrieving the paintings. If she doesn't, her father could end up dead.

*What did you like?*

Carter weaves the most unlikely things into her creative masterpieces. Kat, the honest thief. Hale, the billionaire 16 year-old. My favorite aspect of *Heist Society* would be the creativity in these types of characteristics. I also enjoyed the romantic part of the book. Though not a main focal point, the romance was sweet and fun.

*What did you NOT like?*

Nothing, really.

*Would you recommend this book to your friends?*

Already have.

*Lasting thought you took from the book. . .*

Who is Visily Romani?



**Hannah McDonald (11) of the Weaverville Library reviews. . . *The Outside of a Horse*, by Ginny Rorby**



*What is the book about?*

A girl named Hannah whose dad got back from the war with only one leg. Her dad has flashbacks from the war that make him do weird things. It is horses down the street that Hannah turns to for comfort.

*What did you like?*

The author does a good job explaining the characters so you feel very attached. It is a book that you will read very quickly and will not be confused for the whole thing.

*What did you NOT like?*

There was nothing I really didn't like, but if I had to say one, it would be that things repeat themselves.

*Would you recommend this book to your friends?*

Yes, anyone would like this, even if you don't really like horses.

*Lasting thought you took from the book. . .*

I thought that this book showed that even if things are bad, they can always get better if you try hard.

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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