

# RANT & RAVE

## Book reviews for you, by you!

Welcome to the third issue of *RANT & RAVE*, a newsletter of book rants and recommendations for teens, by teens. Summer is almost here! For book lovers like us, that means long afternoons of reading to our hearts' content, whether it's at the beach or the pool, under a favorite tree, or in the nice, cool air-conditioning. This issue we bring you five-star books full of dragons, werewolves, dystopian futures, and real life drama. Who knows? Maybe one of them will turn out to be your favorite summer read! Also in this issue: Summer Series Highlights and how you can get involved in the Summer Reading Program.

Our reviewers rate books on the following scale:



Terrible      Okay      The Best!

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*. Read on to find out how you can get involved.

### ***Lockdown*, by Alexander Gordon Smith**



*What is the book about?*

Alex and Toby go to rob a house until giant men and Wheezers with gas masks come and kill Toby and frame Alex. Now Alex is sent to Furnace and must get out (it is where there is no hope).

*What did you like?*

Everything!

*What did you NOT like?*

Nothing.

*Would you recommend this book to your friends?*

Yes.

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

Everything is great and fast-paced and danger at every corner.

— Ryan Hobart, 11  
Oakley Library

### ***City of Bones*, by Cassandra Clare**



*What is the book about?*

Clary stumbles upon a world of werewolves, vampires, fae, and warlocks and shadow hunters. She is thrown into a battle to save the downworlders, shadow hunters, and her mom.

*What did you like?*

The action, Jace, the humor, Jace, and the plot was great. Did I mention Jace?

*What did you NOT like?*

Simon and Valentine.

*Would you recommend this book to your friends?*

YES!!!!!!

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

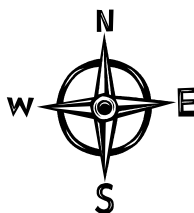
Some things should remain a mystery.

— Eilish Hollar, 11th grade  
Weaverville Library

### **YOU ARE HERE!**

The Summer Reading Program at your library isn't just for kids. Check with your local librarian about prizes, events, and volunteer opportunities especially for teens this summer.

Sign-up starts June 1st!



### **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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