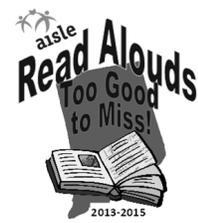


2013-2015

Read Alouds Too-Good-To-Miss

High School Readers



BZRK by Michael Grant

Set in the near future, *BZRK* is the story of a war for control of the human mind. Charles and Benjamin Armstrong, conjoined twins and owners of The Armstrong Fancy Gifts Corporation, have a goal: To turn the world into their visions of utopia. No wars, no conflict, no hunger. And no free will. Opposing them is a guerrilla group of teens, code name BZRK, who are fighting to protect the right to be messed up, to be human. This is no ordinary war, though weapons are deployed on the nano-level. The battleground is the human brain. And there are no stalemates here: It's victory ... or madness.

(Science Fiction)

Dizzy in Your Eyes...Poems About Love by Pat Mora

A collection of poems about love that explore the intensity, pain and beauty that love brings.

(Subject: Language Arts, Spanish, Music)

Every Day by David Levithan

Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

(Romance, Fantasy, Philosophy)

Kids of Kabul by Deborah Ellis

Children from Afghanistan speak candidly about their lives in a country at war. Violence and oppression is all around them. The situation for girls has improved, but is still difficult and dangerous. And many are supporting their families by selling items like pencils and matches on the street.

(Subject: History, Current Events (Afghan War, 2001-, Children and War- Afghanistan))

Legend by Marie Lu

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover they have a common enemy.

(Science Fiction)

October Mourning by Leslea Newman

October Mourning, a novel in verse, is Leslea Newman's deeply felt response to the events of that tragic day when Matthew Shephard was brutally killed. Using her poetic imagination, the author creates fictitious monologues from various points of view, including the fence Matthew was tied to, the stars that watched over him, the deer that kept him company, and Matthew himself. More than a decade later, this stunning cycle of sixty-eight poems serves as an illumination for readers too young to remember, and as a powerful, enduring tribute to Matthew Shepard's life.

(Subject: Shepard, Matthew, d. 1988, Hate crimes, Homosexuality, Bullying, Novels in verse; Poetry, Social Studies)

Son by Lois Lowry

4th and final book in the *Giver* quartet.

(Subject: Science Fiction; Future Societies)