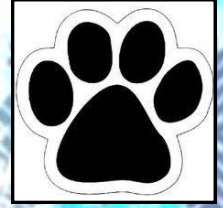


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- February 5: *Helping Hands Hoagie Sale*
- February 17: *Early Dismissal*
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- April 7: *Early Dismissal*
- April 10-14: *Spring Break*

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New members welcome!

SHORT STORY—

BEFORE THE FORTNIGHT ENDS

RACHEL MELLONI

A roaring pain across my skull roused me from my sleep. *Why am I still in my bed?* I thought to myself. I tried to sit up, but the pain flared up, and forced me back down. *What had happened?* I looked around, trying to force my thoughts into order.

And then I remembered. Mrs. Livrenshire. The conversa-

tion. And perhaps a murder. I heard a knock on my door, and my heart dropped. Startled, I flinched, sending a searing pain across my skull. *Who could be at my door?*

Not waiting for a response, whoever was at my door began to open it. It was the lady of the house herself. I felt my blood run cold.

Perhaps she was the reason that I was back in my bedroom. *Had she seen me faint?*

With a sickly sweet smile, she sat on the edge of my bed. "My, my, I don't know what got into you. I hear a thump, and there you were: passed out, right in front of my bedroom.

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DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

EVA GALLAGHER

Sharing information on the internet sounds like a great idea, right? That's the beauty of the internet for most people. It doesn't have to be safe; it just has to be popular. There are many things to watch out for while browsing online. For example, there's meeting strangers, sharing too much info, and cyberbullying. On the surface you could feel like

you're taking all the precautions, but there might still be a chance that you're exposed!

In real life, if you approach a stranger, it's considered dangerous. Why would it be different online? When kids are online, sometimes they think that no one could get them. On the other hand, there are so many ways to track a person down. For example,

you might have an Instagram account. Let's say that the account is unlocked. Strangers could look at a picture of you outside. The background could reveal where you live. There are also people that can figure out your IP address with a program. IP addresses tell people exactly where you live.

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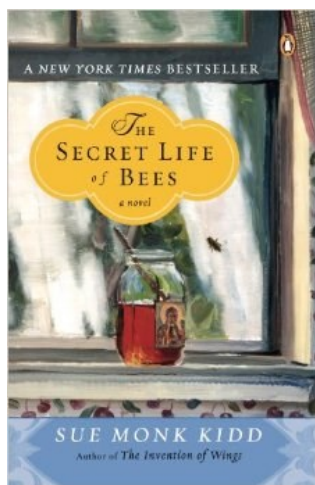
BOOKS TO CONSIDER

EVA ALLRED

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Set in 1964 in South Carolina, the *Secret Life of Bees* is a beautifully written realistic fiction book. Lily Owens is a fourteen-year-old white girl who lives with her neglectful and abusive father and her “stand-in mother,” a black woman named Rosaleen. She is troubled by memories of the day her mother died and can only find comfort by looking at the few keepsakes Lily has left of her mother.

One day, when Rosaleen goes to the city to register herself to vote, she insults three of the deepest racists in town.



As Lily breaks Rosaleen out of jail, she runs to the only place she can think of—an obscure town called Tiburon whose name appeared on the only photo Lily has from her mother. Rosaleen and Lily eventually end up with a trio of memorable black bee-keeping sisters who teach them the meaning of family, love, and friendship.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

DANIELLE PROMISE

We all love making New Year's Resolutions! However, some of us tend to break certain rules that we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year. Here are some popular ones:

- Eating more healthy foods
- Saving money
- Spending more time with family
- Spending less time on electronics
- Reading more books
- Keeping straight A's all year long
- Getting more sleep
- Missing fewer days of school

What's your New Year's Resolution???

APP REVIEW—COOKIE RUN

HAYLEY PROMISE

Do you like cookies? Did you or do you like the app *Temple Run*? Do you have an account on the app LINE? Then you should check out the popular Korean app *Cookie Run*, a game developed by Devsisters and presented by LINE. I originally discovered this app via a friend of mine, who told me about it after I told her that I had a LINE account. *Cookie Run* is similar to *Temple Run* in a way. Basically, the cookie you play as

is attempting to escape a witch's oven. Well, that's the basic plot of the first “episode,” what they call the stages in the game. There are 4 main episodes, 6 in total when you count the special episodes. Each of the main episodes has a different difficulty level, the easiest episode being “Escape the Oven” and the hardest being “Dragon's Valley,” although that can be debatable. Each epi-

sode has a specific theme, and most of the time a story to go along with it. The game has a wide variety of cookies to play as, each with different abilities. Some cookies are harder to unlock than others. Usually, the harder ones to unlock have the better abilities. My personal favorites are Lime Cookie and Herb Cookie, since they tend to give me the most points when I

play the game using them. Honestly, *Cookie Run* is super addicting yet very simple. I would recommend it to anyone looking for a fun game you and your friends can challenge each other on. Check it out if you have the chance. It's available both on iTunes and Google Play. Want to find out what *Cookie Run* cookie you are? Take an official quiz to find out [here!](#)

BEFORE THE FORTNIGHT ENDS

RACHEL MELLONI

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One of my nicer plates, shattered in pieces, and was that Ava's breakfast I saw across the floor?"

She had a matronly tone in her voice.

"But nonetheless," She continued to speak, "You must be in dreadful pain right now. The summer heat, I should think, is the culprit for your little fainting spell. You know, this hot weather makes people do awfully funny things. Why, I've heard of people hav-

ing hallucinations: seeing odd things... hearing odd things."

Any trace of light conversation was long gone. She looked me dead in the eye. Was I holding the stare of a murderer? But within seconds, her a-little-too-stretched smile returned, and she left without saying a word. *She must know.*



My thoughts went to chaos inside of my tired, aching mind. I focused on the pull of sleep on my eyelids, and the velvety darkness that ensued when I closed them. I did not have the energy to worry about murders, not yet at least. So, I did the only thing I could: I closed my eyes, let the darkness envelop me, and tried not to think about the horror looming over my head.

To be continued in the next issue...

A "BEASTLY" MOVIE REVIEW

HAYLEY PROMISE

Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them is a new film that takes place during the 1920s in the Harry Potter universe, and acts as a prequel of sorts to the *Harry Potter* series. Unlike the other *Harry Potter* films and books, however, this film takes place in the United States. I saw it two times, and, if I were to be completely honest, I was left a bit confused after both viewings. Don't

get me wrong, the film is very good, but, as someone who hasn't read any of the *Harry Potter* books and has only seen a couple of the movies, I felt like I needed to have a very big amount of prior knowledge of the Harry Potter universe in order to understand some of the things that happened. However, I did find tons of enjoyment from the film. The acting was incredible,

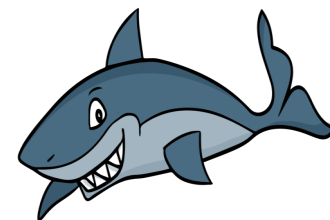
the visuals were beautiful, and the story was complex, but in a good way. I overall give this film an 8.5 out of 10. I hope for future sequels to this film to hopefully answer some questions I have about it.



SOCIAL MEDIA

EVA GALLAGHER

However, not all people on the internet are trying to get you. It's better to be safe than sorry. The internet is vast like an ocean. But it is also an ocean filled with sharks and other dangers that you must learn to navigate carefully.



2016 REWIND

EMILY GRAY AND ALLY GRUNZA

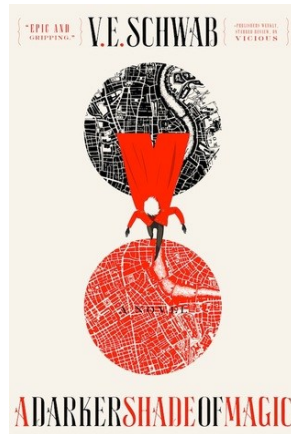
Oh my! Hasn't the time gone by fast? 2016 just passed! So let's rewind and remember the good old times; Almost everyone has done this, And you wouldn't want to miss out on flipping a water bottle, or being a model in the Mannequin Challenge. I am panicking because we are number one! Gotta catch them all at the mall, with Pokemon GO it's like we are living in slo-mo, I can do the "Running Man" to Japan! Everyone is testing these Instagram foods, But watch out because "It's Wednesday, my dudes!"

BOOKS TO CONSIDER

EVA ALLRED

A Darker Shade of Magic by V. E. Schwab

A Darker Shade of Magic is the first of three books in a series. It's a fiction book set in a universe where there are four parallel worlds, who are similar in geography to each other, but otherwise completely different. Lila originates from Grey London, the only one of the four worlds that no longer has magic, where she earns her livings by stealing.



When Kell, a mysteriously magical ambassador from Red London, comes to visit the king of Grey London, his and Lila's stories become inextricably intertwined. Lila and

Kell discover a Black London talisman, one with the power to destroy the worlds. As Lila and Kell wander through all of the worlds--from Grey London to Red London to White London to Black--they develop a closer and closer relationship.

HOW MUCH OF A WINTER PERSON ARE YOU?

EMILY DOTO

Do you love the snow? Are you a hot cocoa fanatic? Take this fun quiz to find out how much of a winter person you really are! You might be surprised! Take the [quiz](#) now.



APP REVIEW - COOKIE RUN: OVENBREAK

HAYLEY PROMISE



Cookie Run OvenBreak is the sequel to the app *Cookie Run*, and were both developed by Devsisters. I absolutely adored the original *Cookie Run* and was very excited for the sequel. *Cookie Run OvenBreak* has pretty

much the same goal as the first: Try to gain as many points as possible before your cookie runs out of energy. However, unlike the original *Cookie Run*, *OvenBreak* brings tournaments into the mix, with you racing against other players in an attempt to get the highest score. Although most cookies in *OvenBreak* are just returning cookies from the first game, there are also a few new

cookies, such as Yoga Cookie, Popcorn Cookie, and Dark Choco Cookie. Each cookie in the game has a unique ability, and most abilities get higher points in one way or another. I'd totally recommend this app to anyone looking for a fun and addicting game to play on the go.

OVMS SHOUT-OUTS



-8th grader Joe Mosco won this year's Geo Bee!

-Ms. Maddy LaVoe is OVMS Teacher of the Year!

-Mrs. Nancy Thompson is retiring in February! We are going to miss you!

-Six OVMS musicians were named to Olympic Conference Honor Band!