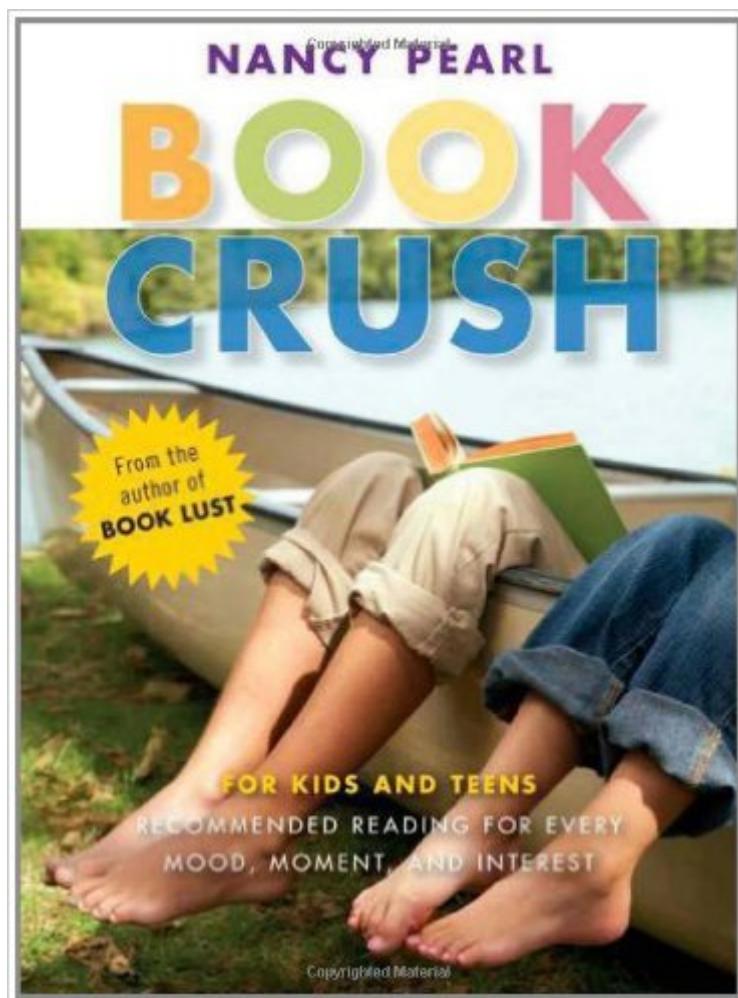


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# Book Crush: For Kids And Teens -Recommended Reading For Every Mood, Moment, And Interest



## Synopsis

From picture books to chapter books, YA fiction and nonfiction, Nancy Pearl has developed more thematic lists of books to enjoy. The Book Lust audience is committed to reading, and here is a smart and entertaining tool for picking the best books for kids. Divided into three sections—Easy Books, Middle-Grade Readers, and Young Adult—Nancy Pearl makes wonderful reading connections by theme, setting, voice, and ideas. For horse lovers, she reminds us of the mainstays in the category (Black Beauty, Misty of Chincoteague, etc.) but then in a creative twist connects Mr. Revere and I to the list. In a list called Chapter One, she answers the proverbial question: which chapters books are the most compelling for kids who are now ready to move beyond picture books. And who says picture books aren't deep? Recommended Folk Tales sort out many of life's dilemmas and issues of good and bad; a selection of picture books on Death and Dying introduces this topic with sensitivity; and You've Got a Friend offers up books for early readers that show the complexities and the pleasures of relating to others. Parents, teachers, and librarians are often puzzled by the unending choices for reading material for young people. It starts when the kids are toddler and doesn't end until high-school graduation. What's good, what's trash, what's going to hold their interest? Nancy Pearl, America's favorite librarian, points the way in Book Crush.

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## Customer Reviews

I own this book and have found it to be helpful when looking for new authors or series to try with our

kids. I was very disappointed by the negative School Library Journal review. It's a great journal that has a great deal of sway in the education community as it should, but in this case, I had to wonder if the reviewer had done more than a cursory glance at the book. I did not think it fairly represented the book. The author of the School Library Journal review for Book Crush mostly questioned why some books were not included and some were. It did not seem to question her actual comments about the books so much, but seemed very concerned that not all the books were listed that should have been per category. For example, under the fantasy section, the reviewer took umbrage that Mercedes Lackey is mentioned, but Anne McCaffrey is not. However, McCaffrey is listed in a separate section on Dragons, in which she is called the queen of dragon lore. She is not left out! Perhaps Ms. Pearl just did not want to list someone twice when there are so many fabulous people to include. (Plus: spoiler alert: Anne McCaffrey's beloved Pern series is actually science fiction, not fantasy.) I felt like it was obvious she couldn't include all the great books, not even all the best books. This book is meant to be a fast and fun overview of some great titles, not an in-depth review of all possibilities. One look at the smaller size of the book should have made that clear. There are encyclopedic-sized books of children's book lists that can serve that purpose. This is just a sampling of her choices, so the review was odd to me. The reviewer also wondered why Feed, by M.T. Anderson, was listed as Middle Grade-- but it's not. It's listed in the "Utopia-Not!"

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