


# Summer Reading Challenge



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# Summer Reading Challenge

**All you need to do to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge is:**

READ a book → ENTER it on the MY SUMMER READING page → WRITE a review (see **Advice** below)

*And then:* READ a book → ENTER it on MY SUMMER READING → WRITE a review

*And then:* READ a book ... ad infinitum

**Book tokens will be awarded for the best log books returned at the start of the Autumn Term.**

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## **Advice**

- **You are required to review at least 3 books.** A few well written and thoughtful reviews rather than lots of brief or basic ones will give you a greater chance of winning. Entries will be judged on the effort you put into your log book. **The prize will not necessarily be awarded to the person who has read the most.**
- Push yourself to try new genres or authors. Explore Young Adult and Adult fiction to develop your reading.
- Review templates are provided to help you get started but you can use the blank pages if you prefer. You can also include any other reading-related material in your log. For example a website review, or an author biography. This and all reviews must be your own.
- Remember to download and save this PDF booklet as your own to edit. Or print and fill in by hand.
- **Your log book must be returned to your English teacher by Monday 9th September 2024.**

# Inspiration Challenge

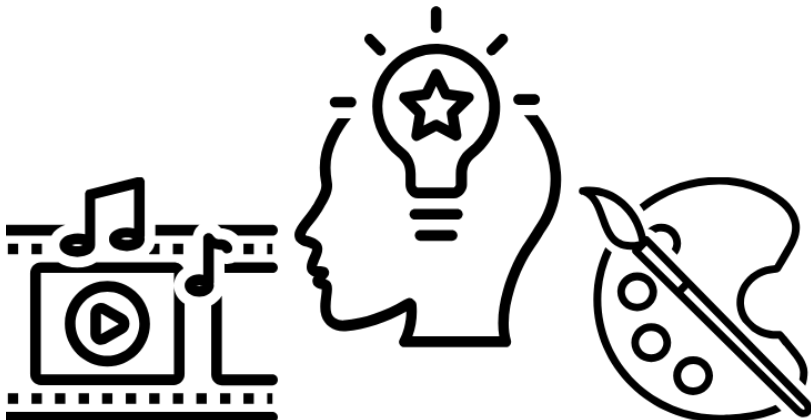
**You are invited to submit additional reading-related material to complement your reviews - whatever you feel inspired to create. For example:**

- ✓ Digital artwork or animation
- ✓ Hand-drawn illustration
- ✓ Musical composition
- ✓ Poem or epilogue
- ✓ Book trailer video (find tips for making these on the Reading Zone website)

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**Additional prizes** will be awarded for this **optional competition**.

Share a link to your creation with **library@mtsn.org.uk**  
by Monday 9th September 2024



# Writing Book Reviews

## A book review is...

A piece of writing that gives enough information about a book so that you can decide whether you would like to read it.

## Before you begin ask yourself these questions:

- Do I need to provide any background information? For example, the genre of the book or whether it is part of a series.
- What type of story was it? Was it funny, boring, exciting, sad? Think of as many adjectives as you can to describe the story.
- Who were the main characters?
- What were the main characters like? Were they old, young, sociable, irascible? Think of as many adjectives as you can to describe the characters.
- What did you like or enjoy about the story? For example, did it make you laugh and cheer you up, or did you enjoy being scared by it?
- What did you dislike or not enjoy about the story? For example, was it meant to be funny but didn't make you laugh.
- Was the book too long, or too short or just right?
- How did you feel when you had finished the book?
- On a scale of 1 to 5, how many points would you give the book?

**1/5** Boring to **5/5** Fantastic

**Once you have thought about these questions, use the answers to write your book review.**

## A book review is not...

A piece of writing that retells the story. If you give away the plot you spoil the book for others.

**Title:** Noughts & Crosses

**Author:** Malorie Blackman

**Information about this book, why did I choose it?**

I chose this book because I have also read Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman and enjoyed that. Noughts & Crosses is about two young people caught up in social expectations and racial discrimination, in a world where white people (Noughts) are seen to be inferior and are controlled by black Crosses.

**Information about the characters.**

Callum and Sephy are the main characters in this book and their relationship seems to be doomed from the start. This is because Callum is a Nought and Sephy is a Cross and according to society the two shouldn't mix. Each chapter of the book is written from either the perspective of Callum or Sephy which was really interesting.

**What I thought.**

Noughts & Crosses was really thought provoking because of the ideas around race and racism. But it was the relationship between Callum and Sephy that really drove the story. Caught between the feelings they have for each other and the society they have been brought up in. I especially enjoyed reading about the Liberation Militia and how Callum gets caught up in helping them despite how he feels about Sephy. The ending was a real shock for me, but it has made me want to read the next books in the series. I would highly recommend Noughts & Crosses to anyone.

I give this book 4 / 5



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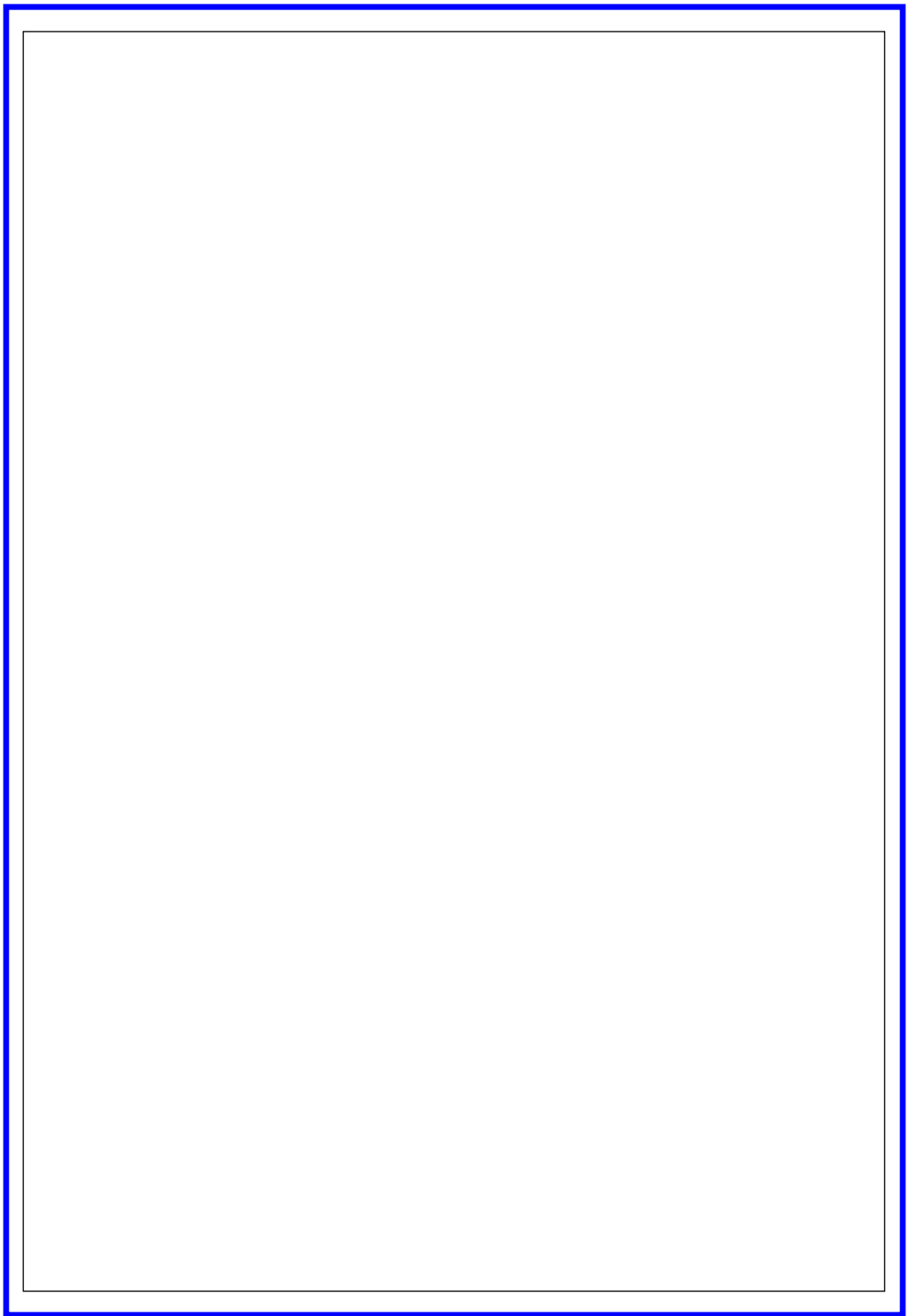
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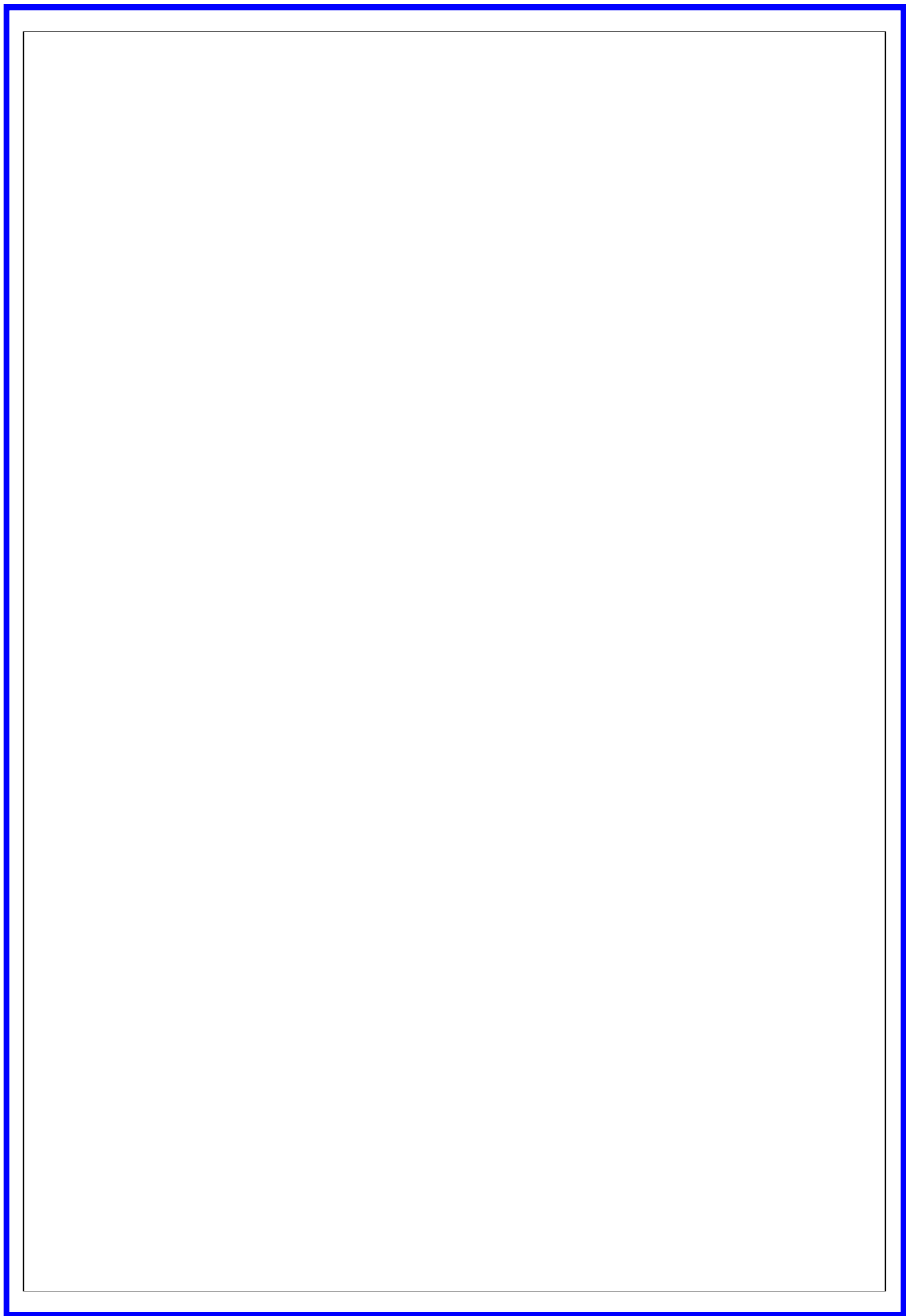
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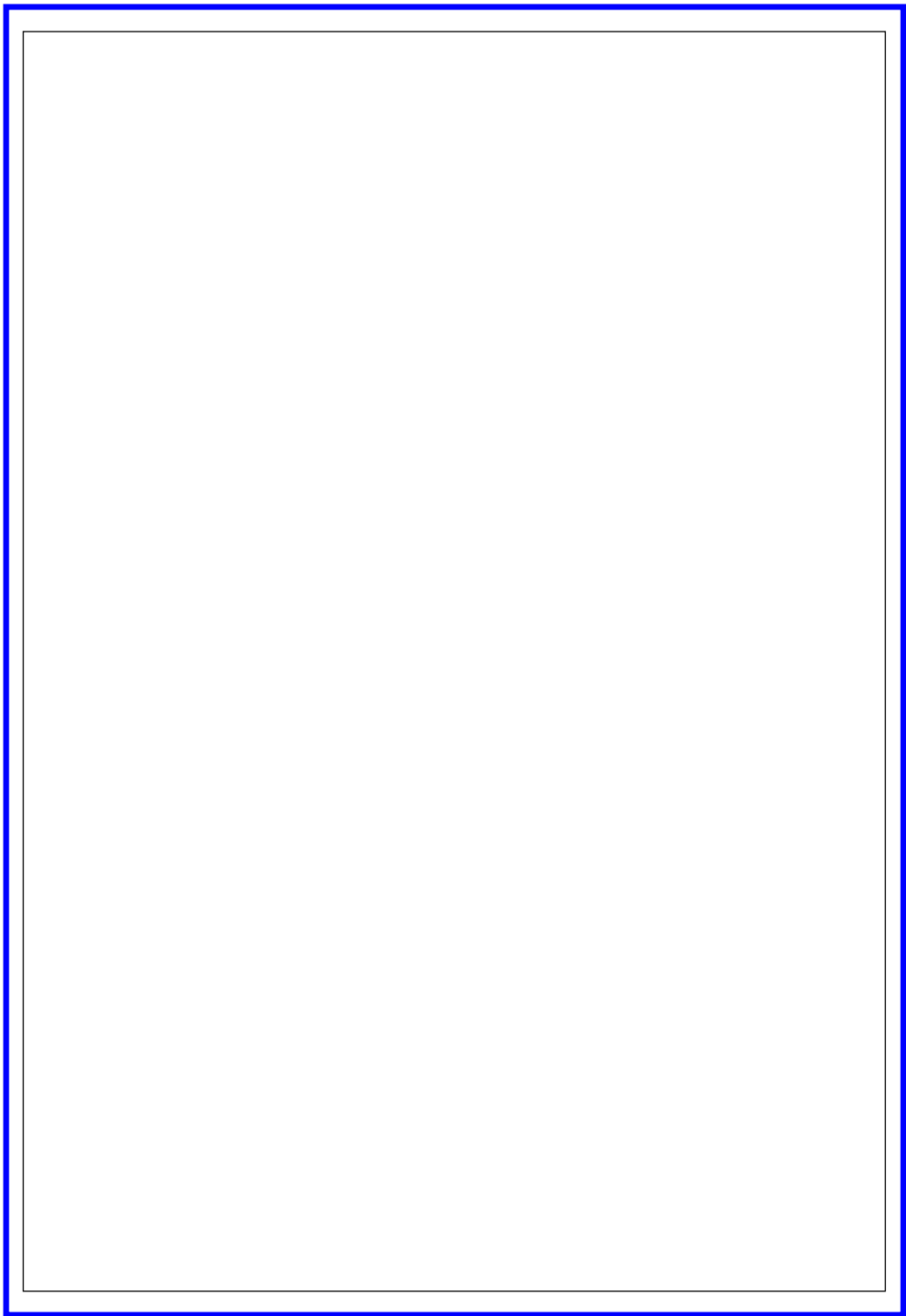
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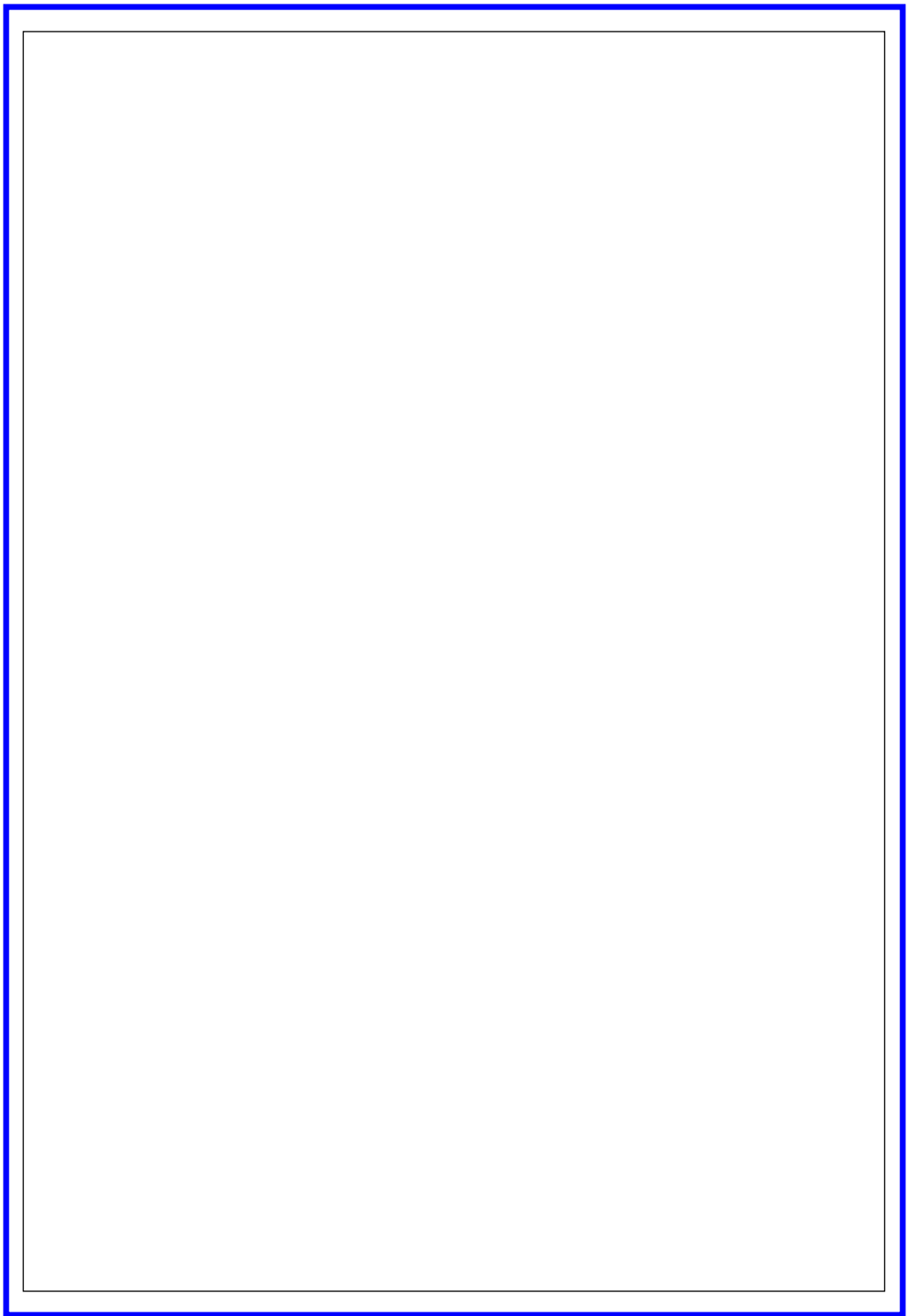
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Similarly on **Who else writes like...?** you can search for author suggestions, and you'll be able to see if they've written books for children as well as if they have titles aimed at young adults.

# Quiz

**And finally, test your book boff brain.**  
If you don't know the answers, find them out!

1. In the Divergent series, which character says: "A brave man acknowledges the strength of others"?
2. In the first book of The Hunger Games series, which Hunger Games does Katniss Everdeen compete in?
3. What is the name of Todd's dog in The Knife of Never Letting Go?
4. Who is the youngest character in The Maze Runner?
5. What is the profession of Atticus Finch in the novel To Kill a Mockingbird?
6. Charlie Higson's horror series The Enemy is based on what creatures?
7. Who wrote The Perks of Being a Wallflower?
8. In S.E. Hinton's The Outsiders teens are divided into two different class groups, what are their nicknames?
9. In which book would you find the virtual reality universe OASIS?
10. What is the first name of Sherlock Holmes's older brother?

**Good luck!**