

## Reading Suggestions

- 1) It started out as an innocent day for Martin, but it quickly turned into his worst nightmare-arrested for something he didn't even mean to do. And five months later, he is still locked up in jail on Rikers Island. Just when things couldn't get worse, Martin gets caught in a fight between two prisoners, and his face is slashed. He's scarred forever, but one good thing comes from the attack-Martin is transferred to a part of Rikers where inmates must attend high school. When he meets his caring and understanding teacher, will Martin open up and learn from his situation? Or will he be consumed by prison and getting revenge on his attackers?
  
- 2) Mica Area High School has never seen anything like Susan "Stargirl" Caraway, a classic Manic Pixie Dream Girl who wears Native American buckskins, plays the ukulele and cheers for both teams at sporting events. A story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love.
  
- 3) The phenomenal Number One bestseller about best friends James and Bob. Soon to be a major motion picture. When James Bowen found an injured, ginger street cat curled up in the hallway of his sheltered accommodation, he had no idea just how much his life was about to change. James was living hand to mouth on the streets of London and the last thing he needed was a pet.  
Yet James couldn't resist helping the strikingly intelligent tom cat, whom he quickly christened Bob. He slowly nursed Bob back to health and then sent the cat on his way, imagining he would never see him again. But Bob had other ideas.  
Soon the two were inseparable and their diverse, comic and occasionally dangerous adventures would transform both their lives, slowly healing the scars of each other's troubled pasts.  
A Street Cat Named Bob is a moving and uplifting story that will touch the heart of anyone who reads it.
  
- 4) When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition. Written by Libba Bray, the hilarious, sensational, Printz Award-winning author of *A Great and Terrible Beauty* and *Going Bovine*. The result is a novel that will make you laugh, make you think, and make you never see beauty the same way again.

##### 5) Comments by people who read the book

“Woaaah! Ever since I first picked up the book and noticed its front cover, it immediately spoke out 'Awesomeness' to me. I loved the writing style of this book. It was fun most of the time and when it wanted to be serious, it really worked. The characters were awesome, the whole concept was awesome. I felt like it balanced the serious of the outbreak, and the Pedroza situation with the fun characters and the newspaper scenes. All these elements combined into this one book made for an enjoyable and gripping adventure. I would bring this book to class, explain about it and people would be lining up to read it :) IT WAS JUST AMAZING. I could picture every scene vividly. 5 STARS.”

- Ryan Bradley

“Found it very interesting, it's got a bit of everything, post-apocalypse, romance, adventure, crime etc...”

- Sophia

“[This book] was so much better than I expected it to be! It doesn't seem to have gathered any attention at all which I think is a huge shame. It was published in 2007 but could totally fit right in with the dystopian/apocalypse trend in Young Adult fiction right now.

[...]

I liked that this book showed that you should never underestimate the abilities of younger people and that sometimes they can even do things better than adults. Jimmy and Claire's adventures had me drawn in from the very first page to the very last. I really, really enjoyed it and I cannot wait to get my hands on [Cannibal City](#) to see where the story goes next.”

**My order of preference:**