

**Book Haters** (11+ years)

*This group is tough to crack: they declare that they hate books. He might like only sports/fishing/gaming mags and thinks that “watching the movie is the same as reading the book”. Here’s some titles that could turn the tide.*

(NOTE: NF denotes Non Fiction)

**Card, Orson Scott. Ender’s Game** (This is a classic science fiction story, given to all non-lovers of science fiction. It features young Ender Wiggins, whose ability at Battle School against the alien Buggers is called into action.

**Gibbs, Chris. Build Your Own Sports Car: On a Budget** NF (Using regular tools, low-cost parts and a builder’s basic skills, this book provides instructions on how to build an open-top, 2-seater sports car.)

**Horowitz, Anthony. Stormbreaker** (This is the first in this excellent series. Alex Rider is shocked to learn that his Uncle Ian is not a bank vice president, instead he is a spy for the British Government, a role that Alex is asked to take on.)

**Hudson, Noel. The Band Name Book** NF (Thousands of bands from more than 30 countries, divided into categories, are found in this text that explains how and where a band got its name. Great book for browsing.)

**Miller, Frank. 300** (This recount of the Battle of Thermopylae, in graphic novel format, tells on King Leonidas and his 30 Spartan warriors as they faced the enormous Persian army.)

**Myers, Walter, Dean.** ***Monster*** (Facing murder charges in the killing of a store worker, teen Steve is in jail. He describes the experience in filmmaking terms and diary entries. The reader is left asking: is he innocent or guilty?)

**Myers, Walter, Dean.** ***Sunrise over Fallujah*** (After the 9/11 attacks, Robin Perry enlists in the army, trains and is sent to Iraq where the ambushes, casualties and use of explosives are almost too much for him.

**Packard, Mary and the Discovery Channel. Mythbusters: Don’t Try This at Home** NF (This book contains humour, witty props and “at home” experiments. There are 15 excerpts from the Mythbusters tv show which challenges those urban legends: Do you stay drier walking or running in the rain? Will stepping in quicksand suck you to your death?

**Paulsen, Gary. My Life in Dog Years** (Gary has owned dozens of unforgettable dogs. Each chapter tells of each dog, including Snowball (his first dog), Dirk, the grim protector, the Great Dane Caesar who hid from trick-or-treaters and his true friend Josh, a border collie.

**Piven, Joshua and Borgenicht, David. The Complete Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook** (Almost guaranteed to impress every book hater. Informs readers on how to avoid blind dates, mountain lions, avalanches, runaway golf carts, in addition to stopping speeding bullets.)

**Rahimzadeh, Auri and Wozniak, Steve. Geek my Ride: Build the Ultimate Tech Rod** NF (A do-it-yourself guide showing readers how to instal gadgets like a game console, in-car networking, LED displays, wireless headphones and video surveillance to totally tech out a car.)

**Shigeno, Shuichi. Initial D series** (In this fast and exciting manga series, teams of street racers take on one another in this illegal Japanese sport of drift-racing style in the Japanese mountains.)

**Smedman, Lisa. From Boneshakers to Choppers: The Rip-Roaring History of Motorcycles** NF (From their 1880 invention until today, this well-illustrated book covers motorbikes in the military, stunt riders, gang members, dirt bikers and the average person.)

**Weaver, Will. Saturday Night Dirt** (An evening storm cancels the track races, so the better drivers turn up at an old dirt track at Headwaters Speedway. The usual drivers aren’t used to the next-level competition.)

**Woodford, Chris and Woodcock, Jon.** **Cool Stuff 2.0 and How it Works** (To quote one boy, “Fun to read because it’s full of information, photos and futuristic stuff.” It tackles topics such as earthquake proofing, virtual reality and space planes.)