



# TEEN ULTIMATE BOOK NERD Reading Challenge

**Jan. - Dec. 2022**

Read 35 books in 50 weeks  
and achieve the rank of  
**ultimate book nerd!**



**AGES  
13-17**



# ULTIMATE BOOK NERD TEEN CHALLENGE OFFICIAL RULES 2022

## 35 BOOKS - 50 WEEKS - 35 CATEGORIES

- The Ultimate Book Nerd Teen Challenge runs from January 2 to December 17, and is open to ages 13-17. Only Caldwell Public Library cardholders are eligible for prizes.
- Eligible participants who complete the challenge win an Ultimate Book Nerd t-shirt or canvas book bag.
- There are 45 categories. Each participant must read 1 book in 35 different categories to win. Each book can only be used once. For each additional category completed, participants will receive a raffle ticket for a grand prize drawing.
- All books must be recorded in the online log by 11:59 pm on Saturday, December 17. Paper logs must be submitted by Saturday, December 17 at 5 pm.
- Audiobooks, ebooks, and physical books count toward the challenge.
- Books must be started and completed within the contest time period.
- Sign-ups must be between January 2 and July 2, 2022.
- What needs to be recorded:
  - Title and Author of Book Read
  - Date Started and Completed

Read one book from 35 of the following categories. Feel free to choose from our suggested titles or choose your own. We know that everyone reads at different levels, so make sure to choose a book you are comfortable with. Remember, you can always ask a librarian for help finding a book for any of these categories!

## **A BIOGRAPHY OR MEMOIR**

Suggestions:

1. *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick
2. *Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey (YA Edition)* by Laura Hillenbrand
3. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (YA Edition)* by Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK BY AN AUTHOR YOU HAVEN'T READ BEFORE**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FROM A GENRE YOU DON'T USUALLY READ**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK RECOMMENDED BY A FRIEND**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **THE FIRST BOOK IN A SERIES**

Suggestions:

1. *Gilded* by Marissa Meyer
2. *The False Prince* by Jennifer Nielson
3. *Skyward or Steelheart* by Brian Sanderson

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FROM THE HISTORICAL FICTION GENRE**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK RECOMMENDED BY A LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BANNED OR CHALLENGED BOOK** Find one on the American Library Association website: [www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks)

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK THAT TAKES PLACE IN THE FUTURE**

Suggestions:

1. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
2. *Aurora Rising* by Amie Kaufman
3. *Otherworld* by Jason Segal and Kirsten Miller

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WITH A CHARACTER WHO HAS A DISABILITY**

Suggestions:

1. *A List of Cages* by Robin Roe
2. *Five Feet Apart* by Rachael Lippincott with Mikki Daughtry and Tobias Iaconis
3. *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FROM THE MYSTERY/THRILLER GENRE**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **GIVE A BOOK A SECOND CHANCE (REREAD A BOOK YOU DIDN'T FINISH THE FIRST TIME YOU READ IT)**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WITH ALLITERATION IN THE TITLE**

Suggestions:

1. *Mister Monday* by Garth Nix
2. *Odd One Out* by Nic Stone
3. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FROM THE "NEW BOOKS" SHELF**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK THAT HAS BEEN ADAPTED INTO A MOVIE**

Suggestions:

1. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
2. *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon
3. *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WITH A TITLE THAT STARTS WITH THE SAME LETTER AS YOUR FIRST NAME**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WITH DETECTIVE WORK**

1. *A Study in Charlotte* by Brittany Cavallaro
2. *Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco
3. *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FROM THE FANTASY GENRE**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK BY A DEBUT AUTHOR**

Suggestions:

1. *Daughter of Sparta* by Claire M. Andrews

2. *Indivisible* by Daniel Aleman

3. *Skin of the Sea* by Natasha Bowen

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK THAT WON OR WAS NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK RECOMMENDED BY A FAMILY MEMBER**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FEATURING A NON-HUMAN CHARACTER**

Suggestions:

1. *Storm and Fury* by Jennifer L Armentrout
2. *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
3. *Girl, Serpent, Thorn* by Melissa Bashardoust

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WITH TWO MAIN CHARACTERS**

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Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WRITTEN IN VERSE**

Suggestions:

1. *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
2. *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo
3. *Swing* by Kwame Alexander

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT A CULTURE DIFFERENT THAN YOUR OWN**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT SPORTS**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FEATURING AN LGBTQIA+ CHARACTER**

Suggestions:

1. *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas
2. *Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi
3. *Infinity Son* by Adam Silvera

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WITH A SUMMER ROMANCE**

Suggestions:

1. *From Twinkle With Love* by Sandhya Menon
2. *Since You've Been Gone* by Morgan Matson
3. *Kisses and Croissants* by Anne-Sophie Jouhanneau

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT A CHARACTER SAVING THE WORLD**

Suggestions:

1. *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo
2. *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore
3. *Alanna: The First Adventure* by Tamora Pierce

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT A SUPERHERO/ANTI-HERO**

Suggestions:

1. *Artemis Fowl* by Eion Colfer
2. *Renegades* by Marissa Meyer
3. *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FEATURING A DYSTOPIAN UNIVERSE**

Suggestions:

1. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard
3. *The Rule of One* by Ashley and Leslie Saunders

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT SURVIVAL**

Suggestions:

1. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
2. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
3. *Dry* by Neal Shusterman

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT A GRAND ADVENTURE**

Suggestions:

1. *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
2. *Spin the Dawn* by Elizabeth Lim
3. *The Prisoner of Cell 25 (Michael Vey #1)* by Richard Paul Evans

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A NONFICTION BOOK**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WRITTEN FOR ADULTS WITH TEEN APPEAL**

Find one here: [www.ala.org/yalsa/alex-awards](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/alex-awards)

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT A FAMILY FUED**

Suggestions:

1. *The Cousins* by Karen McManus
2. *These Violent Delights* by Chloe Gong
3. *Dig* by A.S. King

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT A SPY OR SECRET ORGANIZATION**

Suggestions:

1. *Alex Rider Series* by Anthony Horowitz
2. *The Warrior Heir* by Cinda Williams Chima
3. *Legend* by Marie Lu

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FEATURING SIBLINGS**

Suggestions:

1. *Caraval* by Stephanie Garber
2. *Three Dark Crowns* by Kendare Blake
3. *Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK FROM THE SCIENCE FICTION GENRE**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WITH MAGIC**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **MAKE YOUR OWN CATEGORY!**

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK WITH A GHOST OR SUPERNATURAL BEING**

Suggestions:

1. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs
2. *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore
3. *The Bone Witch* by Rin Chupeco

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK ABOUT A CULT**

Suggestions:

1. *Agnes at the End of the World* by Kelly McWilliams
2. *The Project* by Courtney Summers
3. *Those Who Prey* by Jennifer Moffett

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BOOK IN THE CONTEMPORARY/REALISTIC FICTION GENRE**

Suggestions:

1. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
2. *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
3. *Saints and Misfits* by Lucinda Dyer

Title Read: \_\_\_\_\_

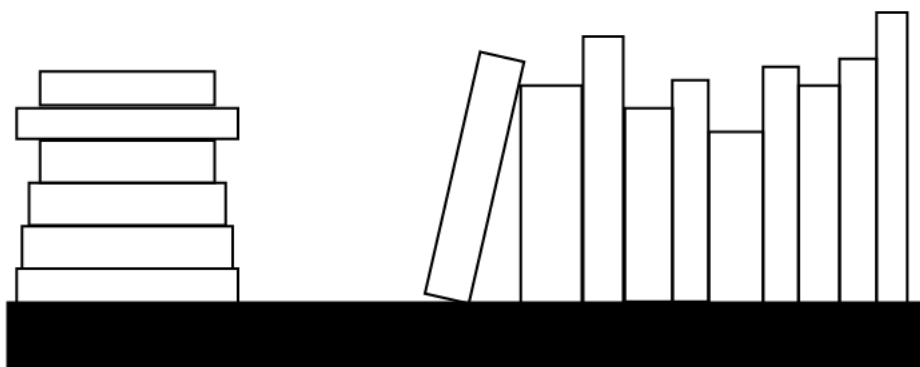
Date Started/Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts on the Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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There are 35 books on the shelves below. Color one in for every category you complete to keep track of how many books you have read.



# DON'T KNOW WHAT TO READ?

## TRY ONE OF THESE RESOURCES FROM THE LIBRARY!

### 1. Ask a librarian

The staff at the library is happy to help you find the perfect book! Feel free to stop by, give us a call, or start a chat on our website. You can also browse our entire collection from our online catalog or our new Ida app.

### 2. Try NoveList Plus

Search books by genre, audience, topic, and more! To get started, log into EBSCO with your library card number. The link to log in is located at [www.caldwellpubliclibrary.org/databases](http://www.caldwellpubliclibrary.org/databases). Click on the NoveList Plus icon and start your search.

### 3. Libby

If you are looking for an ebook or audiobook to complete one of the categories, try browsing on the Libby app, where you will find the library's digital collection.

### 4. Goodreads

The Internet is full of great book recommendations. If you are looking for a website that has recommendation lists and gives book descriptions and reader ratings, we suggest [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com).

## TEEN COMPLETION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Library Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(non-Caldwell cardholders are welcome to participate, but only Caldwell patrons may be entered to win prizes)

### Pick Your Prize

Congratulations, you completed the challenge! Please choose between an Ultimate Book Nerd canvas book bag or t-shirt. If you choose a t-shirt, please tell us which size you would prefer.

Canvas Book Bag

T-shirt

Choose a size (unisex): XS   S   M   L   XL   XXL   XXXL

**Please remove this page and return to a staff member for review.**

Staff will be in contact with you to redeem your prize. Prizes will be available in February, 2023, as they will be custom ordered and printed for prize winners only.

Library Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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