

An illustration of a person from behind, standing on a sandy beach. They are wearing yellow shorts and holding a large surfboard vertically. The surfboard is orange and yellow with a white wavy line. The background is a blue sky with white clouds and a blue ocean. There are palm fronds on the left and right sides of the image.

Summer Reading

Check out these great titles for
students entering Grade 7!

Summer Reading...what will it look like?

Who: All middle school students

What: ~Choose a book from the grade level lists and one free choice book (fiction or nonfiction) [Grade 6](#) [Grade 7](#) [Grade 8](#)

~Fill in a [graphic organizer](#) to help remember important information

~Choose any book (fiction or nonfiction) that interests you

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When: This Summer

Where: At home, on vacation, in the car, near a pool...anywhere!

Why: It is important to keep reading. This will help you launch into a new school year and have collaboration time with your peers and teachers. We want to celebrate with you next year!

Check out the [video](#) with Mrs. Lobik, Mrs. Grosso, and Mrs. Levesque!

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Name _____ Date _____ Class Period _____

Story/Book Title _____ Author _____

Story Interview

Directions: Fill in the required information in each section below as indicated. Be as specific as you can in each section.

What is the Setting?

Who are the Main Characters?

What is the Main Conflict?

What was the First Event?

What was the Second Event?

What was the Third Event?

What was the Climax?





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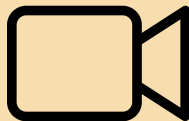
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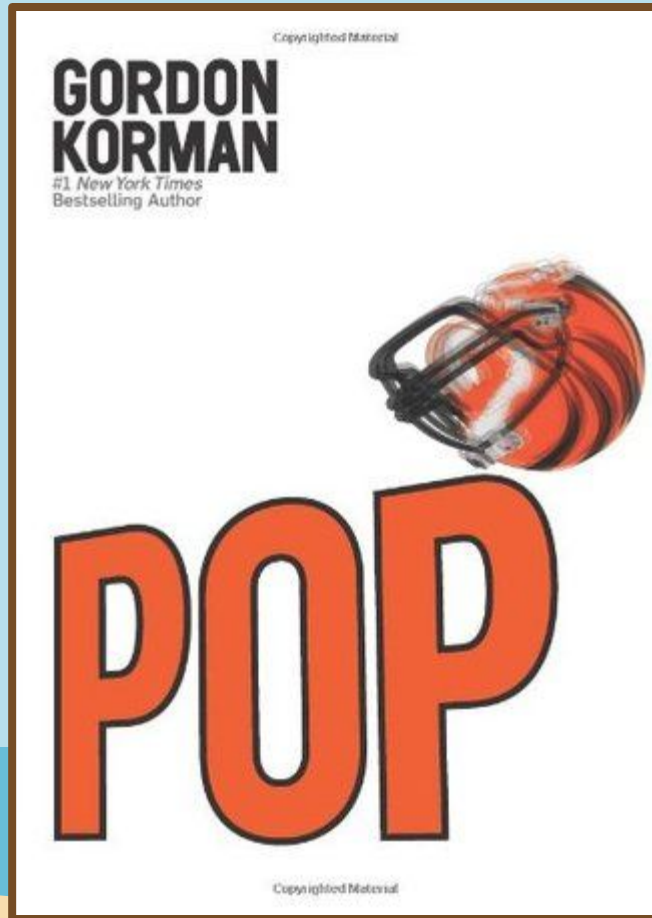
A cartoon illustration of a man relaxing on a yellow beach chair on a sandy beach. The man is wearing blue swim trunks, a blue swim cap, and sunglasses. He has a small orange object in his mouth. Behind him is a large yellow surfboard with a white fin. The background shows a blue ocean and a light blue sky with a white cloud.



Seventh-grader Tristan Strong feels anything but strong ever since he failed to save his best friend when they were in a bus accident together. All he has left of Eddie is the journal his friend wrote stories in. Tristan is dreading the month he's going to spend on his grandparents' farm in Alabama, where he's being sent to heal from the tragedy. But on his first night there, a sticky creature shows up in his bedroom and steals Eddie's journal. Tristan chases after it — is that a doll? — and a tug-of-war ensues between them underneath a Bottle Tree. In a last attempt to wrestle the journal out of the creature's hands, Tristan punches the tree, accidentally ripping open a chasm into the MidPass, a volatile place with a burning sea, haunted bone ships, and iron monsters that are hunting the inhabitants of this world. Tristan finds himself in the middle of a battle that has left black American gods John Henry and Brer Rabbit exhausted. In order to get back home, Tristan and these new allies will need to entice the god Anansi, the Weaver, to come out of hiding and seal the hole in the sky. But bartering with the trickster Anansi always comes at a price. Can Tristan save this world before he loses more of the things he loves?



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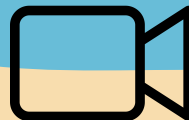


Gordon Korman's books appeal to a wide range of kids and adults and can pull in even reluctant readers. Share Pop in your home or classroom; sports fans in particular won't be able to put it down.

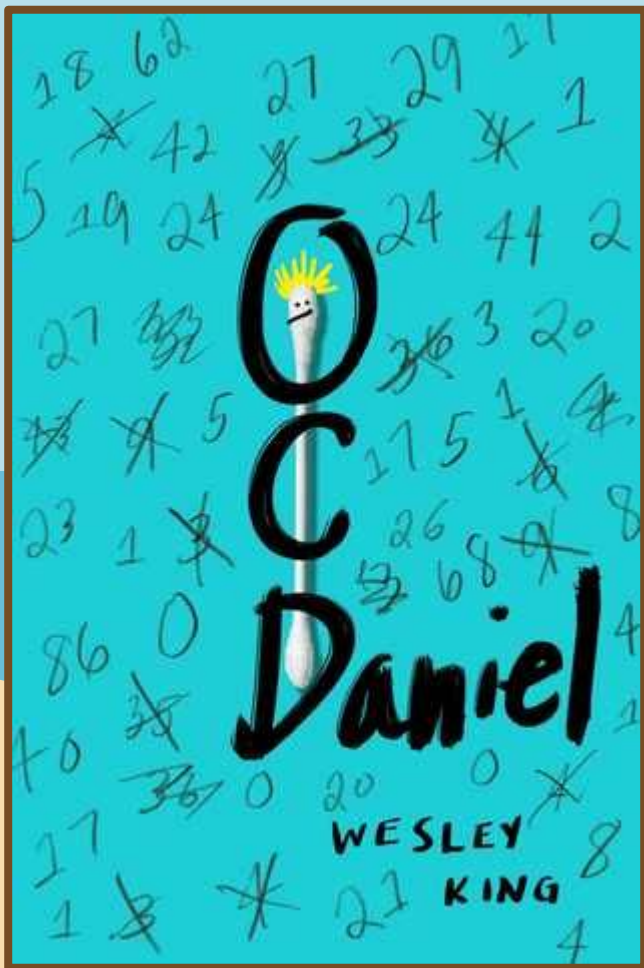
When Marcus moves to a new town in the dead of summer, he doesn't know a soul. While practicing football for impending tryouts, he strikes up a friendship with a man named Charlie, the best football player Marcus has ever seen. He can't believe his good luck when he finds out that Charlie is Charlie Popovich, or "the King of Pop," as he'd been nicknamed during his career as an NFL linebacker.

Charlie turns out to be a prankster, and his actions get Marcus in trouble. He's also the father of the quarterback at Marcus's new school—who leads the team in icing out the new kid.

The story of a good kid's struggle to land on his feet in a new town after his parents split up combines with compelling sports action and even some romance in Gordon Korman's Pop.

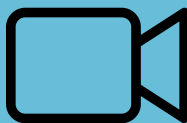


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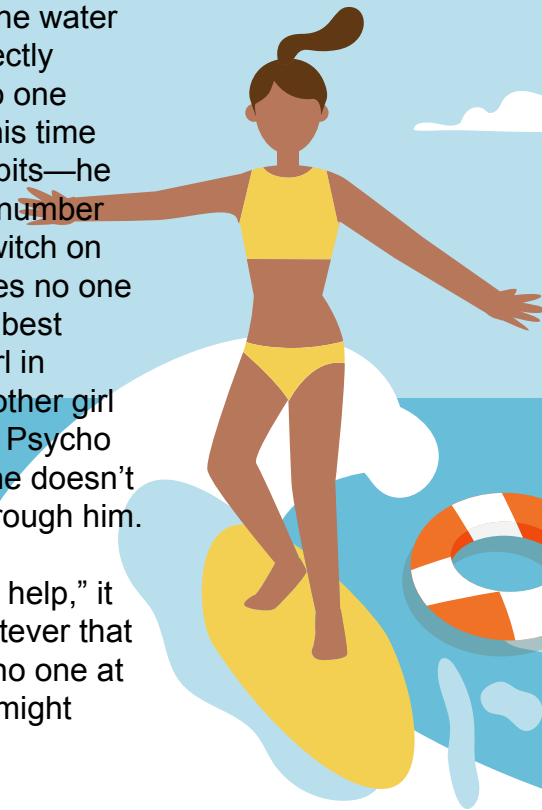


Daniel is the back-up punter for the Erie Hills Elephants. Which really means he's the water boy. He spends football practice perfectly arranging water cups—and hoping no one notices. Actually, he spends most of his time hoping no one notices his strange habits—he calls them Zaps: avoiding writing the number four, for example, or flipping a light switch on and off dozens of times over. He hopes no one notices that he's crazy, especially his best friend Max, and Raya, the prettiest girl in school. His life gets weirder when another girl at school, who is unkindly nicknamed Psycho Sara, notices him for the first time. She doesn't just notice him: she seems to peer through him.

Then Daniel gets a note: "I need your help," it says, signed, Fellow Star Child—whatever that means. And suddenly Daniel, a total no one at school, is swept up in a mystery that might change everything for him.



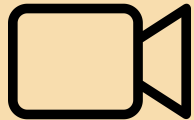
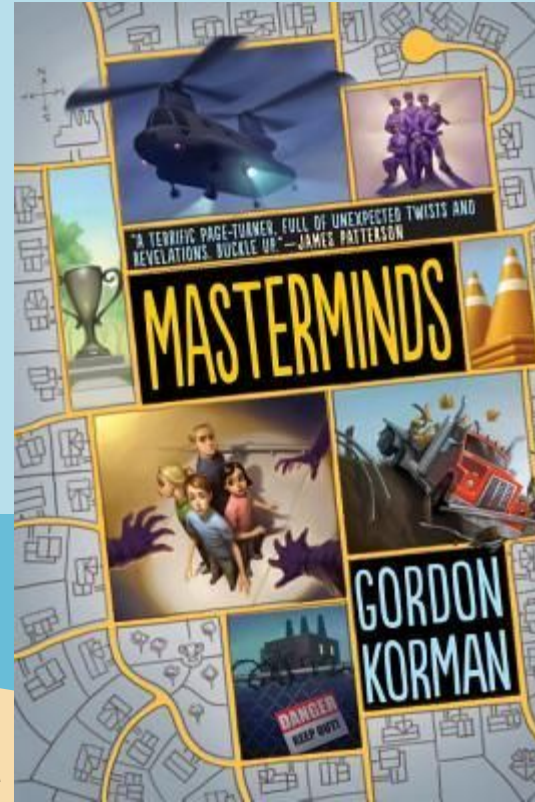
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Eli Frieden has never left Serenity, New Mexico...why would he ever want to? Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so crazy and unexpected happens, it changes everything.

Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate further, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity. The clues mount to reveal a shocking discovery, connecting their ideal crime-free community to some of the greatest criminal masterminds ever known.

The kids realize they can trust no one—least of all their own parents.

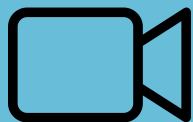


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The story of a formative year in 12-year-old Franny Chapman's life, and the life of a nation facing the threat of nuclear war.

Franny Chapman just wants some peace. But that's hard to get when her best friend is feuding with her, her sister has disappeared, and her uncle is fighting an old war in his head. Her saintly younger brother is no help, and the cute boy across the street only complicates things. Worst of all, everyone is walking around just waiting for a bomb to fall. It's 1962, and it seems that the whole country is living in fear. When President Kennedy goes on television to say that Russia is sending nuclear missiles to Cuba, it only gets worse. Franny doesn't know how to deal with what's going on in the world -- no more than she knows how to deal with what's going on with her family and friends. But somehow she's got to make it through. Featuring a captivating story interspersed with footage from 1962, award-winning author Deborah Wiles has created a documentary novel that will put you right alongside Franny as she navigates a dangerous time in both her history and our history.



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