

The Finest Hours

by Casey Sherman



A Coast Guard gets a distress call from the Pendleton. The Mercer has split in half in a Nor'Easter. The Coast Guard sends a CG36500 - a 32 ft , wooden lifeboat - out into 70 ft waves with a four-man crew. When they're going over a wave, the windshield shatters in Captain Webber's face. They find the two halves of the Pendleton and get the 32 crew members to jump into the dangerous sea. The 32 men barely fit on the lifeboat. Another Coast Guard ship finds the Mercer which is halfway sunk. They shoot ropes to connect the vessels. Will the Coast Guard gets the Mercer crew to jump and return to port as heroes?

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True Stories

A Work in Progress

by Connor Franta



I know right as you see the word biography, you think boring. But believe me, after you read this, you won't.



This amazing warm-hearted book is about an author named Connor Franta. If you have heard this name before, you probably know that he is a YouTuber. My favorite part of this book is when he explains how he felt like he couldn't be himself and also how he felt like he had to be someone he was not meant to be. He also said that he was sick of being "fake." There are many pictures in this book. Most of them are taken by the author. He is very artistic and down to earth. Most of the pictures are of Connor from when he was little, to now, as an adult. Some pictures are of nature. This book is filled with emotions. Some will make you laugh and cry. When reading this book, it makes you feel like you are with the author from the very beginning of his life. If you like short, but filled with emotion books, then this is the book for you.

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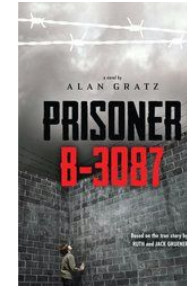
by Raina Telgemeier



This book is about a girl going through middle school, but there is one problem, she has a little bit of a dental problem. I like it when she falls because that is when the whole book starts. The main characters are Raina (she is the girl with the teeth, or should I say with no teeth); her mom, Sue; her dad, Dennis; her little sister, Amara, and her little brother, Will. This book is a graphic novel. This book is 100% real so that makes it nonfiction. The pictures helped me understand their facial expressions. People who like funny books will love this book! It is amazing and if you like this book, try the sequels, ***Sisters*** and ***Drama!***

PRISONER B-3087

by Alean Gratz



The main character, Yanke, is a Jewish boy living in Poland during World War II. On his birthday people come to his door and start knocking on it. His friends and family are afraid to open the door because they hear the Nazis talking German. My favorite part is when Yanke and his friend go to their first concentration camp. They hear one of the guards walking and they hide under a floorboard. This story was scary and terrifying. This is a great book for fast readers and historical fiction fans.