

Timestamp	Pay it Forward-Middle School	The Fault in Our Stars-8th grade Honors Only-Middle School	Speak-8th grade Honors Only-Middle School
8/21/2024 7:46:19	No issues		I found the novel to be very engaging and believe it is suitable for the 8th grade honors class.
8/26/2024 12:18:40		This is a great novel and age appropriate for 8th graders. It was attention grabbing and inspirational.	
8/27/2024 22:38:55	The book has mixed reviews, as a large number liked it, but several had problems like this reviewer shared: "Many of the students in the literature club I manage had hard time discerning all the overlapping stories, and they are advanced readers for middle school." and another reviewer said, "...there is one violent situation significant to the story that in my opinion makes the recommended age range of 8-12 too young." A final point I thought was important is what another negative review said, "The book covers issues like homelessness, unmarried adults sleeping together, gang murders, random acts of violence, the Vietnam war, and skinheads relentlessly beating a gay couple which leads to the depressing ending." The plot of helping others by doing good deeds for people sounds like a good idea for a book, but I don't recommend this one for Middle School.	This book is reviewed highly by lots of readers, and sounds like it has some good things to teach young people about living with terminal illness. But there were also quite a few who said the story was not great, and some said it has "language including uses of S word and one of the F word. Some innuendo, kissing and implied sex." I don't think that is a great kind of book for Middle School.	The book is about a girl who was raped at a party and no one likes her because they think she called police to report the party, and they don't know about the rape. So it goes through her suffering because she feels she can't tell them, and shows lots of people looking down on her and not being nice to her. Several people who reviewed it thought it was great to show that people should speak up about this. Several others said that her character was not written well and didn't make them feel sympathetic at all to what the story was about. I don't know if Middle School students need to read this kind of book now days, but personally, I wouldn't have used it in my classes. I might try to find one on a similar subject that is better written.
8/28/2024 12:13:43	I have some concerns based on reviews- I am not comfortable recommending or not without reading it first.	I have some concerns based on reviews- I am not comfortable recommending or not without reading it first.	would need to read first, not sure topic is appropriate for middle school
8/28/2024 14:28:57	I think this is a great book for middle school as it shows kids that you don't need to be an adult to change the world. Children and Teens can have a huge impact on their surroundings if they just take the time and initiative. I love this book! No Issues or Concerns.	I have read this book numerous times. It is used for 8th grade Honors ELA only, and only for Lit Circles. Teachers use this book for Point of View and Character Study, as well as other lessons. This book is absolutely appropriate for 8th grade use. No Issues or Concerns.	I have read this book numerous times as it is one of my favorites. It is used for 8th grade Honors ELA only, and only for Lit Circles. Teachers use this book for Point of View and Character Study, as well as other lessons. It encourages conversations and resonates with both boys and girls. This book is absolutely appropriate for 8th grade use. No Issues or Concerns.
9/9/2024 11:27:43	Approve	Approve	Approve
9/10/2024 11:41:49			
9/10/2024 11:51:32	Not recommended. This is a mature book with cussing and many references to sexual relationships, both straight and gay. It is totally inappropriate, including the teacher spending the night with the boy's mom.	Not recommended. Story is about teenagers fighting cancer. There is death and loss, and the characters have sex. Some foul language.	Do not recommend. This story is about teenagers drinking at parties and the rape of a girl. Why is this the choice for honor's English classes? Why not assign classic novels? Ugh.