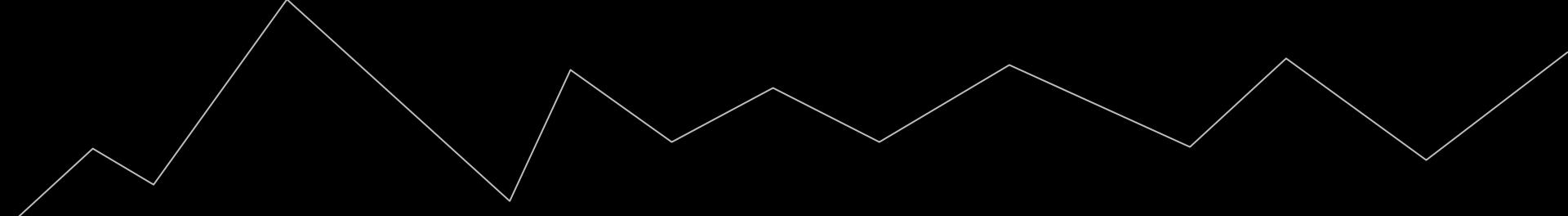


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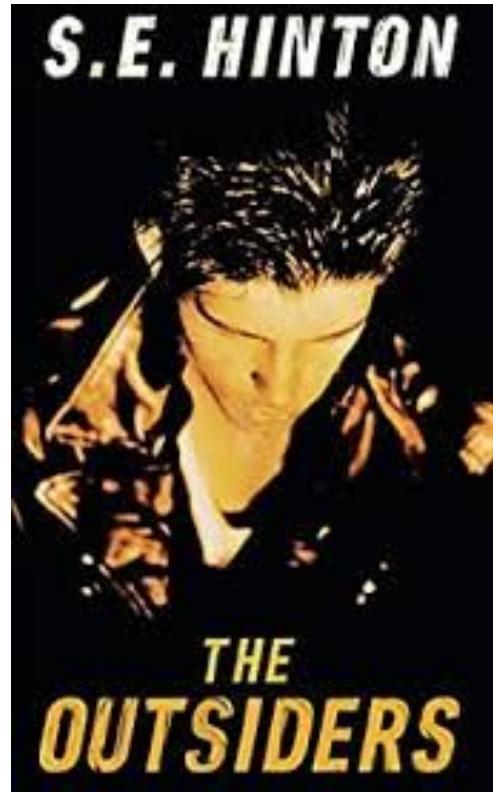
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# History of Young Adult Literature; events and trends

Books geared towards a younger audience began to emerge in the 60's and 70's. These books were mostly realism. Some of the popular titles including "The Outsiders" and "The Chocolate War". And later on this category grew as young adult culture evolved. Fantasy and mystery was also added into it. And the category only continues to grow.

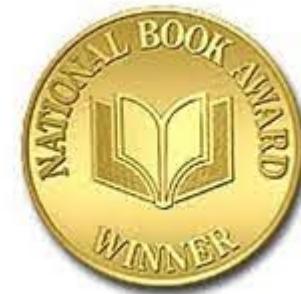


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# YA awards

There are many Youth Adult Literature awards. Some examples include:

- National Book Award
  - Set of annual U.S literary awards
- Michael L. Printz Award
  - “Best book written for teens, based entirely on its literacy”
- John Newbery Medal
  - Given to the author of “the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children”
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# Reading and Childhood memories

Some authors who influenced me when I was younger was Dr.Seuss and Ann M. Martin.

- I remember always reading Dr.Seuss' book when I was younger, and he appealed to my younger self more since both he and my father had the same birthday.
- I loved dogs, so when the school did a book swap, I decided to grab “A Dog’s Life” by Ann M. Martin. THis book really got me even more into reading. Whenever we went to the library, I would always look for dogs book in hopes they would be like this one.

# Where and how often I read

I read almost everywhere, but I read the most at home since that is where I have the most freetime. Because of Quarantine I have had more time to read. On average I can finish one book a week.

## **Reading interests**

### **Favorite authors**

-John Steinbeck

-Morgan Matson

### **Favorite genres**

-dystopian

-historical fiction

# Big break through reading movements and challenges

During an English activity in 8th grade, I found “Of Mice and Men”. I asked to borrow it since I was interested. Since then it has been my goal to read all of his books. I have already read a majority of them, but I still need to read “Tortilla Flat”.

A challenge I faced was english class. I never really was interested in the plays we would have to read.

# **Reading Goals for the class**

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- Read all 6 required novels
- Find a new favorite author
- Try reading some different genres

# My Reading Philosophy

**"Books are a form of political action. Books are knowledge. Books are reflection. Books change your mind,"**

**-Toni Morrison**

I find myself some sort of controversial element  
it that makes me think about the story. I  
especially love the books that incorporate this with  
a good plot.

