

March Reading Goals

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Reading Goals – Reading Chart for March

Title of Book	Author	Genre	Date Completed	Evaluation	# of Pages
Dancing Through the Snow	Jean Little	Realistic Fiction	Sunday, March 8 th , 2015	☺☺☺☺	239
Ripley's Aquarium of Canada	Anne Marshall	Non-fiction	Friday, March 27 th , 2015	☺☺☺☺☺	63
Empty	Suzanne Weyn	Science-Fiction/Dystopian Fiction	Thursday, March 5 th , 2015	☺☺☺☺☺	183
TOTAL:					485


Dancing Through the Snow

BY: JEAN LITTLE

This book is about a foster child named, Min. Min has an ugly past with horrible and evil foster parents and she has always felt left out. A lady named Shirl had abandoned her at the Canadian National Exhibition bathroom when she was three, after telling her many times that she is not her mother. Her last foster parent, Enid, was foulest of all, she made her feel miserable and they just didn't get along. A year past until finally, Enid took her to Children's Aid near Christmas. She spoke to Ms. Willis that she needed a break from foster parenting, but Min knew what she really wanted to do, get rid of her. She went to speak with Mrs. Willis in her office and Min couldn't help but go see what she was saying about her. She eavesdropped and she got caught by Jessica Hart, the orphanage doctor. Min remembers Jessica from the hospital. Min went there when she had pneumonia and Jessica stood by her at all times. She even sang to her to calm her! Knowing she could trust Jessica, she beckoned her to listen, and heard awful things said about her, at that Jessica burst in and said she is taking her to her house, since Enid obviously didn't like Min. The reason she really like Min was that she got abandoned too, so she felt connected to Min in a way. So she brought her to her house and immediately made her feel at home. She acted all natural and was extremely friendly, Min never felt so wanted! One day they went out to pick a Christmas tree and Min went exploring, she found an injured dog in an old barn. She immediately named her and cared for her. She named her Emily. Emily was so sick that she has to be brought to the vet for and stay there for many days. Meanwhile, Min worries about her and doesn't know if she will make it. The doctor called to tell them about Emily. Will it be to softly tell her the bad news?

I rate this book 4 out of 5 stars. This book is very emotional and even made me cry once. The one down point about this book is that it does not solve some things, it doesn't really complete a few minor problems it mentioned.

I recommend this book for children ages 7 - 12 because this book is very sweet and is short. I would not recommend it for anyone older because it could be boring and younger people will not understand. The font is also big so it makes it even better for that age group.



Empty

BY: SUZANNE WEYN

This book takes place in 2025, where Gwen and her brother are living in secret. Ever since their mother abandoned them at a young age, they have been managing on their own, paying for their extremely high bills. Since the oil and gas in the world has come to a very little amount, it has become to around 40 to 100 dollars per gallon, depending on the day. Luke, Gwen's older brother, sells things illegally for a higher price when people need it most, like gasoline. He also owns a motorcycle shop that no one visits. People have hybrid cars now since normal ones use too much gas. Now food is also very expensive, since packaging and transporting is also hard. Global warming has increased there are many hurricanes. Gwen walked to school and came back without any friends, and then one day her house burned down. It was because of the gasoline Luke has stored in containers that weren't meant for holding gas. Police went around to investigate who the owner was because of the illegal gas stored in the house, so Luke fled, he went away and even Gwen didn't know where. She went and hid in an old cave where she and her older brother used to play in. Just as she went there, a huge hurricane came in their area. A tree fell in front of the cave! At first, she was glad, the water wouldn't seep in., but then she realized that she couldn't get out! Will anybody save her?

I rate this book 5 out of 5 stars because it actually made me think about how much gas we are using and that it will run out soon. It encourages me to care for the planet as much as I can. It was suspenseful, funny and exciting all in one.

I recommend this book for people 9 and up because the book is a bit scary and is not appropriate for younger kids. Anyone else I think will enjoy it, hopefully as much as I did! I recommend this to people who enjoy adventure and suspense.



Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

BY: ANNE MARSHALL

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada talks about all types of fish. It explains their habitats and diets of all the fish they hold there. They have high, quality photos and explain what is going on in them! It even has cool fun facts stating something interesting I never knew! It also explains how Ripley's Aquarium of Canada was made! It told me that unicorn fish don't actually use their horns for fighting, they use their tail to fight! It is in simple words and is easy to understand. There are some tips on how to help out with the environment too!


I rate this book 5 out of 5 stars because it taught me a lot about marine life. It also explained very well with pictures! I enjoyed reading this book a lot and would definitely recommend it to anyone who loves marine life!

I recommend this book to people ages 6 to 13. It can be fascinating for anyone who can understand it. It has many pictures so it is not meant for people that old. Adults will usually read books with more information and less pictures if wanting to learn about marine life.

Interesting Facts - Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

1. Canadian cods are 2 meters long and live up to 25 years old. They were close to extinction in the 1990s but with the help of several conservations their population slowly started getting larger! I thought that this fact was interesting because a species close to extinction was brought back to normal. It is very interesting to see that we can really help. pg. 12
2. Giant pacific octopuses are extremely smart. They can get to 15 kg and 4.3 m long! Their camouflaging techniques are amazing! It can change skin colour and texture according to where they go. They can even escape from their aquariums and sneak into nearby tanks to eat the fish there! I thought that this was interesting because this animal is so smart that it can slip into other aquariums! It fascinates me how big they can get as well. pg. 14-15
3. The manta ray, the world's largest ray is 9 meters in width. Even though it is really big, it only feeds on plankton and small fish. They don't harm humans at all. I picked this fact because it shows that even though it is the largest ray, it isn't harmful to humans like we think largest of species are. pg. 45
4. Blacktip sharks feed on almost anything! They feed on toxic, spined porcupine fish and stingrays. They even prey on humans! They usually feed on humans near the Indian and South China Sea. I thought that this was interesting because they feed on stuff that are so dangerous. pg. 24
5. In all the world, less than ten people die from shark attacks every year. On the other hand, we kill about 100 million sharks each year! This interested me because it shows us that although we think sharks are scary, we kill them more than they kill us! pg. 29

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada - Questions

1. How do fish communicate with each other?
 2. Do octopuses change their colour voluntarily?
 3. How do stingrays fins not rip if they look so delicate?
 4. If sharks are so dangerous do they have any predators?
 5. Where do pufferfish store the water when they puff themselves up?
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Vocabulary Words

Dancing Through the Snow

1. shenanigans pg. 230
Definition: acts of mischief or dishonesty
Sentence: John couldn't stand anymore of Betty's shenanigans

1. saunter pg. 99
Definition: walking in a calm or relaxed way
Sentence: Although, Janet was really scared on the inside she went down the hall at a saunter.

2. kindred pg. 26
Definition: someone's relatives
Sentence: Hilary is such a good friend that I consider her as kindred.

3. prodigiously pg. 137
Definition: extremely big in size
Sentence: Owen yawned prodigiously as he had not slept the night before.

4. brindle pg. 118
Definition: a brownish, tawny colour with streaks of other colours.
Sentence: The animal's coat was beautiful brindle.

5. intravenous pg. 89
Definition: inside a vein
Sentence: The old man needed to be given food through an intravenous tube.

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

1. intertidal pg. 16

Definition: a part in the seashore that gets covered in the high tide and not covered when in a low tide

Sentence: We made a sand castle in the intertidal part of the shore, so unfortunately when the tide changed it got ruined.

2. cephalopod pg. 24

Definition: a class of mollusks that have suckers on their arms, big eyes and release black liquid including an octopus

Sentence: Cephalopods are my favourite type of mollusks I like them way better than gastropods.

3. wobbegong pg. 25

Definition: a carpet shark

Sentence: The wobbegong was terrifying especially because it was so close to me as I was scuba diving.

4. estuary pg.

Definition: the lower part of the river when it meets the sea

Sentence: The geese settled into the estuary part of the river.

5. pectoral fin pg. 41

Definition: a fin on a fish that correspond with the front limbs of an animal

Sentence: The pectoral fin of the clown fish was extremely injured so that the fish could not swim.

Amazing!

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1. retaliation pg. 60
Definition: responding to a military attack
Sentence: The bombs were an act of retaliation.

2. embankment pg. 47
Definition: a wall of earth or stone to stop water from a river from going in an area
Sentence: The embankment kept the water from destroying the city.

3. lithium pg. 32
Definition: a soft silver-white metal
Sentence: The batteries I use have lithium in them.

4. embargo pg. 14
Definition: banning trade of something in a country
Sentence: Countries had to embargo on their oil because of very low supply.

5. veracity pg. 64
Definition: confirming facts or accuracy
Sentence: The veracity to the newspaper story was low.