



1 READING Choosing a book

These American high school students are in their English literature class. They have to choose a book to read. To help them, their English teacher has written short summaries of some books.



Read the profiles of the five students and the seven book summaries below. Choose the best book for each student.

Answer: Student A – Book ...

Student A : Conrad

Conrad doesn't really enjoy reading short stories or novels, but he reads magazines. He loves sport and is also interested in music and skateboarding.

Student B : Brittany

Brittany has her own blog where she writes her thoughts. She is fascinated by young people, their loves and fears, their relationships, and their problems.

Student C : Jeanette

Jeanette loves reading stories. For her, a 'good book' is one where the characters have lots of real life adventures. She doesn't like fantasy, crime or horror stories.

Student D : John Paul

John Paul is interested in football but the thing he likes best is computer games. He particularly loves fantasy games where 'anything is possible'.

Student E : Ricki

Ricki's family came to the US from Puerto Rico. Now, as a teenager, he is interested in politics and wants to help people from ethnic minorities.

BOOK SUMMARIES

Fiction

- Dark Universe** Three teenage friends fall through a 'time hole' and find themselves in a parallel world where amazing and fantastic things happen. Can they survive – and will they ever return to their old lives?
- Something** Something is 'out there'. Waiting. Watching. Looking for you! VERY scary!
- Lola and the Detective Agency** When Lola and her friends find out about a crime, nobody believes them. They have to set up their own detective agency to catch the criminals. Lots of action right up to the last page!

Non-fiction

- Voices from the fields** Fascinating interviews with migrant workers from Mexico who talk about their lives in California where they work on huge farms.
- Strategies for teens** Being a teenager is not always easy but this book is full of great advice about families, boy/girlfriends and many other aspects of teen life.
- The Journey West** The book uses diaries, letters and old photos to tell the fascinating story of the long journeys to the West in America's history.
- Babe** Babe Ruth was probably the greatest baseball player who has ever lived. This biography tells the true story of his life. Wonderful descriptions of exciting games!