



The Buzz

What is everyone reading?

The McCann library checks out a number of books and we do keep track of what is checked out. Here are the top ten books that were checked out so far this year.

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| 1. <u>Lone Survivor</u> | 6. <u>If I Stay</u> |
| 2. <u>Holes</u> | 7. <u>Shiver</u> |
| 3. <u>One Piece</u> | 8. <u>Full Metal Alchemist</u> |
| 4. <u>Maximum Ride</u> | 9. <u>Thirteen Reasons why</u> |
| 5. <u>.Hack</u> | 10. <u>Harry Potter</u> |

Student Book Review

Iraqi Girl

IraqiGirl is a compilation of a series of blog posts by an Iraqi girl living through the civil war and American occupation of Iraq. It spans about four years and tells in sparse, sometimes grammatically incorrect English, the daily life of a girl whose world has fallen apart. Hadiya, an assumed name for safety purposes, is the titular Iraqi girl through whose eyes we see the tragedies that befall the civilian population of Iraq during the war. She is only fifteen at the start of the book and like any normal fifteen year old; she is interested in TV, the internet and arguing with her sister Najma. She reads Harry Potter and plays with her niece Aya.

But she cannot go out of her house, for days at a time, and going to school is courting death because who knows when the next bomb will blow, when the American soldiers will decide to shoot. She writes about the indignities her father faces at the hands of the American soldiers and she wonders who she is because the constant death and explosions seems to be stealing what little of the person she had thought she was.

"Book Talk: IraqiGirl: Diary of a Teenage Girl in Iraq." *The Book Wars*, 4 Feb. 2015, thebookwars.ca/2015/02/book-talk-iraqigirl-diary-of-a-teenage-girl-in-iraq/.

Book Club Review: Book club liked the book; it wasn't one of the favorites. It was shorter than it looked because it had a lot of interviews at the end.

Recommendation: Yes, if you are into diaries or history.

Rated : 3 ½ stars

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