

teen zine

fall 2011



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Cover Art – Bug – Anna Gallagher

Teen Book Reviews – Huntley Area Teens

Enigma of Time – Accioquill25

New Candy Ideas – Teen Summer Reading Club Participants

Untitled – Dessa Leonard

The Prom Queen – Anonymous

Superhero Costumes Re-Imagined – Nico Raymond

The Journey of the Water Bottle – Anna Gallagher

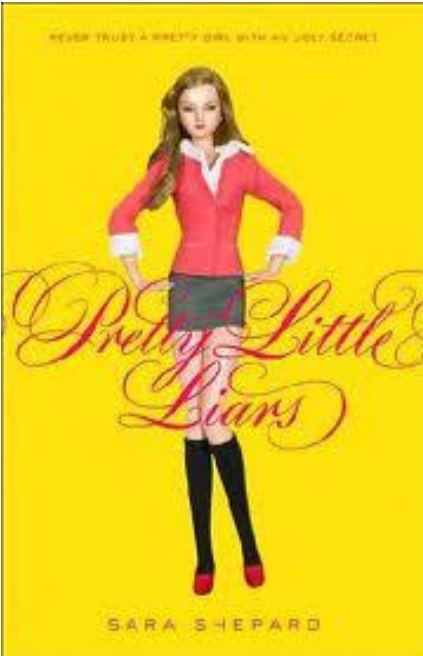
Rose – Anna Gallagher

Otters – Brittany Berger

Penguins – Brittany Berger

Gorilla – Anna Gallagher

Book Reviews



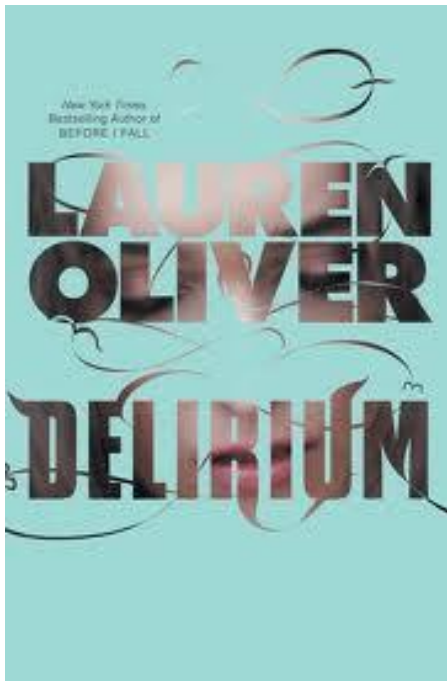
Pretty Little Liars (#1)

Mystery

Realistic Fiction

* * * * * Stars (Amazing!)

Spencer, Hanna, Aria, Emily, and Ali were best friends until Ali goes missing. Years later the others don't talk, but they all keep getting mysterious letters signed, "A." Ali's body is found and the Liars try to figure out who and what A. wants. I liked this book because it keeps you interested throughout the whole book. The problems the girls have and the lies keep it really exciting.



Delirium

By Lauren Oliver

Mystery

Science Fiction

* * * * * Stars (Amazing!)

Lena has always imagined being cured of love, ever since her mother committed suicide because of it. She meets a wild named Alex, and despite her protests, she has the "disease." Lena fell in love with Alex. She uncovers that her mother wasn't dead, but escaped to the wilds, where Alex came from. Now Lena doesn't want the cure for love, because it turns you into a lifeless robot. She and Alex plan to escape to the wilds, but only Lena makes it. Alex is captured and sentenced to death, or worse...the cure. I REALLY liked this book because it

was one of my favorites, the questions never stop, the mystery slowly unfolds. It was action-packed, and I couldn't put it down. *Delirium* is a genuinely original idea! Beautiful!

Book Reviews



Hush Hush

By Becca Fitzpatrick

Mystery/Thriller

Romance

* * * * * Stars (Amazing!)

Hush, Hush is an amazing book! Nora Grey thinks it is a nightmare when she is paired with Patch Cipriano for her biology partner. Later, they start dating and she finds out he is a fallen angel. I loved this book. It kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time. Can Patch get his wings back? Read it to find out.



Dear Julia

By Amy Bronwen Zemser

Realistic Fiction

* * * * * Stars (Amazing!)

Elaine Hamilton loves to cook. She cooks every day for her family in the privacy of her home. When she gets an opportunity to be on a cooking show her shyness might overpower her will. With help from her crazy friend Lucinda, she finds the courage to show her talents. This book was filled with emotions that many people can relate to. The characters have so much variety, and they add feelings and humor to the amazing story.

Book Reviews



What They Always Tell Us

By Martin Wilson

Realistic Fiction

* * * * * Stars (Amazing!)

This is a story about two brothers, James and Alex, who were both affected by The Night. The Night forever changed their lives, the night of deep regret. James has it all – the girlfriend, the looks, the smarts, whereas Alex faces the world alone, due to The Night, until he tries out for the school cross country team. The book is a bond between two brothers and a difficult year. I liked how the book went back and forth between the two brothers. It gave a different perspective for each side of the story. I also liked the tie-in with cross country, because I'm on my school's cross country team. Overall, this is a great book.



11 Birthdays

By Wendy Mass

Fantasy

Realistic Fiction

* * * * * Stars (Great!)

11 Birthdays is about a girl named Amanda and a boy named Leo. They were best friends since birth. When they turned 10 they got into a fight. Now for their 11th birthday, they aren't celebrating it together. Therefore, they kept reliving their birthday until they made up and celebrated together. I liked this because Wendy Mass is one of my favorite authors. I have read 5 of Wendy Mass' books: *Leap Day*, *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life*, *Heaven Looks a lot Like the Mall*, *11 Birthdays*, and *Finally*.

Enigma of Time

Chapter 1: Her First Puzzle Piece

By Accioquill25

Loud footsteps marched past Lira's bedroom door into her mother's room. Lira's eyes shot open as she heard an ungodly cackle come from across the hall as her door slowly creaked open. Lira sank down into her bed, pulling her blanket over her head and closing her eyes, while a dark figure stood closely by her bedside. She lay still until she heard more footsteps walk closer to the door. She quickly pulled down the covers and glanced behind her, but only to see a glimpse of long, silvery, bleach blonde hair wisp the side of the door before the figure disappeared into the commotion in her mother's room. Lira tiptoed out of her bed, and silently peeked through the old fashioned keyhole in her door knob. She couldn't really see much but shadows. She could hear shouts and whispers coming from the small group that intruded into her home. She could hear her mother crying and yelling her father's name. Her father. Someone she hasn't seen or heard from in a year... Lira listened more carefully.

"Jacin. Honey, you don't have to do this." Sophia pleaded, now sobbing.

"Kill the Mudblood...Do it Jacin...Do what must be done." This voice belonged to a women but she sounded wickedly raspy, and almost evil.

"I'm sorry, Sophia, The Dark Lord...He...I...Wait! Bellatr-" The man was cut off and sounded as if he was shoved aside. Lira recognized this voice as her Father's voice. She wanted to run out and hug him but her fear kept her in her spot. Jacin stopped stammering when a streak of green light shot out of the shadows and a scream rippled through the rest of the house making Lira shake. Shouts and arguments erupted. She gasped for air as she sprinted to get under her covers, breathing heavily, as tears rolled down her face rapidly...

Lira tossed and turned in her seat while the Hogwarts Express chuffed through in and out of the emerald green valleys, displaying breathtaking sites of snow covered mountain tops and evergreen forest filled with wildlife. Meanwhile, Hermione gently tapped Lira's shoulder as to wake her from her restless sleep.

"Lira? Lira? Are you alright" Lira's eyes shot open to see her friend's concerned face beside her. "Nightmares again?" Hermione asked quietly. Lira nodded, slightly ashamed. She has had the same dream of that horrid night ever since she saw Harry use Parselmouth to talk to that snake, last year. It brought back memories of how her parents used to train and talk to animals. This only led to pain and anxiety, which Lira had no need for.

"I came to return the book I borrowed from you last month. It was very good, thank you!" Hermione placed a copy of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* on the seat. Although it was only their third year at Hogwarts the two were quite good friends from the beginning of their first train ride together to present day. Lira being in Slytherin didn't bother Hermione as much as it did to her friends, Harry and Ron. To Hermione, Lira was kind and smart, and being in different houses didn't split them up at all. Lira smiled and slipped the book back into her book bag. Just before Lira could explain to Hermione about her nightmare, Neville Longbottom walked in with a pale face.

Hermione looked up. "Oh Neville, Malfoy's not at it AGAIN, is he?" She asked. "I hate the lot of 'em." Neville huffed as he leaned into his seat. Hermione shook her head as she waved goodbye and left. Lira never understood the cruelties of Draco and his gang of the trolls he calls friends. In fact she didn't understand him at all. He seemed nice enough to her, but everyone else talks about him as if he was the spawn of Evil itself. Tough, Lira found him a bit charming and cute, to say the least. She shrugged off the thought and instead talked to Neville.

"Why is it that-" Lira was interrupted again, but by the train coming to a violent halt. The Windows began to freeze as the bright and colorful cheeriness was drained from the cabins. The air grew cold, and she shut her eyes tightly to avoid whatever was outside...

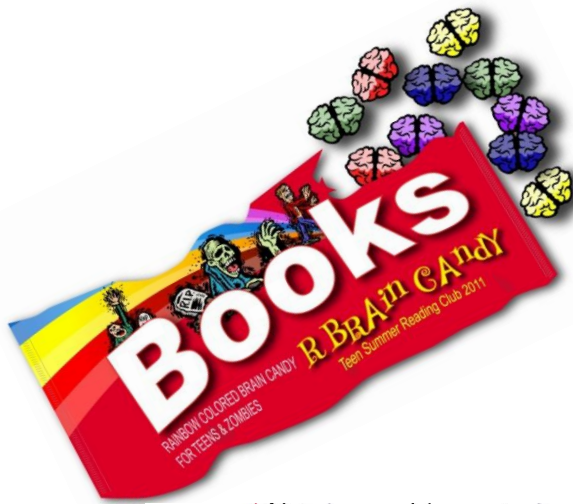
After the Dementor scare on the train ride to Hogwarts, Lira dragged her exhausted self up to the Slytherin dormitory with a stack of books in hand. She hardly made it up the stairs when she collided with someone and her books flung in all directions on the floor. It was Draco Malfoy.

"Oi! Out of my way, you pathetic excuse for a girl!" Draco chided. Lira, half displeased with his comment, picked up some of her books and looked up.

"Well excuse me, pretty boy, but I wasn't the idgit running around like a careless little gnome, now, was I?" She smirked. Caught off guard by her witty reply, he chuckled and picked up the remainder of Lira's books. Draco, admiring her wit and sharp tongue, gazed upon her school robes and noticed as they showed the Slytherin colors.

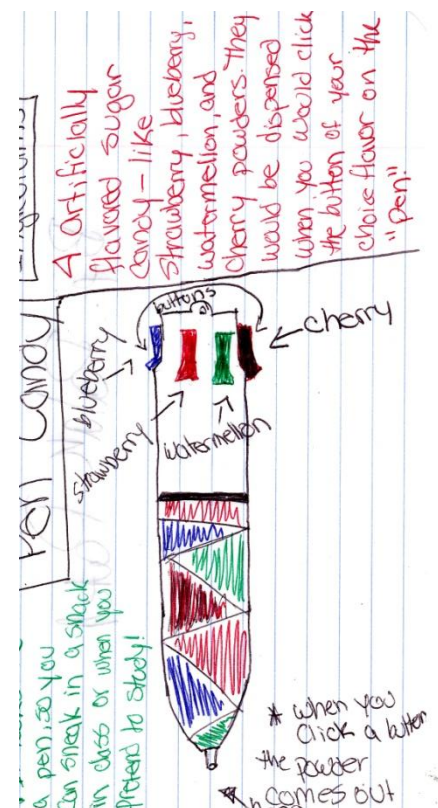
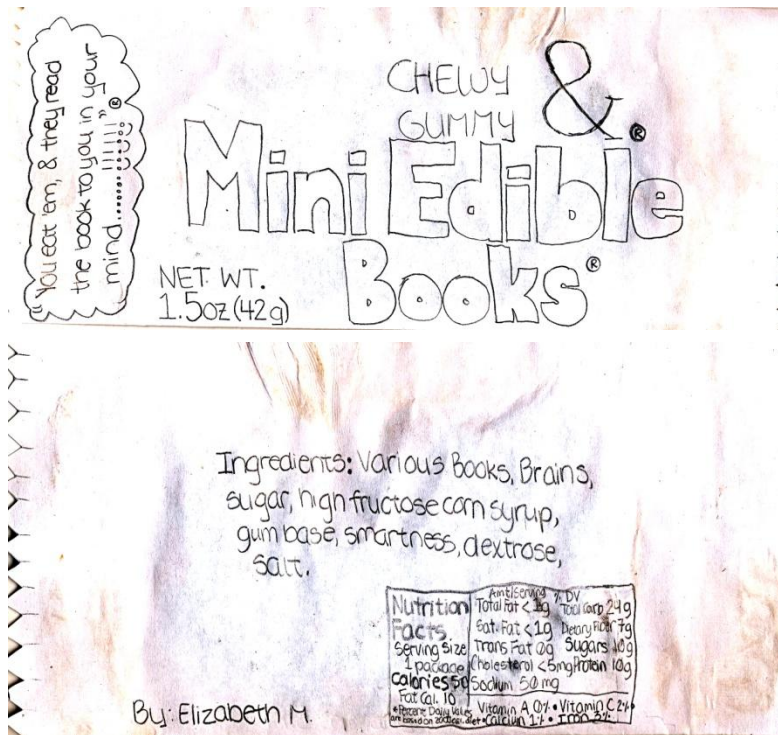
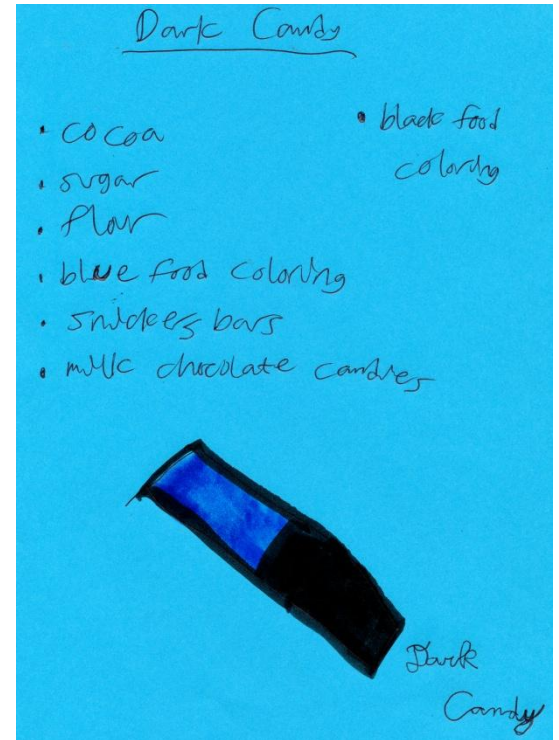
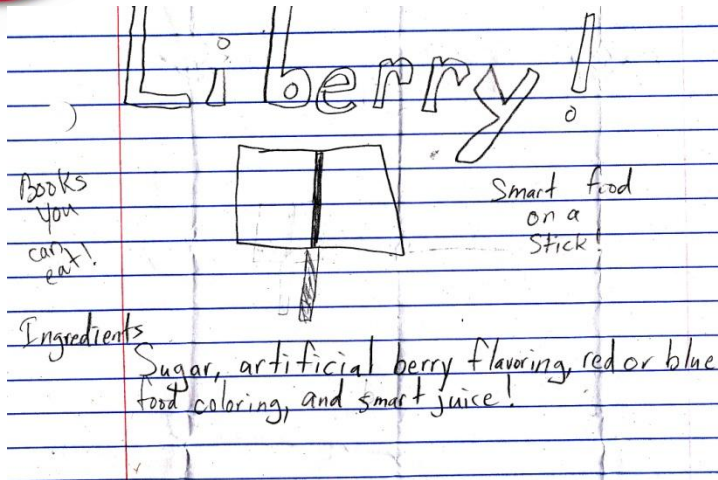
"Well look at that. You're a right viper, aren't you?" He said as he handed her her books. "The name's Draco" He held out his hand.

"I know. She said coldly. "I'm Lira, Lira Marr." With her only free hand, she grasped Draco's hand shook it awkwardly. They both laughed at the scene and walked together to the Dormitory, where they spent the remainder of their night getting to know each other.



New Candy Ideas

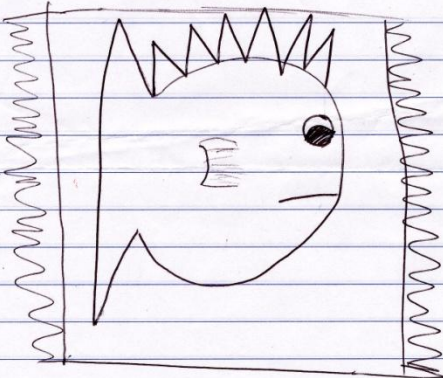
By teen participants in the
Huntley Area Public Library's
Teen Summer Reading Club



The Silver Fish

Ingredients

- 1.) Gummy bears
- 2.) chocolate
- 3.) ~~Sugar~~ **Sugar**
- 4.) M and m's
- 5.) Flour
- 6.) Ice cream



Smartpop!



4
Zombies!

Includes - Brains, sugar, IQ substances, brain power, inside an eyeball!

Nutrition Facts

serving size

6 servings Per container

5 berries
About 6

Amount Per serving

calories 150

calories from fat 65

total fat 10 g

saturated fat 2 g

trans fat 1 g

polyunsaturated 5 g

monounsaturated 3 g

cholesterol 0 mg

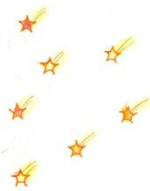
sodium 500 mg

total carbohydrate 20 g

protein 5 g

INGREDIENTS: Strawberries, sugar, milk, chocolate

Steuberry's
mini chocolate
covered strawberries



Ingredients List: Sugar, Corn Syrup, Citric Acid, Hydrogenated Palm Kernel Oil, Orange Juice From Concentrate, Dextrin, Artificial and Natural Flavors, Modified Corn Starch, Ascorbic Acid, Gelatin, Food starch, Yellow 5, Orange B, Red 40



Untitled

By Dessa Leonard

As I saw the world through first time clear eyes I first saw the
beauty of a skeleton tree His limbs were bare, yet the magic was still
there Watch the others run away When they see its branches desolate
Meaning surcease to summer, and yet no advent to spring I stay by its
side, promenading over carpet brown, yellow and red Its dark beauty
like shelter in a storm For to me, this tree is always magnificent.

The Prom Queen

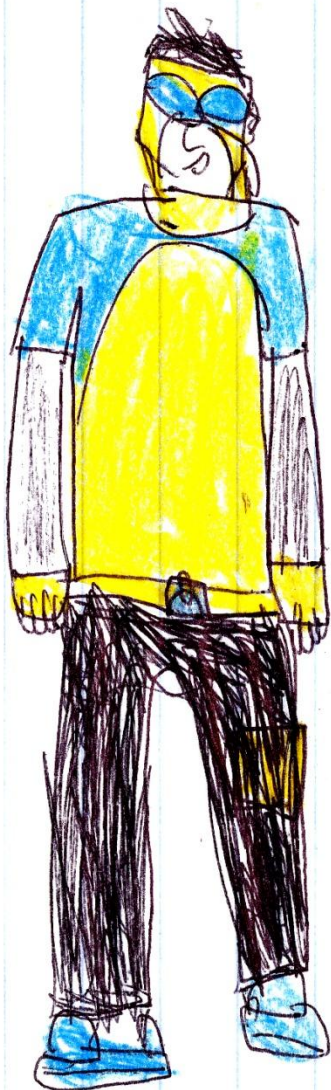
By Anonymous

Ever since I was young
I have always sung
How I want to be
So pretty
My mother was one
And beautiful as the sun
The crown up on top
Making her eyes pop
People clapping
People laughing
She was the prom queen
But I am not seen
They say I don't walk right
Or talk right
I don't have the looks
And I'd rather read books
So here I am
With some boy named Sam
Whom I barely even know
And soon I will go
Home with nothing in hand
And travel the land
In my wonderful dream
Where clouds look like cream
Where I am seen
As the beautiful prom queen.

Superhero Costumes Re-Imagined

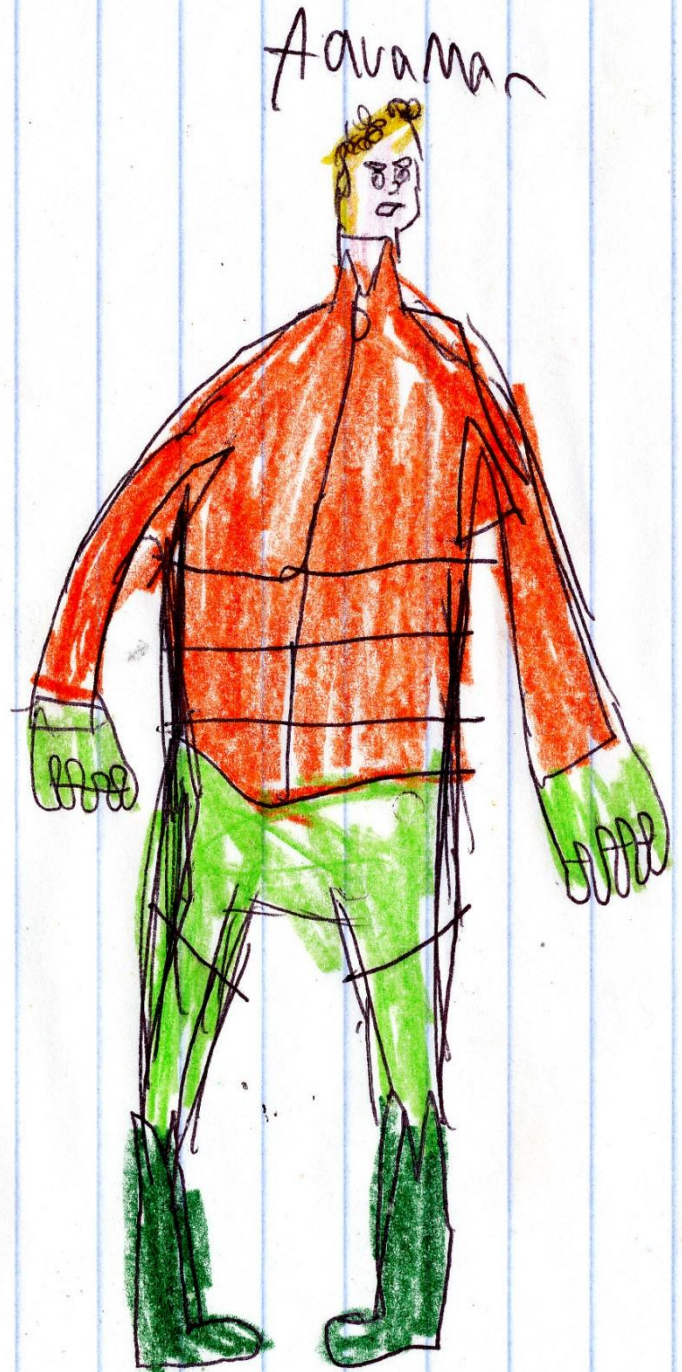
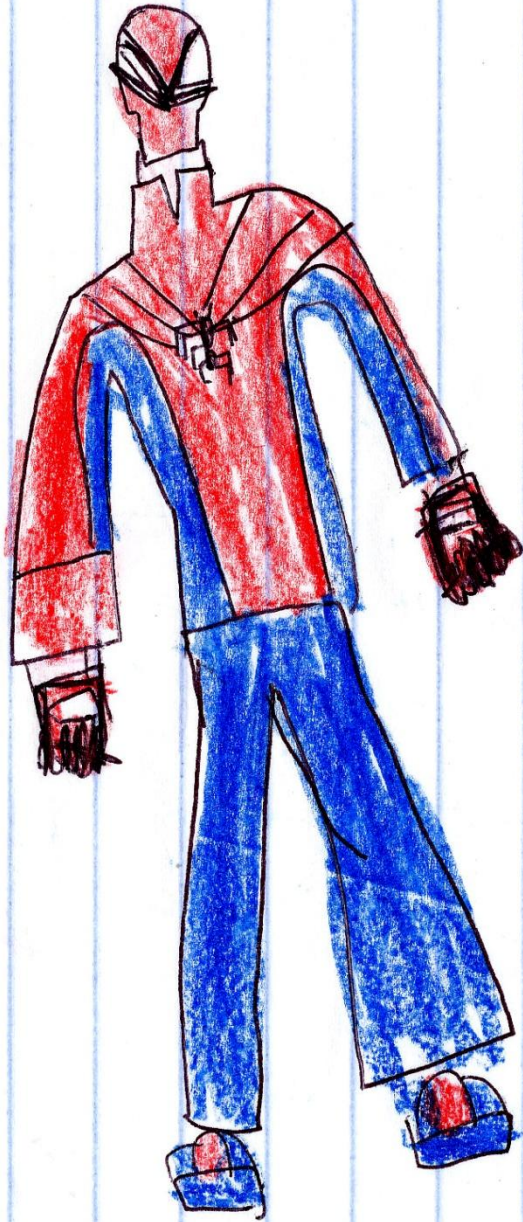
By Nico Raymond

Invincible



FLASH





The Journey of the Water Bottle

By Anna Gallagher

In a pouch adjacent to my homework house, rests my zero calorie canteen.

This H²O holder is the essential throat quencher during the daily routine.

As the sunrise intrudes upon the dusky sky, the liquid vessel is filled to the brim.

This transparent carton then relocates with each whim.

Down the compressed-corridors the waterlogged house is hauled out; to extinguish the thirst.

Periodically the sultry carafe acquires an intermission while I study in the house-of-books headfirst.

A stream spout is abundantly needed to re-charge this fluid jug.

As algorithmic equations are achieved and native tongue training is finished with a shrug.

I'm longing to chug my barrel of health refreshment when the day nears an end.

Soon it'll be time for school to be over and done, no more need to comprehend,

the mind-bending stack of papers that will be waiting when the next day rolls around.

Back to the family rocket ship with the flask stream in its sack, once home I rebound.

Now, I'm home to finish my studies and relax with a mango shake

and my cotton-mouth exterminator. For tomorrow I will wake,

and the pallet cleaner vat will need filling again, for that day's mission.

I am thankful to have a portable thirst extinguisher; it's superb for my nutrition.



Rose – By Anna Gallagher



Otters
By Brittany Berger



Penguins
By Brittany Berger



Gorilla
By Anna Gallagher

teen zine is:

Ariel Barchard, Brittany Berger, Angelica Cataldo, Andrew Fitzgerald, Jessica Galeba, Anna Gallagher, Hannah Klehr, Zak Klehr, Jenna Marsh, Julie Patel, & Diamond Prus.

Please join us at our next meeting!
Call the Reference Desk (847-669-5386 ext. 21) to attend.

Teen Zine is a publication of the Huntley Area Public Library's teen writers' club and includes members' work as well as submissions from area teens in grades 6 – 12. If you would like to submit your work for review and possible inclusion in a future issue of the Zine, please fill out a submission form (available at the library's Reference Desk), or use our online form:

<http://ya.huntleylibrary.info/tzonlineform>.

