



MIXED BAG

"Talent you have naturally. Skill is only developed by hours and hours and hours of beating on your craft." WILL SMITH, ACTOR

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What if I encounter an ALIEN?

If I encounter an alien, I'll be the happiest person on Earth because I think it will be an honor to meet and know him. When I do encounter one, I would ask him many questions: Why do you think humans were created? How big is this universe? Can we go beyond our universe or are we stuck? Who created you? How are you so technologically advanced? What do you think about human beings? I will ask him if we are just an experiment or more than that, and then I would ask him to take me

to his planet and tell me about everything present on his planet. I would sincerely request him to help human beings unite as one family and not divide us based on our countries or religions. I would take him to my house and create more hi-tech, luxurious gadgets, appliances and much more with his help. Are there more civilizations like ours or any more intellectual ones that exist? I would ask him, learn more and pass the knowledge on to the others because the more knowledge you have the more you learn.

You can enhance your cognitive abilities through this process. We are just a young, developing civilization. We have to learn much more than just our routine. So, we don't know much about ourselves and we do want to know about the extraterrestrials. Primarily, we need to enhance all human abilities cause there is no limit as to what we can do. No one is more intelligent or dull. It is all about utilizing your potential. So, stop thinking and start doing!

- Umang Achalia, class VII

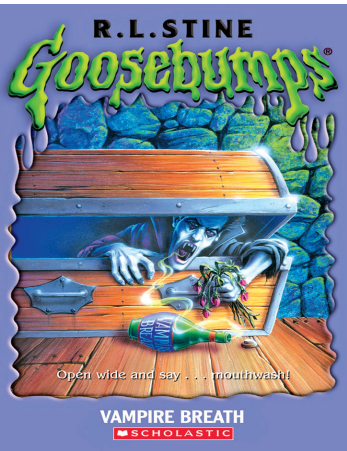
It's time to get Goosebumps!

The one book I loved was from the 'Goosebumps' series, which is written by R L Stine. 'Vampire Breath' starts when children are playing in the playroom and discover a deep basement. Curious enough, they go inside and are shocked. This story takes you to a vampire world. My most favourite part was when the vampire never lost his heart and was compassionate and stayed calm. The book tells us about friendship. The author makes us feel that although it is a fictional, everything seems so real! The story takes twists and turns. After they go into the basement, they

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find a coffin. There is a bottle of 'Vampire's breath' written on it. In the end, the person finds out that he is a vampire along with his parents. Later on, his friend finds out another bottle saying, 'Werewolf's breath'. What happens next? Well, grab the book and find out yourself! Go on, read!

- Abhijeet Thakur, class VI



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MUST SEE MUST DO



TELEVISION



■ **WHAT ON EARTH?, DISCOVERY SCIENCE, 3:00 PM** : Experts investigate some of the most unusual satellite images of places and disastrous events like tsunamis and unravel the mystery of these images.

■ **AMAZING HOTELS, FOX LIFE, 4:00 PM**: The host travels to some of the most famous hotels around the world and experiences their cuisine and ambience.

■ **SOUTH AFRICA, NAT GEO WILD, 7:00 PM**: Discover the wide variety of flora and fauna found in the country of South Africa.

■ **EXTREME ANIMALS, ANIMAL PLANET, 8:00 PM**: The show features a top-ten list of various animals, categorising them according to characteristics like weirdness, toughness, strength, speed and behaviour.



MOVIES ON TV

■ **JURASSIC PARK, SONY PIX, 3:47 PM**: A joyride at a wildlife amusement park, which contains cloned dinosaurs, soon becomes a horrifying experience.

■ **FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM, HBO, 3:58 PM**: Newt arrives in New York City with a briefcase full of magical creatures, some of which escape. While rounding them up, he clashes with MACUSA, which is investigating mysterious violent incidents.



■ **HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE, MOVIES NOW, 5:50 PM**: Harry Potter, an eleven-year-old orphan, discovers that he is a wizard and is invited to study at Hogwarts. Even as he escapes a dreary life and enters a world of magic, he finds trouble awaiting him.

THIS DAY THAT YEAR

1858: British forces in India lift the siege of Lucknow, ending the Indian Mutiny.

1913: Bismillah Khan, shehnai maestro, was born.

1935: Persia is officially renamed Iran.

1945: During World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

1962: Yogi the bear becomes the 1st creature to be ejected at supersonic speeds by the US military testing ejection seats

1963: Alcatraz Island, the federal penitentiary in San Francisco Bay, CA, closed.

1965: More than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began a march from Selma to Montgomery, AL.

2002: In Pakistan, Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh was charged with murder for his role in the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

2013: The European Space Agency reveals new data that indicates that the universe is 13.82 billion years old.

WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL?

My role model is someone who the closest person to me in my life. Someone who has all the values and characters I admire. She's my very own motivator, philosopher, guide and my best friend: My mother!

She has always been there for me from the time I realised her presence in my life. She has been there for every little thing. She has felt the pain of my fall or wound more than I did and has taken care of me with love and patience. Being an extremely hard working and strong lady, she gives her very best at her job, takes great care of the family and cooks such good food that I tend to overeat. I gladly help her out in the house work whenever possible.

She is always ready to hear me out. During my exams, she is the one under pressure for me to perform;

she takes care of my academics and explains everything patiently.

We sometimes stay up late at nights together watching movies or doing some project for school. My mother deals with all my tantrums and stupidity but can be strict when I cross the line.

Holidays and outings are so much fun! She plans the vacation as per my needs by including all those activities and adventures. She turns into a kid at that time. The way she treats every individual she comes across, with a smiling face and a polite manner, is something I've learned from her. She always keeps our family first and tries to adjust the time so that she can give the most to us. I truly love my mom!

What about you? Who is your role model?

- Karan Chulani, class V



KNOW YOUR GENRE

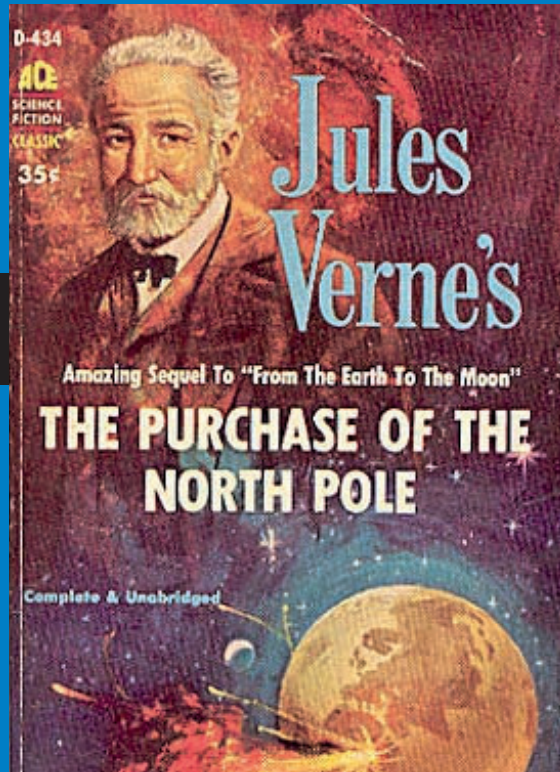
CLIMATE FICTION

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE INTO A UNIQUE FACET OF LITERATURE

DEFINITION: A byproduct of climate change and global warming is its influence on the literary world and movies. Stories written within the 'cli-fi' genre may fit within the realm of speculative fiction or non fiction. For example stories may take place in the world as we know it or in the near future. Often themes involve eco-terrorism and/or an impending environmental disaster.

WHO COINED IT: The term 'cli-fi' was coined by Taiwan-based blogger Danny Bloom in 2007 in a bid to market his e-book 'Polar City Red', about Alaskan climate refugees. The book was not successful but 'cli-fi' became the new buzzword. In its praise for the genre, a 'Guardian' report said, "When done correctly, Cli-Fi can connect people to their world; it can help us understand what future climate may be like, or what current climate effects are."

HISTORICALLY: According to Wikipedia, history is full of literary works that dealt with climate change. For example Jules Verne's 1889 novel 'The Purchase of the North Pole' imagined that the Earth's axis has tilted causing a change in the climate. Or British author J G



Ballard's 1961 novel 'In The Wind from Nowhere', in which a civilisation is reduced by persistent hurricane-force winds.

RECOMMENDED:

1. Kim Stanley Robinson's 'Science in the Capital' trilogy.
2. Susan M Gaines's 'Carbon Dreams'
3. Michael Crichton's 'State of Fear'
4. Ashley Shelby's 'South Pole Station'
5. Emmi Itäranta's 'Memory of Water.'



A still from last year's cli-fi film 'Geostorm'

Making of a crime reporter

Christi Daugherty nails newsroom culture in 'The Echo Killing'

Following the success of the 'Night School' series, young adult author Christi Daugherty has launched a new series of crime fiction thrillers based in Savannah (Georgia, US). In 'The Echo Killing', readers meet Harper McClain, a crime reporter haunted by her mother's unsolved murder.

THE PLOT

When she was 12-years-old, Harper McClain discovered her mother's body when she came home from school. That was 15 years ago, and not a day goes by that she doesn't think about her mother and that day. Those memories



become even stronger when McClain covers the murder of single mother Marie

Whitney and spots too many similarities to her mother's death.

WHY YOU SHOULD READ IT

A former crime reporter, Daugherty delivers an insider's view of journalism, from the adrenaline rush of covering a major story to the drudgery of delving into the background behind a story. She also nails the newsroom culture — from the humorous banter to the serious work — and shows how layoffs and cutbacks have affected the way journalists cover their community. **A+**

