

Jackie's Textual Lineage

With and Without You by Ann M. Martin

This was the first book that made me think about my family. Every family has problems. The protagonist in the book, Liza, has to deal with more responsibility than she ever did before her Dad died. This book was one of the first books that made me cry. It made me appreciate my family, even though we were going through some rough times.



A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

This book appealed to me because it showed me how you could escape with a book. The protagonist, Francie, escapes her poverty by reading. The book is like a series in one. It starts out when Francie is a little girl. It then rewinds to her parent's story and then fast-forwards to when she is in high school. The book shows how someone who doesn't have much can be successful in his or her life. It gave me hope that I too, could be successful.



Night by Elie Wiesel

This book introduced me to the evil side of mankind. It truly touched me because it showed me how human beings could really hate one another. It also showed me that even after such a horrific event, such as the Holocaust, there are still people left in the world who are willing to help others. This book made me realize how I should treat other people different from me.



The Stand by Stephen King

This book was one of the first books I read that was a challenge. The book was just about 1,500 pages long. It was a challenge because I read it in the 8th grade, but I stuck with it and accomplished reading it after a month. Stephen King wrote about an end-of-the-world survival of the fittest. It is like the Walking Dead series, minus the zombies. This book had me thinking about what I would do if an apocalypse took place and I survived.



The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown

This book had me thinking from the start. Dan Brown, combines history, religion, history, and mystery in this book. It combined my favorites all into one book. This murder mystery has the protagonist, Robert Langdon, using clues from famous paintings from history. I read the entire book in two days. The plot hooked me from the start and renewed my passion for history. It impacted my choice as a history major in college.