

Create a Book Review in BHS Library Catalog

1. Go to the Library Homepage: BHSLibrary.weebly.com



2. Click the **Login** tab on the far right.
3. Your username is your year of graduation, last name and first initial (e.g. 21cohenl).
4. Your password is the same as your username. (Your year of graduation, last name and first initial - e.g. 21cohenl). Click **Login**. Your name will appear in the far right corner!

Now that you are logged in, you can see what materials you have checked-out by clicking on the **My Info** tab at the top of the screen. You can also create book reviews.

Create a Book Review

If you have read a book in the BHS library catalog, you can rate it and write a review.

1. Enter the title of the book you want to review in the **Find** box, click on the **Title** button.
2. Click on the title of the book you want to review.
3. Click on the **Reviews** tab at the top of the screen.

4. Now click on .
5. Select a rating by moving the mouse over the stars and clicking on one.
6. Enter your book review in the box below. You can enter up to 150 words, a short paragraph.
7. At the end of your review, add your first name and Year of Graduation
8. When you finish, click **save**.

You will not see your review right away. A librarian needs to approve it first. Once approved, your review will be available to all who use the BHS library catalog.

To find reviews in the catalog, look for books with yellow stars. Click on the title and then the reviews tab or link and voila!

Book Review

A book review is a critical evaluation of a text. The most important element of a review is that it is not a plot summary. It is a critique of the book.

Things to consider when writing your review:

- **WHO** - Who is the main character?
- **WHAT** – Write a sentence or two about the genre, the main idea of the book and its themes.
- **WHEN** – When does the story take place?
- **WHERE** – Where does the story take place?
- **WHY** – Why did you like or dislike the book?
- **HOW** – How did the author’s style draw you into the story? To whom would you recommend this book?

Sample Student Reviews from BHS Catalog: Do they help you choose your next book?

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green



The Fault in Our Stars, a modern tale of star-crossed love, takes its readers on a highly emotional experience coupled with attempted intellectual enlightenment. Intelligent teenager Hazel Grace meets sarcastic, narcissistic, and undeniably charming Augustus Waters at a Youth Cancer Support Group, and the two immediately stumble into a complicated love story. While attempting to answer some of life’s most essential questions, they struggle with their cancers and the search for love, acceptance, and legacy. While John Greene’s characters attempt to portray intellectual and emotional maturity, they at times come off as simply pretentious. However, as a novel, the book’s relatable characters and frank emotions help successfully pull the right heartstrings, and you cannot help but feel spiritually and emotionally, if not intellectually, uplifted. I recommend this to anyone who wants to explore the idea of legacy, love, hope, and being remembered in this hectic and unjust world.

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson



A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson is a book about the author and his comically out of shape friend going on a journey: walking the entire length of the Appalachian Trail. Bryson talks about nature and the philosophy of the hike for himself and others around him, and uses observational humor that leaves the reader in tears. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys the outdoors or is thinking about hiking the Appalachian trail.

Recovery Road by Blake Nelson



High schooler Madeline is sent to Spring Meadows rehabilitation center after developing drinking and anger management problems. In this depressing, peculiar place she falls in love with another troubled boy named Stewart. However, their love is not enough to solve their problems, and Madeline is left waiting for Stewart. You will find yourself rooting for Madeline through her 'recovery road' as she battles with fitting in, overcoming addiction, guilt and shame. This fictional story is written through her eyes, an angry voice that transforms as Madeline does. I read this book in one sitting, and have never felt an emotional connection to a character as I felt with Madeline. Whether you are into romantic novels, overcoming challenges, honest dialogue, or the notion of saving the person you love, every reader will be able to find something they cannot resist in this story.

Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward



Salvage the Bones follows fifteen year-old Esch and her brothers through the twelve days leading up to Hurricane Katrina. Esch's father, an alcoholic widower, does little to help them prepare. All the while, Esch hides a life-changing secret; she's just discovered she's pregnant. She knows who the father is, but she doesn't know how to tell him in a way that will make him care the way she has always wanted him to. This is an unforgettable novel about a motherless family sacrificing for one another, and pushing through their own troubles to face another day.

Bringing Down the House by Ben Mezrich



If you find stories rooted in excitement and epic nights of glory as exhilarating as I do, then I urge you to read this book! The author possesses an amazing skill by being able to intertwine historic events from the 90's, and his own current research, into one kick-ass story. These events actually took place, but the book reads like a fast-paced piece of fiction. The book itself primarily takes place in the desert oasis that is Las Vegas. It recounts the true story of six M.I.T brainiacs who use their boundless intelligence and mathematical wizardry to rob Vegas for millions...until the casinos catch on. This story is your classic blood pumping action thriller, and I strongly recommend this book to those of you who love a good story that always leaves you wanting more.