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For Every Student, There Is a Book

James Patterson has been quoted saying, "There's no such thing as a kid who hates reading. There are kids who love reading, and kids who are reading the wrong book."

In my years in middle and high school English classrooms, I have been exposed to a variety of students as well as a plethora of young adult literature. In the past few years, I have made it a personal mission to find the right books for all of my students. I regularly have students come to English 11 and claim on my Student Entry Survey they would rather have a root canal than read, yet, by the end of the semester, they have read numerous fiction and nonfiction books.

In this session, teachers will be exposed to a variety of student profiles and interests and be given lists of books and authors that will get those students reading.

The Students

Frankie Farmer
Camilla Country-Girl
Ursula Urban
Conrad City
Jewel Just-Doesn't-Like-Reading
Alana Athlete
Andrew Athlete
Tamika Typical-Teenage-Girl
Ned Needs-Something-New
Gordon Good-Student
Linda Low-Reader
Larry Low-Reader

In addition to the individual student lists, I will also provide a general list of books and authors that I have found most students enjoy, regardless of their outside interests.