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Find all of my reviews at Nature's first green is gold, Her hardest hue to hold Her early leaf's a flower But only so an hour Then leaf subsides to leaf So Eden sank to grief, So dawn goes down to day. Nothing gold can stay Last week my son came home from school and informed me he had a homework assignment about the book his class is reading as a group Said child was forlorn that he would be unable to complete the assignment as the editions of the book were for class use only and were not permitted to be taken home Never you fear, I said to the young boy, for I have a LIBRARY CARD while actually freaking out that I might have to i change out of my comfy clothes, ii move my slothlike self off of the sofa after a hard day at work, or iii embarrass the child by refusing to change out of P.J pants whilst chauffeuring him to pick up a hard copy of the book I asked the small boy with much trepidation what book do you need and he answered The Outsiders I was filled with glee and assured my son I could easily help him with any questions about that book as I read it a bunch of times myself 800 years ago when I was a young girl The boy was dubious, so in order to ease his mind I searched the interwebs and was thrilled to find out The Outsiders was available in Kindle format from the library Whilst waiting for the book to load on to the Kindle, I turned to my son and said the following words When I stepped out into the bright sunlight, from the darkness of the movie house, I had only two things on my mind Paul Newman and a ride home Followed by BLAM TAKE THAT SUCKA STILL WANT TO TANGLE WITH THE MEMORY OF THIS OLD LADY YEAH, I DIDN T THINK SO, NOW WHAT S YOUR

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QUESTION The boy was able to pick my geriatric brain for assistance with his homework and it turned out the book wasn't really a requirement in order to get the assignment done in the first place Note to all of you youngsters who do not yet have children of your own THEY ARE WILEY MOFOS AND EVEN THE MOST HONOR ROLL A RIFIC KID WILL AT SOME POINT GO TO ANY AND ALL LENGTHS TO AVOID HOMEWORK Thus, I found myself left with The Outsiders on the Kindle and it was seriously begging me to put down the crappy book I was currently reading and take a trip down memory lane So that's just what I did It was just as good as I remembered it The Outsiders is the quintessential teenage story about love and loss and family and right and wrong and good and bad I read it in an evening, sitting outside during a sunset, as one should do if given the opportunity It proved to be timeless, it still made me teary eyed after all these years, and I still thought it had one of the best ensemble cast of characters ever put to paper And then I remembered it was written by a teenager one of those awful things that lives in my house and makes my hair turn gray So let me wrap up this non review kind of review with a personal note To my son, I ask you to recognize everything I do for you is with love, just like Darry Curtis and Ponyboy, and I promise I will do everything in my power to make you stay gold as long as possible. Finally read this classic Glad to be in the know I can see why this has stood the test of time The story is easy to get into and keeps your attention throughout It seems like any person, young or old, rich or poor, popular or outcast could empathize or sympathize the themes Finally, the key climax points are done very well and hit you right in the feels Another thought I had while reading is this is another one of the young adult fore fathers We now take for granted that every week there will be 10 new YA titles to pique our interest Back when this came out, the YA gems were few and far between Reading this should be a right of passage for YA fans everywhere. Librarian Note This Record Is For One Of The Three Editions Published With Different Covers And With ISBN X The Records Are For The Cover This Record , The Cover, And The Cover Which Is Also The Current In Print Cover The Outsiders Is About Two Weeks In The Life Of A Year Old Boy The Novel Tells The Story Of Ponyboy Curtis And His Struggles With Right And Wrong In A

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Society In Which He Believes That He Is An Outsider According To Ponyboy, There Are Two Kinds Of People In The World Greasers And Socs A Soc Short For Social Has Money, Can Get Away With Just About Anything, And Has An Attitude Longer Than A Limousine A Greaser, On The Other Hand, Always Lives On The Outside And Needs To Watch His Back Ponyboy Is A Greaser, And He S Always Been Proud Of It, Even Willing To Rumble Against A Gang Of Socs For The Sake Of His Fellow Greasers Until One Terrible Night When His Friend Johnny Kills A Soc The Murder Gets Under Ponyboy S Skin, Causing His Bifurcated World To Crumble And Teaching Him That Pain Feels The Same Whether A Soc Or A Greaser Stay gold, Ponyboy Stay gold The Outsiders is a book about sensitive teenage boys who alternately get into gang fights, hug one another, and burst into tears They also spend time than you might expect ruminating on how the tightness of a t shirt might enhance the rippling musculature of a steely eyed fellow gang member this is where Stephanie Meyer got the idea for how to characterize Edward Even though they re always complimenting each other s hair and doing gymnastics, it s not gay at all because it takes place in 1965, shortly after James Dean had made crying and homoerotic tension cool.This is the kind of book that teachers like to assign to 7th graders or dumb high schoolers because it offers up a lot of THEMES about how EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT BUT STILL THE SAME, and teachers feel pretty safe giving a quiz on that because even the stupidest kid can figure it out, as every few paragraphs the narrator will just go ahead and state it outright, like this Even though we re Greasers and they re Socs, I guess in the end, we all look at the same sunset Sample essay question What did Ponyboy mean when he said that everyone looked at the same sunset And all you have to do to get it right is repeat the first half of the sentence As a narrator, Ponyboy kept reminding me of Holden Caulfield, if Holden was poor and actually managed to do anything interesting with his evenings But maybe that just has to do with the time period and the fact that they both say stuff like I was just about bawling my eyes out, to tell you the truth every few pages, except Ponyboy is doing it because his best friend knifed someone and then died of a broken back and being on fire, and Holden is just sad because his roommate

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smells bad oh and I guess his brother got cancer and died pffffff I do think they would get along if they ever met, and maybe make out a little bit. I love the last few sentences of every chapter, where SE Hinton trots out her corniest stuff Chapter 7 Socs were just guys after all Things were rough all over, but it was better that way That way you could tell the other guy was human too Chapter 8 Thanks, Ponyboy She smiled through her tears You dig okay She had green eyes I went on, walking home slowly Oh and it doesn't come at the end of a chapter but Not even the rattling of the train could keep me awake, and I went to sleep in a hoodlum's jacket, with a gun lying next to my hand There's also the best deathbed speech in all of teen literature probably, which goes like this INTERPRETS THEMATICALLY RELEVANT POEM DIES. So somehow I never read this in middle school, and when I read it now, I just end up giggling at half of the overwrought emotion which happened with Catcher in the Rye too, but there I'm going to assume Salinger was writing on multiple levels, because he was a competent adult, whereas The Outsiders was written by someone Holden's age But it's still a pretty awesome book. EDITED to add that this Penguin edition makes the book seem really classy, which is nice, but Jodi Picoult's introduction is kind of a joke She basically asked her 14 year old son to write a book report and quoted excerpts Facebook 30 Day Book Challenge Day 6 Favorite young adult book. I loved The Outsiders when I read it as a teen and again when I read it just a few months ago S E Hinton created a believable and engaging cast of characters who struggle with conflict in and out of their gang and learn the meaning of friendship and family A very moving and enjoyable story I'm a little horrified at myself for not having this book up before now We had a discussion about it in class today, and I had to write this as soon as it was over I wish there were stars to give The Outsiders, but five will have to do I love this book, and have loved it faithfully since I read it in sixth grade I must have read it a dozen times, and possibly I can quote long sections of the book I was obsessed, and to some degree still am It's not a good book by any literary standard, really Hinton uses one of those usually awful formulaic introductions that devotes a paragraph to each main character, explicitly describing their characteristics, history, and appearance When I think of it

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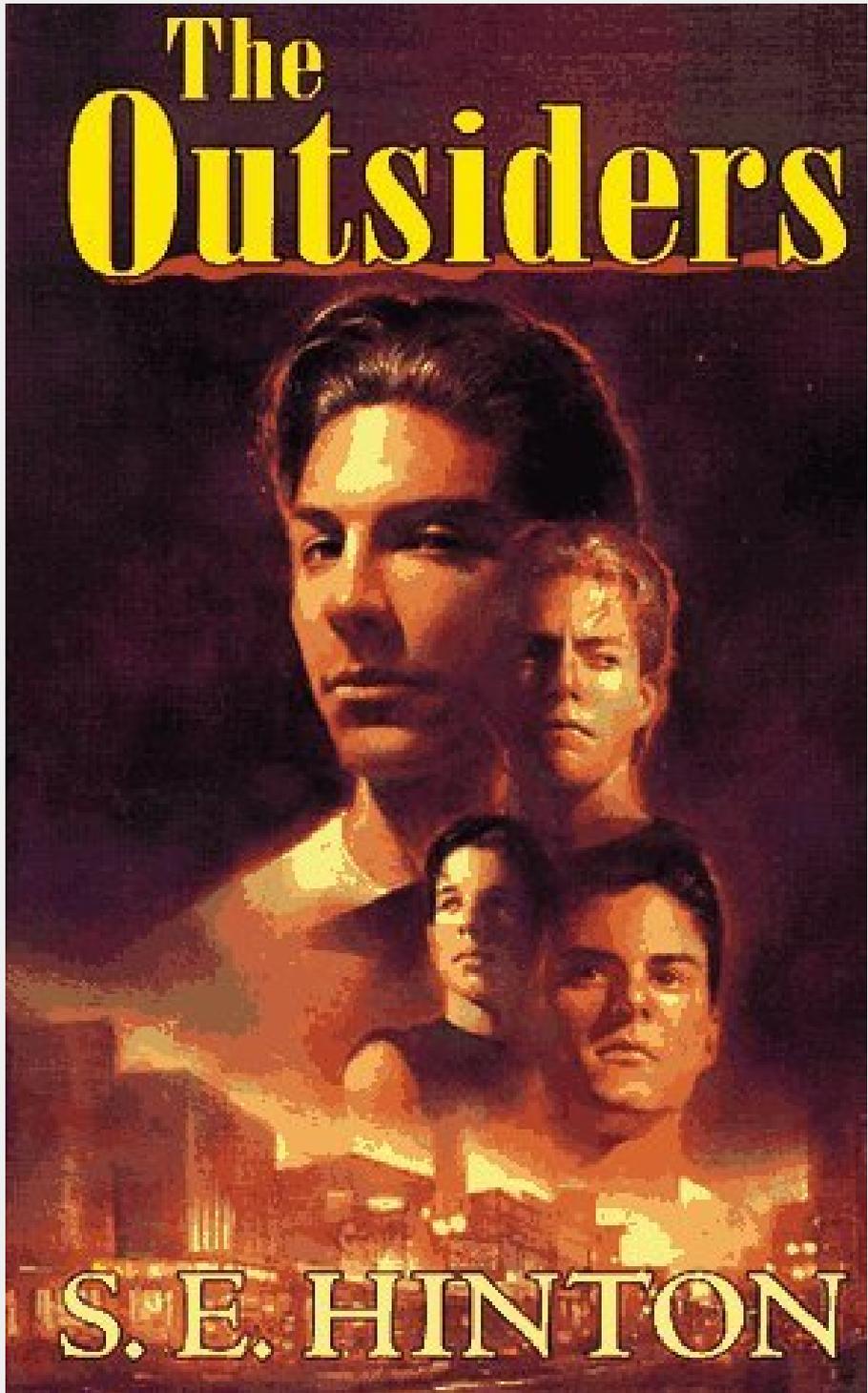
objectively, it's almost as bad as that awful, awful introductory second chapter of the Babysitters Club books that repeats in every installment I think the point is, though, that I just don't care. In fact, I adore the writing even though it is obvious. Maybe because I first read it when I was eleven and that sort of writing just seemed clear and to the point. At any rate, I don't think it suffers too badly from the style, and if anything it benefits from the authenticity of a teenage author. I can't even begin to say what it was about this book that caught my interest and imagination so completely. I liked the otherness of it. I had never experienced anything like these boys dealt with. Not the pervasive fear and violence, not the absentee, non-existent, or abusive parents, and definitely not the fascinating siege mentality camaraderie that existed in their group. The best part of the book, without any doubt, is the characters she has created. I love them all, with the exception of Steve. They are wonderful and so sympathetic, with their odd names and ill-fated lives. I hope for the ending to change every time I read it. Ponyboy's voice, which narrates the story, has a beautiful vulnerability and honesty that makes the story believable. He's often confused, hurt, scared, sorry, and just feels like things are wrong but, he's also brave and kind and takes chances on people. I think that Hinton's allowing her main character to be a real person, who is often than not unsure of everything he does, gives the book its credibility with teenagers. Fantastic, must read, childhood defining book. Reading Hinton's *That Was Then, This is Now* is worth it just for the few brief cameos a slightly older Ponyboy makes throughout the story. I'm just feeling a lot of emotions right now. Don't touch me. I barely remembered anything about this book from reading it in high school but oh man it was definitely better than I remember. Even though I've never been in any of the situations referenced in the *Outsiders*, the overall themes are meaningful and easy to grasp. REAL GOOD REAL GOOD. This was a great book but I was incredibly disappointed after I found out it wasn't about aliens. The *Outsiders* is a book about a group of youthful greasers living in Oklahoma, and about their struggles to exist in a society that seems designed to dismiss them. Oklahoma is also the name of a popular musical. Draw your own conclusions, or continue reading. See, I don't know from Oklahoma in the sixties maybe that is a place where street

toughs call their little brothers honey and baby and enjoy sunsets and stars and reading margaret mitchell aloud to one another and who recite robert frost in quiet moments maybe they do gymnastics before what they call skin fighting with the local rival boys maybe they cry and snuggle together in bed at night and hold each other through hard times. not that there is anything wrong with that. it just seems to be queer behavior for a gang of juvenile delinquents. what no, i didn't mean queer like that no, really, i just meant odd but, now that you mention it huh yeah, it does seem a little queer who knew that boys in leather could have a queer connotation and putting on tight t-shirts that show off every muscle before they go to meet the other boys and making sure to fix their hair no, that's just what it says in the book. these are their modern day equivalents maybe this is just what happens when a teen girl writes this kind of material, tomboy or not i had seen the movie before, so i knew it was about pretty boys fighting, but there is a lot at work here, subtextually i have also seen rumble fish, which is an awful movie based on another hinton book that is even musical, but is an excuse to look at this and how is tom waits in both movies but all of that is just me giggling. what is interesting, from a serious literary perspective is just an observation from reading this, the pigman, and revisiting the chocolate war and catcher in the rye for this portion of my young adult readers advisory class which will meet this tuesday where we will discuss the classics of teen fiction and i know catcher wasn't specifically produced for a teen audience, but it is on the damn syllabus and if it makes you happier, i will call this the teen in literature instead in the fifties and sixties, there was seemingly free floating apprehension and fear the a bomb, the draft, various factors contributed to this fear of an imminent death beyond anyone's control all this anxiety and fear of the establishment created a pronounced sense of us and them that i think i blabbed on a little in the pigman review, but children were just treated like smaller adults, really and the literature reflects this all of these books seem to emphasize a value placed on the preservation of childhood innocence staying gold, protecting a younger sister from the taint of phoniness, encouraging kids to act like kids and roller skate through the house and disregard the parental restrictions in this one safe place now, the boundaries are blurrier girls are getting their

periods at 8, and grown men in suits are playing video games on the subway the distinctions are less clear and a lot of teen fiction today is escapist in nature, less didactic teens don't need to be told to value their childhood any because, don't worry, it will never end peter pan FTW this all means nothing, except it is something i noticed sorry for blabbing on I have watched this movie over and over when I was younger and I still have it today and love it just as much I will admit I was in love with Dallas and had a crush on Sodapop but Dallas was my man I just can't believe it took me this many years to read the book And the book was so close to the movie it is almost unreal Maybe it was due to the fact that S.E Hinton was on set helping with the movie, I really don't know I just love that I can read a book and watch a movie and there not be that many things different Ok, there will be This is a remarkable story of people from different sides of the tracks The greasers the poor boys and some girls and the socs the rich kids This story is told from the greasers side which is awesome because I really don't care about the socs These boys all looked out for each other in the best ways they could Even if they were dirt poor, they did what they could for each other They had fun times getting in rumbles with the socs, most all of them loved to fight It was like getting set loose in a candy store Most of the beginning of the story revolves around Ponyboy and Johnny They are the best of friends and poor Johnny seems to have it bad no matter which way he turns His parents treat him bad, he sleeps outside most of the time and he got a very bad beating from the socs That's what they do, cruise around and find a greaser or two alone and gang up on them They damn near beat Johnny to death and all of the other friends always rally around him and try to protect him from things Until one tragic night Ponyboy and Johnny get attacked by a group of socs AGAIN, but this time Johnny stabs and kills the jerk that beat him so bad before They were trying to drown Ponyboy They have to run to Dallas to help get them out of town Because that's what friends do, they hang out and help each other if they are in trouble Dallas tells Ponyboy and Johnny to hop on this train and go to a town and stay in an abandoned church until things die down and he would come up there He gives them money and a gun Johnny buys them food and hair dye for Ponyboy which he hates and he also gets Gone With The Wind for

Ponyboy because he has always wanted to read it I thought that was so nice of him and he picked a really great book Ponyboy spent time reading the book to his friend when they weren't playing cards to pass the time At one point Dallas shows up and tells them some things and takes them out to eat The boys decide they are going to turn themselves in but when they get back to the church, it's on fire and there are a couple of people and a bunch of children huddled around it When the boys get there they find out some of the kids are inside and Ponyboy and Johnny being the good guys that they are go in after them Of course Dallas is yelling for them to get back out Needless to say they get the kids to safety but Dallas and Ponyboy get a little hurt in the process Johnny gets messed up bad It's always Johnny He always just wanted to be normal for shite's sake The people thought they were heroes which is truly what they were We think the towheaded kid is going to be all right He burned one arm pretty badly, though, trying to drag the other kid out the window Johnny, well I don't know about him A piece of timber caught him across the back he might have a broken back, and he was burned pretty severely He passed out before he got out the window They're giving him plasma now He must have seen the look on my face because he hurriedly changed the subject I swear, you three are the bravest kids I've seen in a long time First you and the black haired kid climbing in that window, and then the tough looking kid going back to save him Mrs O'Briant and I think you were sent straight from heaven Or are you just professional heroes or something Sent from heaven Had he gotten a good look at Dallas No, we're greasers, I said I was too worried and scared to appreciate the fact that he was trying to be funny Johnny isn't doing so well in the hospital and Dallas and Ponyboy are really afraid for him Dallas breaks out of the hospital on the night of the rumble to fight for Johnny He was so happy after the fight that he grabbed Ponyboy and rushed back to the hospital to tell Johnny they had won Even though, they didn't know it at the time, they got to spend the last few minutes with Johnny before he died It was so sad, I cried a river I knew what was going to happen but it doesn't matter, I cried the river Dallas goes nuts of course and runs off Ponyboy is in a daze when he gets home and tells everyone that Johnny is dead and that Dallas ran off They are all sad of course and worried what

Dallas is going to do And then they get the call that Dallas robbed a store and the police are after him so they go to meet up with him But when they get to him the stupid cops killed him And I think he wanted that really because he pulled an unloaded gun on them Maybe it s just my thoughts but I feel like he called the guys because he did want to live in a way but he was so messed up with Johnny dying after all that poor kid had been through, that he wanted to die himself Of course I cried and cried at that as well So, Ponyboy is trying to cope with two of his friends dying in one night He doesn t do very well and is sick for quite some time This book really made me have some feels Like I said before I have watched the movie a million times but as an adult, reading the book put things into perspective This is the second book that I have read lately that has made me want to change some things in my life At least some of the things that I can and that is one of the many things I love about reading MY BLOG Melissa Martin s Reading ListRead 2016 2018



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