

## No-Rules Reading!

### 4 Things to Try

☀️ **Claim Your Space!** Create your own reading nest. A hammock, a treehouse, a fort (indoors or out), whatever works for you.

☀️ **Invent your own reading tradition!** Whether milkshakes and mysteries, appetizers and adventure books, a grassy lawn and graphic novels, sandwiches and science, find something to mix with your latest read.

☀️ **Make a Playlist!** As you check out your book, think of the music the main character would most likely listen to, then play it as you read to help the story and its characters come alive.

☀️ **Mix it Up!** Why limit yourself to the same things you read during the school year? Try a few challenges to find new books to read.

- Read the alphabet - start with A and find a book whose title or author's last name begins with that letter. How far into the alphabet can you get?

- Go ahead and judge a book by its cover. Pick a book based just on the cover image and see if what you find inside is what you expected. If you were the cover artist, what would you draw?

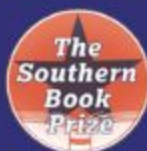
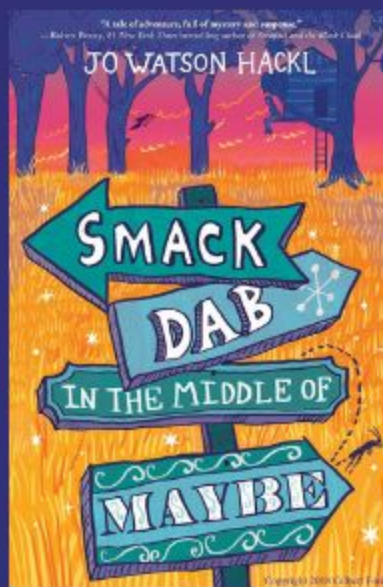
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