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Youth Advisory Board Application

Are you interested in reviewing books for The Odyssey? We receive dozens of Advance Readers Copies (ARCS) each month and would love your help deciding what we should bring into the store! This program is open to anyone between the ages of 8 and 18.

The way it works:

Step 1: Fill out the application and return it to Laure.

Step 2: Pick out an ARC or two that you're interested in reading (or ask for suggestions!).

Step 3: Take the books home and read!

Step 4: For each book you like, write a short review which we'll print out and display with the book.

Step 5: If there are any books that you don't like, please send us 1-2 sentences explaining why.

Completed reviews can be emailed to kids@odysseybks.com. Below are two examples - more can be found on our website!

Code Word Courage

By Kirby Larson

Billie is feeling down because her brother Leo is leaving to fight in the war. It's the time of World War II and Billie is scared for her brother, but when he brings back Denny, a Navajo Code Talker whom he met at boot camp, Billie is excited. Denny also brings home a stray dog he names Bear. She and Bear become best friends, but when Leo leaves, she's still worried. Will both Denny and Leo come back okay?

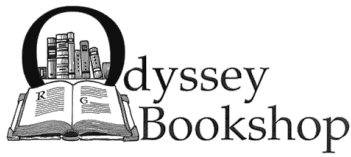
-Nora, age 10

Be Prepared

By Vera Brosgol

One of the most relatable graphic novels I've ever read, *Be Prepared* is a brutally honest look at a summer spent at a sleepaway camp in Connecticut. Perfect for anyone who hasn't fit in, perfect for anyone who has felt they were born standing out. Vera recalls a summer at a Russian summer camp where she hoped the things that made her weird at school would finally find her a place in the social stratosphere—she may not have been exactly right about that, but camp sure is an experience! I love Brosgol's artistic style. The breadth of expression she can express with a few strokes will have you feeling like you experienced everything with her the first time. ~Liz, Hampshire College student

Thank you for your help!



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Your Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Your Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Parent/Guardian Email:** _____

Question 1: The name of your favorite author and a brief paragraph describing why that author's books stand out for you:

Question 2: Five books you've read recently:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Please include any questions or comments that you have for us below:

We like to put reviews on our website so that our customers know which books are our favorites. Would you be ok if we put your reviews online? We would include your first name unless you prefer to remain anonymous.
