Best of The Bears

By: Ashlynn Randall

There are many types of bears. Big bears, small bears. Brown bears, black bears. And some don’t even look like bears. But no matter what they look like, they’re still bears.

Pandas

Pandas are the cutest animals from China. But don’t fall for their adorable appearance. These animals are very aggressive despite their cute features. And don’t get too close to them because they might bite.

A couple of panda bears lying on a wood surface

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Grizzly Bears

Grizzly bears may not be cute, but they’re very strong. Most adult grizzlies weigh from 300-700 pounds (136.078-317.515). But you might not have known that grizzlies are surprisingly good climbers. If you see a grizzle bear and you run up a tree to hide, you may be a goner.

Red Pandas and Koala Bears

Red pandas and Koala bears are cute, small animals that live in the wild. These two animals are not in the bear family, but their names may lead us to think otherwise. Red pandas aren’t in the bear family, but they are slightly related to Raccoons, or “trash pandas” and foxes. Koalas aren’t in the bear family either, but they are apart of the Phascolarctidae family and are the type of animal called Marsupials. Even though these two animals aren’t bears they sure act like one.

Koalas have an interesting digestive system that lets them eat certain things, like Eucalyptus leaves, that are poisonous and harmful to humans and other animals.

Red pandas are cute but aggressive animals when it comes to their home. They are just like Raccoons with how feisty they are. But even with that, I still can’t resist their adorableness.

Heroes of Olympus, Great Book? Or a Big Flop?

By: Keeley Anspach

*Heroes of Olympus*. It is a book series written by Rick Riordan. You may know some of his other book series like *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* or *The Trials of Apollo.* But today we are going to focus on *Heroes of Olympus the Lost Hero.*

**Pros of *Heroes of Olympus***

I rate this book 4 stars. It is a nice book; I like how it features Greek mythology and the terms the characters use. I like how the characters say, “Oh my gods!” instead of “Oh my god!” To me it’s more realistic for the setting and culture. *Heroes of Olympus* is a fictional story, and the main setting is Camp Half-blood. A safe place for demigods (half human half Greek god). There are 20 cabins. Each dedicated to a specific god or goddess.

The characters are cool too, the way they describe them, their personalities, everything about most of them. One student said “I liked the action and the way the story was developed. It just seems.... Surreal to me.” Another student said, “I liked how it linked to my favorite book series, Percy Jackson.” There are many pros of the *Heroes of Olympus,* but there are a few things I didn’t like.

**Cons of *Heroes of Olympus***

A few things I didn’t really like was the fact that Jason, the main character, forgot everything, we just start the book like that with no context. Another thing I don’t really like is the lack of character development. I feel like the only characters who had some character development were Piper and Leo, the two “sidekicks” in the story. Jason, who may I remind you, the main character doesn’t have that much character development, in my opinion at least.

Another thing I don’t really like about the book is that two demigods have the same exact family. It’s so much more different from all the other demigods. The other demigods don’t have biological siblings at camp, but this specific one does? It doesn’t make much sense to me.

There are many pros and cons of *Heroes of Olympus*, but in all I’d say it’s a solid 4 stars. I recommend this book from ages ten to sixteen. Thank you and goodbye. (read ‘thank you and goodbye’ in a British accent)

Volleyball Spike Or Pass

By: Kalynne Keller

Volleyball. It’s fun when you learn it, but it can be frustrating to learn. These are some rules and tips to play. First you absolutely **HAVE TO** keep your eye on the ball. At first you might be scared of the ball, but you can practice with your team or friends to get better with that. Also, you **MUST** have fast feet and that means you have to be quick to the ball. And positions are **VERY** important to play volleyball. If you have a coach or friend(s) who play, then you can ask them about the positions. Lastly you **HAVE TO** learn communications with your team because if a ball is coming near you and you don't call it and neither does another person you could run into each other, and you and the other person could get injured.

Now these are the reasons why volleyball is fun. Volleyball is fun because once you learn and get good you can play with your friend(s) or maybe do a competition. Maybe if you like volleyball enough you could make it your hobby. Volleyball can be fun to learn sometimes or even just playing with a team. If you like to compete then you could join a team, or you can compete with your friends. In volleyball **ANYTHING** can be fun even if you just like hitting the ball. **ANYONE** can be good at it too. The only reason you wouldn’t be is because either you don’t put enough time into it, or you don’t put enough effort. This is why volleyball is a fun sport to play.

Irish Dancing- Step, Step, Jump, Jump!

By Karina Sach

Whether you go to class five times a week, or thirty minutes a week, Irish dancing is so fun! It helps you stay fit and exercised, and it is so unique and different than any other type of dance. First, it gives you exercise. If you are like me, you go to class for two hours at a time! Even if you go to class for a quarter of that time, you will definitely get exercise. If someone does this consistently, they will stay fit and have so much fun. While all that happens, you are also getting a challenge and getting out of your comfort zone.

Irish dancing is also fun because it is so unique and different. In everyday lyrical and jazz, you do leaps and turns, but in Irish dancing, you do not even usually use your arms at all. Instead, your feet do all the work, which is another reason why it is so tiring! It is probably so much more unique than any dance most people have ever even thought of. Irish dancing helps you stay fit and exercised and is so unique and different than any other type of dance. Next time on St. Patrick’s Day, give a shoutout to Irish dancing!

A close-up of a person holding a four-leaf clover

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My Dance Life By: Emma Smith

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| 1.  (Breathes softly) “Ok it's my time to shine.”  A cartoon of a child with her eyes closed  Description automatically generated | 2.  “That was the scariest time ever!”  A person with her hands in her mouth  Description automatically generated  “Who wants to have the spotlight on you for a full 2 minutes!” | 3.  “I surely do. NOT competition is in 3 days. I don't have enough time.”  A cartoon of a person sitting with her hands on her face  Description automatically generated  “My mind was spinning all day.” |
| 4.  “I danced for three hours! I mean I love dance but not when I must do it on a stage!”  A person in bed with her hands covering her face  Description automatically generated  “Ugh comps tomorrow I'm so tired I must try and get some sleep.” | 5.  “Today's competition day I'm going to FREAK OUT.”  Cartoon child with brown hair and hands together  Description automatically generated  (Breathes softly) It's my time to shine. | 6.  (Steps on stage) “all my work all my time finally payed off.”  A person in a tutu dancing  Description automatically generated  “As I stepped off the stage, I felt something I hadn’t felt in a long time.” |
| 7.  “Proudness. As I saw my teacher standing there clapping.”  A cartoon of a person with her hands together  Description automatically generated  “It was like everything blew away.” | 8.  “All my anxiety, all my sadness.”  A cartoon of a person  Description automatically generated  “It just brushed off like dust on the ground and it just blew away.” | 9.  “That day I got a huge trophy, a crown. And a smile full of joy”  A cartoon of a child holding a trophy  Description automatically generated  “That was the best day of my life.” |

**Where will you be going to dinner?**

**By Easton M**

Have you ever been indecisive about where you are going to go to dinner? Well thankfully you have found this guide. You could have accidentally spent too much money on something you didn't like! I'll be showing you 2 popular cuisines. Indian, and Vietnamese If you're feeling flavorful then maybe you'd like Indian food! Make sure to tell them to use less spice because they make it spicy! One Indian meal that I love is called Butter Chicken Curry! It's delicious with a side of long-grain rice and naan. The combination of this meal is savory and spicy! And I rate it a 9.4/10!

A bowl of food with a piece of bread

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Another good cuisine to check out is Vietnamese. Fun fact, Vietnamese food is known for using less oil/ dairy in their food. A popular meal in Vietnamese is called pho (f-uh). Pho is a soup that has a variety of different meats. Like chicken beef and shrimp. It includes rice noodles and an assortment of vegetables. It is savory and a tiny bit sweet. Overall, I rate it a 9/10.

**So, where will you be going to dinner?**

Which Dog Breed do You Prefer?

Chiweenie

Chiweenies are a good type of dog in my opinion. Chiweenies will stay small and they bark at everything. They are a mix between a dachshund and a chihuahua. These are both small dogs. I have two dogs- one is a Chiweenie and the other is a Dachshund and a Yorkie.

German Shepherds

German shepherds are great dogs. They are great protectors and you can train them to be aggressive or not. They are mostly seen with police officers, but you can still have them as a pet. They can be very loving if you take good care of them and make them feel safe.

Gatlinburg Vacation

By: Brayden Kerbein

During the month of the December, I went on a vacation to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We rented a cabin in the mountains, and we had an amazing view. When we first got to the cabin, we unpacked our stuff and played some games upstairs in the game room and ordered some pizza. The next day it was in the 40s so we went and walked around downtown Gatlinburg and went into some shops. Over the next few days, we went to play mini golf and walked around the other half of downtown.

A few days later we went up to the mountains. We took this tram connected to this big line up to the mountains. When we got up there, we went to get some food from the food court. After we ate our food, we went outside and played in some snow. After that, my grandpa went to get some passes to go snow tubing. We did that about 4 times. Then we left and went to this place with shops and some rides. After that we went out for dinner at a restaurant called “Ole Red.” On our last day in Gatlinburg, we went to an aquarium. After the aquarium we got dinner, then we went home and packed our bags.

*Baseball spring training Ws and Ls*

By: Lucien Davis

*March 4th*

**Looking back at march 4th we had a fun day of baseball with 12 games and lots of wins. With our first game we had the Nationals beat the Cardinals with a slow 1-0 game, the Twins beat the Braves 5-4, the Red Sox lost to the Tigers 2-1, the Pirates beat the Rays 7-3, the Twins beat the Orioles 7-2, the Phillies lost to the Blue Jays 5-2, the Padres the Rockies took a huge win vs the giants 12-10, with our last game the Yankees beat the Marlins 3-2.**

*March 5th*

**Looking back on March 5th we had a solid 13 games and some fun. The Braves took a win on a 3-0 game vs the Tigers, the Red Sox won their 8th game vs the Rays 7-4, the Cardinals won 5-4 vs the Twins, the Pirates won at home 6-5 beating the Blue Jays in a close game, the Marlins beat the Astros 2-0, the Orioles beat the Phillies on a close game 3-2, the Yankees lost 4-5 vs the Mets, the Giants beat the Brewers 13-8, the Guardians beat the Mariners 4-1, the Diamondbacks beat the Padres 5-3. Last year’s world series champion- the Texas Rangers beat the Mariners on a close game 10-9, the Angels beat the Dodgers 4-0, the Royals beat the Cubs 4-0.**

***Alaska on a Snowy Day by: Sofia Sanchez***

Imagine a small piece of snow falling on your face as you're making a snow angel on the ground filled with snowflakes and snow. Maybe you live there, or you're there to see your family. I was there to see my uncle, there are so many things you can do in the snow but not just snow there are so many things to do in Alaska. You can build snow man, have a snowball fight, and even go out to have dinner with family in Alaska. There are endless possibilities.

There are so many places I visited in Alaska. One place that I went to that you should visit is Kenai Fjords National Park, that's one magnificent place you should visit. Another place is the glacier bay national park and preserve if you really want to see it just type in ***Alaska's national parks in google***. Some interesting facts are doing you know Alaska has over 100 volcanoes and volcano fields. Another fact is Alaska has more than 3,000 rivers and 3 million lakes. Wow, that's a lot. One more fact the last one is Alaska is home to 17 of North America’s tallest mountains it's amazing isn't it.

Alaska is the home to many mountains, volcanoes, rivers, and lakes. I would 100 percent recommend going to Alaska. It's so beautiful and if you're looking for some adventure, excitement, beautiful land, and mesmerizing sites then go to Alaska because it's the place for you. Believe me, I've seen it with my own eyes, it is extravagantly amazing.

Cool Kansas

By Samantha Valentina

Spring. A nice mix of winter and summer. The best place to go in spring would be Kansas. Known for its wings and kind nature.

Nature

On a church trip to Kansas, I experienced the magic of Kansas. Nature straight out of a romance novel, people kind and sweet, but best of all the wings! On this trip I stayed at a friend's lively house. Firstly, we went enjoyed the not so good plane food, but it was all worth it for Kansas food. The most delicious meals I've had in years. After we went on a nature trail. Most of the pictures on my phone are of the pink and orange trees that painted through the way. And the bright blue sky that lined my days there. I expected the noise at night to keep me up but everyone there was respectful of other people. And knew when to turn the music down a few notches.

The people.

I keep my head down most of the time because half smiling at a stranger in Florida is not the way to go. In Kansas, its completely different. Everyone greets you with a smile and a hug. I am not a hugger, but you cannot say no to all the friendly faces there. They are the people you will never forget. They shower you in gifts and love even if the only other time you have seen them is when they held you as a baby. Never wanting to leave is the only part of the I didn't absolutely love. In the time I spent there I can say with confidence Kansas is a must go. I would rate my time there a ten out of ten.

**NO WAY, NO SPOTS!**

**By: Kennedy Paparesta**

A few months ago, a baby Giraffe was born. But there was something off about it. It had no spots! Everybody was shocked and confused. But the only thing the baby Giraffe was thinking about was starting his new no spotted life. I would think it would be weird seeing all your siblings and family spotted and you're not. Hopefully, Giraffe siblings don’t make fun of you like human one’s do. Who knows, maybe the Giraffe will gain his spots as he gets older. Maybe he will have rainbow-colored spots too...Just kidding that's not possible. Anyways now he’s in a zoo where the zookeepers are looking over him.

In addition, Giraffes live a pretty long life which means this Giraffe might be not spotted for his entire life. This could be a very good thing though. Some predators recognize Giraffes by their spots therefore, if he comes across a lion or so they might think it's nothing important. If I were a Giraffe, I would want no spots, so predators attack me. I also wonder what he eats. Because if something will make you gain spots, will he get spots. I wonder this because, Flamingo's need to eat to Gain their color. Thats why they're pink. I'm so fascinated by this Giraffe. I think he is so special in the best way possible. He has so many amazing features and is ready to known as the no spotted Giraffe.

A giraffe standing in the clouds

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Is the Movie Frozen II Worth Watching?

By Delilah Garcia.

Snow, ice, reindeer, and sisters. All of these are based on frozen!! An amazing movie that came out in 2019. It has been 5 years, and this movie is still one of the best movies I have ever watched. If you have not watched Frozen II, then you are living under a rock. This movie is a 10/10 and I would recommend it. I love this movie so much and it was a great film.

Some facts about frozen II are that the movie frozen has over 14.9 billion views and made 1.453 billion USD dollars. This shows that the frozen movie is worth watching and is such a beautiful movie. Another fact is that Frozen was the first Disney animated feature film directed by a woman. I love this movie so much because I love how Elsa does not know where she belongs but then starts hearing this voice calling her that leads to an enchanted forest just like the story her parents told her. And she finds her way into the forest, and saves everyone, and finds out that is where she belongs and makes Anna queen of Arendelle and now Elsa is the queen of the enchanted forest, making her mother and father proud. It was such a beautiful movie and made me so happy. Overall, this movie was such a cute film and was worth watching, if you have not watched it then you should run to your nearest tv and watch it. 10/10 would recommend.

A Great Cruise to Mexico

By: Lillian McMahon

People love cruises. Especially when there are waterslides and pools. I went on a cruise once not that long ago. I went last summer! When I went on my cruise I went to Mexico. It was great! I would go again. I would definitely recommend it.

A pool with slides on a cruise ship

Description automatically generated The reason I loved it was because it was ***huge.*** And we got treated so well there. They shape the towels like animals whenever you leave your room to go outside or to get dinner. They have a Build-a-Bear there. And the best part, the food. They had Chinese, Japanese, Pizza, Burritos, and even more! Also, the waterslides. There were many waterslides. Big, small, slow, fast. Anything you could imagine. And the drinks. On the last night, I got a strawberry smoothie. It was **amazing.** It even had edible straws. They were delicious! I rate this cruise a five star. And you would too. Definitely go on a cruise someday. They are awesome! And eat the food too.

**Jokes For Jack**

1.What bagel can fly? A plain bagel

2.Why can’t a T-rex clap its hand? They’re extinct.

3.What’s red and smells like blue paint? Red paint.

4.What do you call a knight's horse whose misbehaving? A nightmare.

5.Why do scuba divers fall backwards? Because if they fell forwards, they would land on the boat.

6.Why can’t you see an elephant in a tree? Because they’re so good at it.

7. What did the buffalo say to his son when he left for school? Bison.

8.Did you hear the singer Sting got kidnapped. Yeah, the police have no lead.

9.Why do French people eat snails? Because they don’t like fast food.

10.Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one.

11.What is brown and sticky? A stick.

12.What is black, white, and read all over? Newspaper.

**- Cordelia Winstead**

**Golden Retrievers**

**By: Ansley Capogna**

A dog lying on grass

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In my opinion, Golden retrievers are very intelligent, cute, and cuddly. They are also known to be an incredible family dog. Golden Retrievers can live up to 10 –13 years. The average weight for females is 25 to 32 kg and males can weight up 30 to 34 kg. Golden Retrievers are one of the most recommended therapy dogs.

**Recipes You Should Try by Colton Koster**

A plate of food with broccoli

Description automatically generatedI am going to tell you some of my favorite recipes. Both healthy and delicious these recipes rule! Personally, when I want to eat healthy, but I also want something tasty these are the meals I turn to.

My first meal is honey mustard chicken. It is simple, easy, healthy, and tasty. First, marinate the chicken in honey mustard; it can be any brand as long as it is good quality. Next you put the chicken on the grill for 5 min on each side. You can also use a stove. Then when you take the chicken off the grill you will have some great tasting chicken.

For my second meal we have lemon pepper chicken. Like the last meal this meal is also healthy, tasty, and easy to make. First, marinate the chicken. All you need to do is put a bunch of lemon pepper all over the chicken. After that, put it on the grill. 4 min on each side of the chicken. Then when you take it off you have great healthy chicken, great to eat.

If I had to rate these meals out of five, I would give them five stars. These meals are great alternatives to eating out plus they're healthier too. Everything you need for dinner or lunch is in these meals. I hope this guide encourages you to try and cook more. And eat a little bit healthier.

A bowl of food

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**IS THE MOONLIGHT HOTEL A DUMP OR THE BEST?**

**By: Lucas Silcox**

A hand holding a pen over a report

Description automatically generatedThe top 20 checklist

According to new research the moonlight hotel has been ranked on Americas official board list of the top 20 best hotels in the states. Some people disagree. They think the franchise lies about all their history ”thereis no way that they have been around for 250 years their a hotel for goodness sake!” says Mrs. Morton. The owners argue that they never lie, and their brand of marketing is completely true. They have multiple five-star ratings, and their restaurant is heading off with a bang as it has separated from their hotels. You can find their bookshop on its own too. The Pine Fantasy bookshop is a smart small bookshop for all your wonderful book needs. The Moonlight Hotel has around 1.4 million visitors per year and barely any bad ratings but in 2020 they exposed something that would dent their sales.... PERMANENTLY.

**Damage to the companies**

In 2020 they released that the cafe would be permanently closing, and that all Moonlight Hotels would be closing until further notice. They did not reopen until 2023 but they never told customers why they closed. Some people thought that it was because of the pandemic while others didn't really care. Finally on March 19, 2024, they released news that they closed because they were running out of supplies. The pandemic caused 2 of the 6 big companies they used to close. The cafe closed because of a indefinite defect in their ovens causing food to not bake well and giving them a permanent warning of completely closing...forever. Last week they opened a new cafe franchise. Moonlight and Hotels inc. was criticized for a while but now it is clear they are one of the best hotels in the world!A view of the earth from space

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Trip To Europe!

By Vanessa Chrzastek

For all you people who love stories, this is the right place for you! I am going to be telling you a story about two places I went in Europe, let’s go!

The first place we are talking about is Zakopane, a real beauty. In my opinion when you go to Zakopane the best part is the hiking you can buy a hiking stick and hike up the trail. but when you reach the end of the trail don’t say you are tired and never want to do it again because at the end of the trail it’s worth it. When you get to the end there are beautiful mountains everywhere and a beautiful lake! You can drink the water from the lake, walk down a path to get to another part of the lake and so much more, there is a lot to do there. In Zakopane it’s sweeter then candy!

The second place is not as happy as Zakopane. Yes, you guessed it, it’s Auschwitz one of the Holocaust camps. When you go to Auschwitz during the summer it is hot like lava! When you get to Auschwitz there are two camps one inside and one outside. Let's start with the one outside, when you get there you can see a big train, when I went there, I was walking on the train tracks fell a couple times but I was ok. There are a lot of broken houses because they were old. Really sad. Now time for the inside camp! When you go inside it looks like a museum there are videos on the wall about the nazis and more. At the beginning you thought this was going to be a handful but, look at you now I think you have learned something today!

Dogs are Cute, Cuddly Animals

By: Aydreanna Dyer

Puppies are cute and cuddly, loving animals. They make you feel happy and comfortable. As their owners, we provide them with food, shelter, and love.

There are a variety of breeds to choose from when adopting a dog. Some of these include Golden Retrievers, German Shepherds, French Bulldogs, and more. You can always do what I did and pick a puppy with a little bit of every breed!

With an opportunity to pick big or small puppies, you should get a big dog so you can have lots of cuddles and they're cute. Small dogs are so loving and they are small so there’s a lot of puppy cuddles.

French Toast Recipe

Made by: Julie Neal

Inspired by the delicious French Toast

Do you want to make French Toast, but you do not know how to make it? Follow this tutorial and get delicious French Toast made. To make this you will need:

* Pan/griddle
* Bread
* Spatula
* Plate
* Whisker
* Bowl
* 2 eggs
* Powdered sugar (optional)
* Syrup (optional)

When you have all those materials follow this recipe:

* Turn the temperature to the stove Mand wait till it heats up
* Crack 2 eggs into a bowl and whisk it with your whisker
* Take 1 bread and dip it in the bowl of eggs (each side)
* Put it on the pan and wait till it's cooked (each side)
* Take your French Toast off the pan/griddle with a spatula and put it on a plate
* Put syrup and powdered sugar (optional)

Once you finish this recipe take a bite that will give you peace and happiness and make your day the best day ever!