



THE BLUEST EYE + CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

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Dear Phyu Sin Thun Htet,

I’ve been recently reading about a book that Toni Morrison published in 1970, with a Nobel prize-winning “The Bluest Eye”. It is about Pecola Breedlove, an African American girl from an abusive house. She wants “The Bluest Eyes”. It is an American classic book. It is beginning with “Autumn” and ends with “Summer.”

Pecola Breedlove is a "case" who had no place to go after her father burned down the family home. The Breedloves are currently "outdoors," or homeless, because Pecola's father, Cholly, burned the family house down. "Spring" is by far the longest, comprising four vignettes. The reader learns about Pecola's parents, Polly and Cholly. At the end of the third vignette, Cholly drunkenly stumbles into his kitchen and harasses Pecola.

At the end of the story, Morrison's message of beauty is related to society's perception and acceptance of white culture and its impact on African Americans that causes them to question their self-worth in a racist society; the author demonstrates these concepts through, direct characterization, symbols, and various point of views that highlight the serious problem of psychological oppression on young African American children in which racism impacts their self-perception of their beauty by society's limited standard of white beauty.

From your friend,
Aung Ga Bar

Dear Phone Nanda Tun,

I'm currently reading Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel Crime and Punishment. It is a novel about Rodion Raskolnikov, an impoverished ex-student in Saint Petersburg, formulates a plan to kill an unscrupulous pawnbroker for her money, and the film Crime and Punishment focuses on his mental anguish and moral dilemmas. In Crime and Punishment, alienation is a central theme. Raskolnikov's pride initially sets him apart from the rest of society. He believes he is better than everyone else and thus is unable to relate to anyone. He views other people as tools to be used for his own ends, according to his personal philosophy.

From your friend,
Aung Soe Hein



Dear Kyi Phyu Sin,

I'm reading a part of "Crime and Punishment", a book about a man named Rodion Raskolnikov, who wants to kill an old lady, who is an evil pawnbroker for vengeance. It's quite interesting, really, and dark I must say.

This part is about him getting unconscious then falling asleep which leads him to a horrible dream, relevant to his desire of killing the old lady. The dream starts from seven-year-old Raskolnikov walking with his father down the street, which the boy notices a man with his mare, only then to abuse it, making the crowd notice too and then cheering for the owner possibly in an ignorant way.

The little boy didn't know what was going on so he asked his father, and the father replied, saying that they were just making pranks, being foolish and all. Raskolnikov had a bad feeling that this was a bad scene with the poor mare not deserving the abuse at all. But just keep that in mind that it was all a dream. There's more to the dream and you should read it, I'm not going to say all of it because that means that I might spoil everything.

If you love murder mysteries set in the classic 1800s with a mysteriously dark and eerie vibe, then yes! A perfectly great book. I think it's really interesting, and even if I hadn't read all parts, I predict that it'll get sad and all, but in all words, I recommend this piece of literature. Take care and stay safe!

Your Friend,
Chit Linn Lei Wai

The Bluest Eye Book to PHOO MYAT NAY CHI

Dear Phoo Myat Nay,

Hi buddy, how are you doing? I do not know what kind of book you like reading but this book name called “The Bluest Eye”.

The bluest eyes are a story of a young African American girl named Pecola and her family who are affected in any direction by the racist American culture. The story tells us of an African American girl named Pecola who is eleven years old who is in a family of poor, black, and ugly as they think. In Pecola's mind, she always thinks that the white race with blue eyes is the ultimate representation of the "ideal" of beauty.

Pecola has gone through sad moments in her life, her mom who is known as Mrs. Breedlove is a neglectful person. She never cared about her own family and chooses to work and take care of the baby in the white family. Besides her mom, her dad, Cholly Breedlove who is her biological father is an abusive alcoholic bastard, who does not have the family mind, who rapes Pecola until she gets pregnant.

This leads her brother Samuel Breedlove to copes with the violence by running away from home.

Like Pecola, Pecola's parents both have had tragic lives growing up, which can be seen as they got older and led to their dysfunctions as adults. Growing up her father, Cholly Breedlove was abandoned as an infant and later turned away by his own father after searching him out. While Cholly's first sexual experience, two white dudes force him and the girl with who he was making love when they sit down and as they watch.

Her mother, Mrs. Breedlove, has a lame foot and grew up feeling isolated and ugly. As a young adult, Mrs. Breedlove loses herself while watching movies. As she sees the beautiful white race actors make, she believed that she was always ugly no matter what.

For the rest of the book, I will let you figure it out on your own by reading the book. While reading the book I have this sudden urge to punch her dad. Her dad was cruel to her and the family same with her mom. I hope people in this world will not even do such a thing ever again. It really disgusts me so much that I would stand up for people who have gone through that. I hope you like the book and enjoy it. After you read it, I would like to know your opinions too.

Ei Phyu Sin.

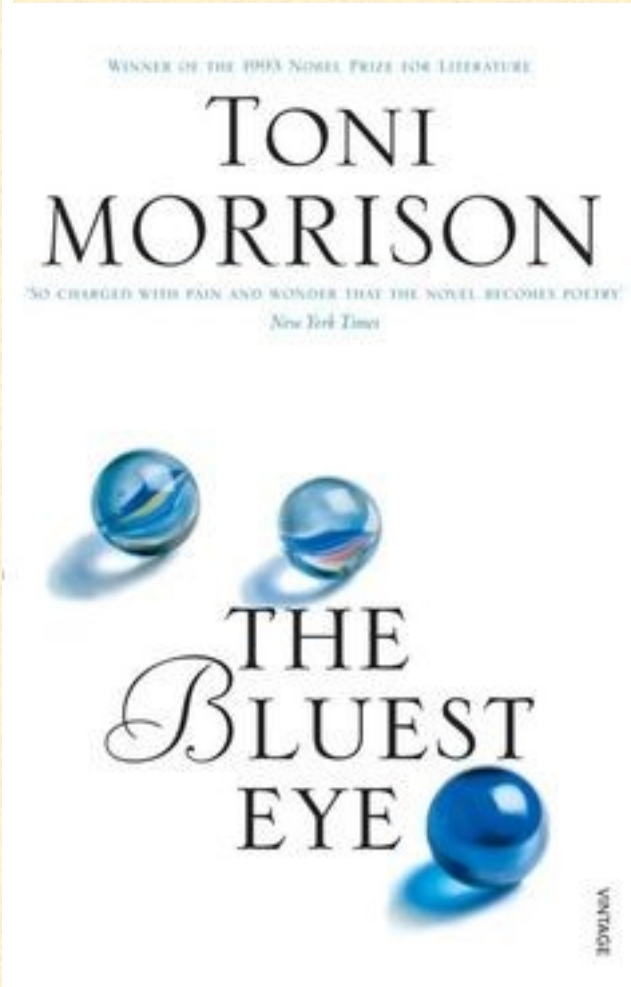
Dear Pwint Myat Nay Chi,

Hi! How are you doing? I am here to give you a book recommendation. It is a book named “The Bluest Eye”. It was a great book written by Toni Morrison.

The main character of the story is Pecola who is an eleven-year-old African American girl and her family. The theme tells us the impact on African Americans that causes them to question their self-worth in a racist society. The author did a pretty great job demonstrating these concepts through, direct characterization, symbols, and various point of views which shows the serious problem of psychological oppression on youngAfrican Americanchildren whichracismimpacts deeply their life. She wanted to receive love from somebody, but her parents and her family members are also being damaged and thwarted in their own lives.

If I had to give an opinion of my own, this book was tragic and very questionable. I would recommend this if you would love those tragic and plot twisting stories. Link for the book:

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From,

Htet Oo Naung

Hi Swan Sa,

I recently read a book called “The Bluest Eye” by Toni Morrison and wanted to tell you about it. And its not a recommendation so you don’t have to worry about reading it.

The book takes place in Ohio, right after The Great Depression. It tells the story of a girl named Pecola, an African American eleven-year-old who is described as poor, black, and ugly. Pecola thinks of herself as ugly, hates her black skin and thinks that having lighter skin and blue eyes would make her pretty and make people like her. She is actively abused by her parents and even her classmates resulting in her being extremely lonely and imaginative. The book itself deals with racism, child abuse, child molestation, rape and even incest which makes some people reluctant about reading it. I think apart of the reason Toni Morrison wrote many controversial topics is to show the ugly side of the world, the deformed side of the society we live in, to show the discrimination Africans had to face and how the Americans thought of themselves as the supreme which led to extreme racism. It depicts how a person can go from the abused to the abuser. Another reason Toni Morrison wrote this book is to portray self-hate. I think she wanted to show that you can hate yourself more than others hate you and for reasons that are not true, show how scary and sad self-hatred can be.

The Bluest Eye was a controversial book during its time till now. It was even once banned in 1999. Still, this is a great book that shows the sadly realistic side of our society and things that happen can behind closed doors. This book shows the side of humanity that is far from the fairy tales that we once read as children with “happily ever after” but not everyone gets it or even live until their happily ever after. We need to learn that but never leave it as it is. We are slowly getting to know the unpleasant side to help people heal, change, and get better in the near future.

Your Friend,
Kaung Hsu

Dear Thinn Thazin,

Hey, Thinn, it's been a while since I last send a letter to someone. I've been lately bored by the fact that I didn't have anyone to talk to, so I decided to read "The Bluest Eye" It was recommended by my teacher, Teacher Ye Won Maing for our book review. Honestly, I'm quite surprised to stumble upon this unique book.

First of all, have I mentioned that this book contains some harsh themes? Although it's quite sad that some people have to go through this in real life, it's important to spread some awareness.

When I first read due book, it was quite confusing to me based on how there were many events and characters. Honestly, I had to keep reading over a few times to make sure I understand. It's probably because I haven't quite read any interesting stories in a while.

I don't want to talk about the story plots mainly because it doesn't really have a huge plot twist and I don't want to give any spoilers. If I have to summarize it all, it's about two African Americans families struggling to fit in a society they live. All of them have traumatic experiences, yet some still struggle while others simply give up.

Last of all, if I have to give a review, I would say it has many characters but the message was straightforward, sad but truthful and traumatic but motivates us to love ourselves more. An interesting for sure and more people should write about.

All of the things that I wrote is how I view this book. So, I would like some new perceptive. Please do read the book if you have time. If you don't well, do recommend this to others since I really do want to talk to people about this fascinating book.

Sincerely,

Your friend,

Khaing Thant Swe



Dear, Thiri Than Zin

How are you doing, currently I am doing fine but there is a book I want to recommend to you, it's called "Bluest Eye".

It's a book about racism and the story starts with a girl named "Pecola" who is 11 years old girl, she's half American and half African. The plot is long and very twisty. The entire story revolves around her family who are affected in every direction by the dominant American culture and people describe Pecola as poor, black, and ugly.

In my opinion the plot and the concepts are interesting but the content is...let's say it's very questionable. That is all I have to say to you today, bye.

Your classmate and friend, Khant Si Hein

Hey Thura,

Have you been well? The last time you sent me a letter, I remember you asking me to read the book "The Bluest Eye" and of course I had to read it. But I don't want to just read it and move on in life like normal so I decided to send a letter back to you of the review of the book.

It is clearly written in a kid's perspective and just as it says, the grammars and spellings are all wrong. However, there's something about those mistakes that just lures me into continue reading it. They add an emotional feeling to the text and is very addictive to read. The author has a unique way of writing which is really expressive and included strong words that attracted me and my passion for reading. One thing that I really like is that how the author shows both sides of the victim and the assailant. There are enough reasons that explains why they did all the things they did to Pecola but it also shows that these reasons cannot justify and can't be an excuse for their 'mistakes'.

I easily catch on the message the author wanted to give since it is clear enough for me to understand and I'm sure many other people who read the book are the same as me. While reading the book, it hurts me internally because of how the world is treating an innocent little girl because of her race and status. Thankfully, society is evolving and more people are starting to empathize with girls like Pecola but there are still many people that just can't understand and it angers me so much. If possible, I would like to tell all the little girls like Pecola to not be influenced by what others say and to remember that they are all beautiful and clearly doesn't need to look a certain way to be pretty.

Well, I really liked the book that you recommended and I wanna thank you so much for that. I will also try to recommend this to other people so that they could empathize with Pecola too. I hope you're doing well and make sure to stay safe and well!

Sincerely,

Kyal Sin Shin Thant

Dear Wendy,

Hi Wendy, how’s life, are you doing well? I am going to write a book review to you. The book is called “The bluest eye”. It is written by Toni Morrison. I thought my life was horrible and miserable until This book which deals with racism, incest, and child molestation, making it one of the most challenged books in libraries – the ones people complain about or questioned to be removed. The story is set in Lorain, following after the Great Depression. It is about a young African- American girl and her family who are affected in every way by the dominant scary American culture. It tells the story of an eleven-year-old, African-American girl named Pecola, who is basically described as poor, black, and ugly. Who wished she had white skin and blue eyes that she believes are the ultimate representation of the “ideal” of beauty. Pecola had been through a lot in her life. Such as, her mom, Mrs. Breedlove who is ignorant. She doesn’t care about Pecola at all and chooses to work and take care of the baby in the white family. While Cholly Breedlove, her own father, is an abusive alcoholic who rapes Pecola until she gets pregnant. Her parents would fight on a regular basis and those actions lead to physical violence. Which made Pecola’s brother, Samuel run way to avoid the violence, leaving Pecola. Both of their parents had rough childhood leading them into having dysfunction as adults. Pecola’s father , Cholly Breedlove, was abandoned as a baby and later turned away by his father after searching him out. During Cholly's first sexual experience, two white men force him and the girl he was with to continue the sexual act as they watch. Her mother, Mrs. Breedlove, has a lame foot and has always felt isolated and ugly. As a young woman, she loses herself in movies. The beautiful white actresses make her belief that she is ugly.

From,
Kyi Phyu

Crime and punishment summary

This is about a Raskolnikov' dream . The dream is a bout a dying horse . It is a serves a crucial role in our understanding of Reskolniko's psyche and possibly of the motive behind his murder. He wonder a bout the streets back home . He feel uncontrollably falling into reveries . He bing to feel a strong inclination to sleep . As he descends into a deep sleep . He had a dream in the dream he feel like he enters into an uncanny dream . The dream is like he is in the another realm of being . It seems more real than reality itself . It is like it has more graphic , vivid and lifelike . Is a strange dream in which a horses is whipped to death by its sadistic owner . The eye of young Reskolniko rest fixated on the sight of the mare on the strangeness . Soon enough the dream of dying horse serve a crucial role in our understanding . A dream that seems more real than reality itself reveals much more in brevity than what we might posibally learn.

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The bluest eye

This is the story of African American girl named Pecola. She is only eleven years old idolizes the idea of having white skin and blue eyes. Actually Pecola is a girl who is described as poor, black and ugly girl. She has passed the sad moments in her life. And her mom called Mrs. Breedlove doesn't care her at all. And she only chooses to take care of the babies from the white family. Her father called Cholly Breedlove is a vulgar alcoholic man who rapes Pecola until she gets pregnant. During Cholly's first sexual experience, two white men force him and the girl he was with to continue the sexual act as they watch. Both of them have a difficult lives too. father, Cholly Breedlove, was abandoned as a baby and later turned away by his father after searching him out. Her mother also has a difficult life that she has lame foot and doesn't have confidence with her appearance. For the review of The Bluest Eye is not only a story but an **awe-inspiring poem that confronts beauty itself** and the consequences of beauty standards on individuals that do not meet them. Beauty is an obsession that has been present throughout history, which is why this novel, set in the 1940s, continues to awe readers today.

Dear Htet Eindary Hlaing,

Hey! How's everything going? I am sure its kind of boring at your house since we haven't meet each other for a long time and I haven't written to you too so I decided to write a book review about a book called Bluest eye.

It is about a young African American girl at the age of 11 called Pecola. She and her family were judged from every direction. They have to suffer in this judgmental society and it is because of their black skin. When people see and hear her name they would think of the word "ugly" or "poor". When people shamed her too much Pecola started to think that having white skin or blue eyes are the idea and meaning of beauty. I thought my life sucked until I read that book. Her dad was absolutely horrible that he raped her. Her parents normally have a fight which lead her brother to run away from home. She was so lonely and all she wanted with some love from her family but all of them were living their tough and harsh life. And her friends and the society all they did was judge her which even makes her life worse. The book was also written from a child perspective so it was understandable and, in my opinion, I think it is a very nice and meaningful.

Anyways, that is all I want to say. I probably have told you the whole thing but if you are still interested in reading it, I can send you a copy. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Phyo Nandar

The bluest eye

Pecola is an African American girl and she is eleven years old. She is a poor, black, and ugly girl. She always wishes to be beautiful, white and to have blue eyes. She has many sad moments in her life. Her mother, Mrs. Breedlove does not care her at all. She is neglectful. Her father Mr. Holly Breedlove is also an alcoholic. Her parents fight on a regular basis, and these altercations lead to physical violence. Therefore, Pecola's brother, Samuel, copes with the violence by running away. Mrs. Breedlove, has a lame foot and has always felt isolated and ugly. As a young woman, she loses herself in movies. The beautiful white actresses make her believe that she is ugly. Pecola is able to obtain blue eyes only by losing her mind. Rather than granting Pecola insight into the world around her and providing a redeeming connection with other people, these eyes are a form of blindness. In the end of the story, Pecola believes she has a new friend but in reality it is just an imaginary friend. The reason for Pecola losing her mind is that she feels she has gotten her blue eyes.

Dear Ye Htut,

Hey, how's your weekend going so far? I hope it's going well. Also, you should avoid going out these days due to the dreadful case of Covid. The impact is deadly and I feel sorrowful towards the people who got infected. So take care of yourself!

Oh, and you'll be wondering why I'm writing a letter to you, well it's because I have a novel recommendation for you !The novel is called "The bluest eye" written by Toni Morrison which was published in 1970. It take place in Lorain, Ohio which tells a story about a young African-American girl named Pecola who grew up.

The fiction give a deep and poetic exploration of race relations in the united states, makes society to dismantle the misconceived notions of racial beauty. It's mainly about the struggles of tackling issues of self-loathing where one felt like they don't fit the society standards of "beauty", the impact being a dreadful threat towards women. It's mostly about Pecola life, on how she overcome her struggles that become obstacles in her path. It saddens me to know that the society is as judgmental as how it's like in the fiction. Well, that's all for now. I don't want to spoil the fiction for you. But do read it if you're bored!

I can recommend you more stories if you want in the near future. I hope you read the story too!

From, Saung

No.109, Roxie Rd., Cherry Township,
Yangon, Myanmar

Dear Kaung Myat Min,

Hey! How have you been? We haven't talked to each other in about a year if I recall correctly. I've been so caught up in some of my hobbies these days, you can find my nose buried in books almost all day. I'm here to tell you about the latest book I've read: The Bluest Eye.

The book follows Pecola, an eleven-year-old African-American girl. Pecola struggles with something most of us might relate to; wishing you had lighter skin and blue eyes so she could fit into the beauty standards of society. I feel this story does a great job of covering people-of-colour growing up who were showed a great deal of American media. At some point in our lives, we've probably wished we had the complexion of a pretty white model or the blonde hair of someone on TV.

Pecola doesn't have it easy at home, with a mother who neglects her and an abusive alcoholic for a father, this is definitely not the lifestyle I'd want to live through. Through the almost daily fighting between her parents, Pecola's brother runs away from home. The story is almost miserable with the number of tragic things that occur, but that reflects the life of Pecola and what many other people in the world have to endure.

It was really eye-opening to dive into the life of Pecola. Maybe this letter convinced you to pick up this book for a read. Write back soon!

From,
Your Friend

Dear Khaing Thant Swe,

Hey, is everything okay with you? I wonder what you've been doing these days. I've been busy these days reading a book called It's a lot darker than you'd expect it to be.

The author's purpose is to let us stop hating ourselves and to start loving ourselves. After reading this book, you should reference it back to your own life and use the knowledge to become a better person yourself.

The story starts off slow by introducing an eleven-year-old girl called Pecola. She is an African-American girl but she thinks of herself as black and ugly because her logic was that having 'white skin' and 'blue eyes' was the true form of beauty. This is called the white-beauty standard. This part intrigues me deeply because no one deserves to think of themselves as ugly just because they're black. It makes me question reality, where some people are still calling black people ugly just because of their skin color, which shouldn't matter because we're all human either way.

Pecola didn't only feel insecure about herself, she had a ton of family problems too. Her mom, (Mrs. Breedlove), had a lame foot and also felt isolated and unloved by the community. This might have been one of the reasons Pecola feels ashamed of herself. Her dad (Cholly Breedlove), an abusive and irresponsible father did something no man should ever do to someone much less his own blood-related daughter. He sexually abused and mistreated Pecola till the point where she got pregnant. Her mother again is also an irresponsible parent who was neglectful to anything that happened to her daughter. Because the family was so toxic, Pecola's brother (Samuel) ran away. People might think Samuel was a coward for running away but as a matter of fact, it should be said as 'Samuel was not scared to leave the toxic people'. Just imagine a young teenager, deciding about what to do after he runs away. It's a big decision to make and definitely not a simple one.

It was revealed later, that the reason both parents were toxic towards Pecola was because their own parents were even more toxic. You see, this passed down from the grandparents which affected both Samuel and Pecola in a negative way. If you're reading this, and you have toxic parents, I hope you won't vent on your future kids like Pecola's parents did. This makes the child more insecure and helpless as they can't vent their problems to their parents because their problems ARE the parents. Teenagers could be the most misunderstood people in the world. They're expected to act like adults and are treated like kids.

I hope you'll use this book in a positive way and to think that there are people who abuse or neglect other people who are being abused is disgusting to think about. Thanks for reading my long letter and hopefully you reply soon.

Yours Sincerely,
Thinn Thazin.

Dear Tr, Maing,

I'd like to share this book review, and it is called The Bluest Eye. It is an interesting, inspiring and sad novel written by Toni Morrison. The story shows the following story about an African-American young girl named Pecola Breedlove. She didn't have the best childhood, she had a sexually and physically abusive father, Cholly Breedlove, a lonely mother, Pauline Breedlove, and an elder brother, Sam Breedlove. Cholly wasn't always abusive, he was rejected by his father and discarded by his own mother, and white people bullied him which influenced him to be a cold person beating up his wife and kids. Pauline was a caring woman and raised her two kids, but couldn't handle the pain anymore, so she ended up being a housekeeper for a rich white family, going by the nickname Polly. Sam, Pecola's brother, is the only son of The Breedlove family, and also abused by Cholly, but ran away because he had enough. So only Pecola and Cholly are left. They didn't even seem to care anymore, since their family had been broken enough. One day, when Pecola was doing the dishes, her father came home drunk and raped her. It would seem confusing, but this is basically how he shows both his love and hate. Luckily, the kind hearted MacTeer family found her with bruises, so they adopted her. Pecola was not alone. The MacTeer family had two daughters, Claudia was the older one, and Frieda was the younger one. One thing about Claudia is that she hates white people. She even ripped off the heads of her younger sister Frieda's white dolls. She is also mostly the narrator of the story. They are also an African-American family. They quickly felt empathy after hearing Pecola's story and became her close friends. But one day, Pecola was pregnant due to the sexual assault and the family was quickly worried for her, so the two sisters had to use their savings for two bicycles that they have always wanted, for marigold seeds. So they thought if the marigold seeds grew, Pecola's baby would survive. But it never did. And seems like it, the baby didn't survive. Now Pecola was devastated. After a few days living with the MacTeers, white people started bullying Pecola because she had dark skin. Pecola was once again depressed. Her family, the baby, and now this? She couldn't even handle it anymore, so she thought to herself, if she had blue eyes, people would appreciate her and would stop bullying her. She kept thinking about it all the time until she became insane. Claudia really felt bad, because after all this time, she and the whole family used Pecola as a scapegoat to make them feel happier this whole time. The narrator is telling us how hurtful racism can be and how it is wrong. I really liked this book, sad but inspiring. I really would recommend this book. I hope you write soon! 😊

Sincerely,

Alaimmar Myint Moh



Dear Chit Su Yadanar,

Thanks for your letter and it was great to hear from you. You asked me to tell you about my favorite novel of the week. Well, I have an interesting book that I want to recommend you. It's called The Bluest Eye, published in 1970. It is the first novel written by Toni Morrison.

The novel takes place in Lorain, Ohio, and it is a tragic story of Pecola Breedlove, an African-American girl from an abusive home. Eleven-year-old Pecola equates beauty and social acceptance with whiteness; she therefore longs to have "the bluest eye."

In the novel, Morrison's message of beauty is related to society's perception and acceptance of white culture and its impact on African Americans that causes them to question their self-worth in a racist society.

The evil of fulfillment is Pecola's constant effort of trying to gain something that's not realistically possible. Telling herself she has blue eyes is just a way she believes she has some type of beautiful trait. Pecola's desire for blue eyes can never be achieved; because deep down she only desires to be beautiful and no one has ever told her. Instead she was hated for her ugliness which was the color of her skin. Racism is important when understanding why Pecola ended up the way she did. Racism and hate by individuals in society led to her destructive of end. Her imagination and desire for blue eyes led to her insanity and isolation towards the end of the novel.

Let me stop my letter here. I really recommend you that book. It's a book about how racism and society affects one's life, which is also currently happening around the world.

With love,

Aung Min Khant

Dear Entt Min Khant,

I been thinking whether to write to you or not, but I decided to. I was wondering that if you would like some book recommendation. Well, it a about a book name crime and punishment. It all about an ex-student name Raskolnikov who lived in formulate a theory\plan to kill a pawn broker who involves something to do with his future and lot of other things. And when he thinks of committing a Muder he always thinks of Alyona the pawnbroker. And sooner enough, he committed a suicide. Well, that enough spoiled for now. Hope you read it for some extra detailed.

From,

Hlaing Min Kyaw

Dear Nang Noe Noe Lwin,

Hello, how are you? I haven't contacted you since the holidays started. Well I hope you are having a good rest. What activities have you done during this week? As for me, I have read a book called "The Bluest Eyes" by Toni Morrison. It is a really sorrowful, but an educational book!

It is a controversial book where a black girl deals with racism and harassment. This novel displays an eleven-year-old African girl who gives everything she can to get white skin and blue eyes. The writer informs everybody to appreciate themselves without discriminating their own body, and should love themselves for who they are. Let me summarize this novel for you to understand the story line. Pecola, an African American girl who was described as "black, ugly and poor" because she could not reach the beauty standards of the white girls. Adding to the sadness, her family was broken, her mother, Mrs. Breedlove chose to take care of her other baby living in the white family. While her father, Cholly Breedlove was an alcoholic and a rapist, where he would sexually harass Pecola. Due to these problems in their family, Pecola's brother had ran away from home, not being able to handle all the violence.

Nevertheless, these actions happened because her parents both lived a tragic life. Mrs. Breedlove, who had the same situation as Pecola, always felt isolated and ugly. As for Mr. Cholly, he was forced at a young age to have sexual experience with a girl while the two white men watched the act. This pretty much explained the attitudes and personalities that the Breedlove family had.

Pecola was always insecure of her skin and her appearance. She would do anything to get those ocean blue eyes, pale skin and blond locks. To the point where she believed Soaphead Church, who was a boy pretending that he would work miracles for Pecola to get her dream appearance. Pecola ends up poisoning the dog whom Soaphead has long awaited to kill.

That's it for now, I don't want to spoil all of them. I hope you find this interesting and you should go check the novel out yourself. I loved the book as soon as I finished, it really gave out a meaningful moral. I found this book really interesting because the book was written in two points of views. But just to remind you that this novel contains some American-African slangs which you might misunderstand and misuse in some situation.

While reading this I really sympathize Pecola, this makes me; value my life so much. After reading this, I am really thankful that I was born to great parents and a healthy family. Now, I also will continue to appreciate my body and appearance without complaining. The choices of words are really touching which make the readers emotional. Not only is this story emotional, but it educates many people on what racism or colorism are and why we shouldn't do them. I hope you read this novel, and write your opinions on it soon!

Love,
Pa Pa

Dear Nyan Lin Tun,

Hi, there I wanted to tell you about the book I recently read, Crime and Punishment. It is written by a Russian novelist, Fyodor Dostoevsky. It's effectively a kind of literary crime novel, the story serves a crucial role in our understanding of Raskolnikov's life, personality-and-his motive behind his murder, with not only an intriguing plot, where every chapter builds upon the previous but also incredibly well-performed characters. The characters in this fascinating book are Raskolnikov, Sonia, Dounia, Alyona Ivanovna, Pulcheria Alexandrovna. The story starts on an especially hot evening early in June, when Raskolnikov was wandering along the streets on his way back home. Sometime Raskolnikov had hypochondria and become so totally absorbed into himself, he sees himself as superior to all other people and so cannot relate to anyone. In parts of the story, he fell asleep and goes into dreams. The rest of the story shows how he felt sorrow and annoyed by the fact that he wasn't strong enough to endure the after pain after the crime. He experiences severe physical illness as well. It is a really interesting book and it tells people about crime and society.

From,
Hsu Latt Waddy Htut



Dear Orchid

Have u read about the new book called “Crime and Punishment” It’s really interesting and you should read it too. The story is about young student Rodion Romanovich Raskolnikov (say that ten time faster), an intelligent but troubled young man who concocts the perfect murder of a cruel pawnbroker. However, following the murder, Raskolnikov is trapped in his guilty existence, driving him towards madness as his mother and sister join him in St. Petersburg, he falls in love with a streetwalker Sonia, and the authorities race to find the murderer. So you see you really should read about it and u will actually like it.

From: Hsu Yamone Minn

To: Orchid Seng Lat Htun

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The Bluest Eye is a heartbreaking book and there are five main characters.

- 1.Claudia MacTeer
- 2.Pacola Breedlove
- 3.Cholly Breedlove
- 4.Pauline Breedlove
- 5.Frieda MacTeer

Toni Morrison's The Bluest Eye is a harrowing yet beautiful parable of racial inequality and sexual abuse in the black community. It uses the unique perspective of young women to examine these problems.

Through the eyes of Claudia MacTeer, the novel takes a critical look at the social standards that can lead young black women to idealize Caucasian characteristics.

Her friend Pecola is obsessed with having blue eyes. Her wish represents the cultural messages African American girls can hear: messages that tell them they can never be beautiful.

After Pecola is raped by her father, she becomes mentally unstable in the wake of the assault, desperate for eyes so pretty that no one will ever be cruel to her again. Morrison traces the genesis of the tragedy back to the difficult early lives of Pecola's parents and uses Claudia's youthful naiveté as a mechanism for understanding how ignorance allows such problems to perpetuate across generations.

American author Toni Morrison's The Bluest Eye was first published in 1970. Although The Bluest Eye was her first novel, written while working as an editor and single mother, it was not well-received when it was published. Morrison has since earned numerous accolades and awards for her novels, many of which raise important questions about race.

The Bluest Eye contains many powerful themes, including the dangers of love, as love and sex are complicated and can sometimes lead to abuse; the construction of beauty, as society shapes our understanding of beauty and often equates beauty with worth; and self-loathing, as the characters learn from American culture to despise themselves for not being white. The novel also contains many important symbols including movie stars, light eyes, and flowers.

The bluest eye is a very good book and I recommend it for teens trying to learn about the internet is very knowledgeable and I felt very professional reading about this subject, I felt like I was consuming knowledge while reading this, this give me a ton of things I should be thinking about, I do have some mix opinions with some part but overall, this is a very good book.

Dear Ei Thinzar Aung,

How have you been? I have had a good time recently. Today, I want to write you a letter about a book review that I think may be of interest to you. I have read it myself, so don't worry, this is a decent book. I am sure you will enjoy reading it.

The title of this book is "The Bluest Eye" and it is a novel by Toni Morrison. You can roughly get an idea of what the book is like from the title, yes, blue eyes. The story is told from the point of view of Claudia MacTeer. The story tells of Pecora, a poor and imaginative black girl from Ohio who grew up in an abusive family. Despite being traumatized after being severely abused and rape by her father, she was insecure by her beauty, what she looks like. She got pregnant by her own dad after he raped her for the second time but unfortunately, she miscarried at the end. The beauty standards ruined her, making her feel ugly on the outside and unaware of her inner beauty. She would often be insecure about a picture of Mary Jane on a candy wrapper. She was a white supremacist, she wanted to look like them. Later on; her blue-eyed unreal desire finally drove her crazy. The Bluest Eye Morrison 's message of beauty is related to society 's perception and acceptance of white culture and its impact on African Americans that causes them to question their self-worth in a racist society

Overall, this book is about the reality of how toxic beauty standards can be, ruining someone else's life. It's honestly very interesting to see how Pecola's life has changed. After reading this book, you may have a better understanding of life and reality. I hope you like this book!

Sincerely,

Your partner

July 13, 2021

Dear Shin Pyae Yami,

Hello Shin Pyae! How are you doing? Anyways, I wanted to write you a letter to recommend a book to you because why not? So, there's this book called "Crime and Punishment".

Long story short, Alienation is the primary theme of Crime and Punishment. At first, Raskolnikov's pride separates him from society. He sees himself as superior to all other people and so cannot relate to anyone. Within his personal philosophy, he sees other people as tools and uses them for his own ends. I'm not sure if you've read this book yet but this is what people are meant to learn from this book. I'm not going to write a lot because there's a good chance the book is going to be spoiled.

So, this was a really short letter. But I hope you're doing great. You should really make some time to read the book. Have a good day and bye!

Sincerely,

May Myat Noe Htut

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Dear, my friend

I would like to review this book name Crime and Punishment because this book is very interesting and very good to read. When you boring I recommend to read this book. This book will teach you not to do a bad thing and if you do a bad thing you must have to do what police say. In the book is so many interesting thing and there a lot mystery thing. The story involved a detective and a victim. I going to stop here I wish you like this book. And also take care of your heath.

The writer would like to give the readers a portrait to stop hating themselves for everything they are not, and start loving themselves for everything that they are. The writer assesses that Toni Morrison story line presented in the novel is eye-catching even though it experiences an abundance of controversy because of the novel's strong language. The writer also wants to expose the strengths and weaknesses.

I also believe that Raskolnikov regrets what he did, but I will have to reread it again. As for Jews, most if not all moneylenders were Jews, as it was forbidden at least for Catholics to lend money for profit. And antisemitism was indeed rampant in Russia. Great review, by the way!

Option A

Hi friend,

I just wanted to send you a letter because I felt that you might be bored, and you once told me that you love books. I wanted to recommend you a book called ‘The Bluest Eye’, which is the type of book you like.

I think that the purpose of the writing is that the writer would like to give the readers a portrait to stop hating themselves for everything they are not, and start loving themselves for everything that they are. The writer assesses that Toni Morrison’ story line presented in the novel is eye-catching even though it experiences an abundance of controversy because of the novel's strong language 2 and sexually explicit content. The second purpose of the writing is the writer wants to expose the strengths and weaknesses The Bluest Eye, so the readers could get a reference of this novel.

The Bluest Eye is the story of a young African American girl and her family who are affected in every direction by the dominant American culture. It tells the story of an African American girl named Pecola, an eleven-year-old who is basically described as poor, black, and ugly. Pecola idolizes the idea of having white skin and blue eyes that she believes are the ultimate representation of the “ideal” of beauty. Pecola has experienced sad moments in her life, her mom, Mrs. Breedlove is neglectful. She does not care about her at all and chooses to work and take care of the baby in white family while Cholly Breedlove, her own father, is an abusive alcoholic who rapes Pecola until she gets pregnant. Her parents fight on a regular basis, and these altercations lead to physical violence. Therefore, Pecola's brother, Samuel, copes with the violence by running away. The reader learns that Pecola's parents have both had tragic lives too, which has led to their dysfunction as adults. Her father, Cholly Breedlove, was abandoned as a baby and later turned away by his father after searching him out. During Cholly's first sexual experience, two white men force him and the girl he was with to continue the sexual act as they watch. Her mother, Mrs. Breedlove, has a lame foot and has always felt isolated and ugly. As a young woman, she loses herself in movies. The beautiful white actors make her belief that she is ugly. Thus, in an act of desperation, Pecola visits Soaphead Church who claims he can work miracles, and Pecola asks for blue eyes. Soaphead Church tricks Pecola into poisoning a dog he has long wanted to kill, saying that if the dog acts funny it is a sign that she will receive her wish. I guess I've spoiled enough.

I hope you enjoy the book! Try reading it in your free time, or when you are angry or something like that. Even though I don’t really enjoy such kinds of books, but I respect you, and I admit, I just loved it. I've seen your library, so don’t go ahead and tell me that you don’t have it. Well, even if you haven't, then here's a pdf file link. Maybe type it out in your laptop or something. If you receive this letter and have read it to the end, what about write me back?

http://mrsladesclass.weebly.com/uploads/6/7/0/0/6700397/toni_20morrison_20_20the_20bluest_20eye.pdf

Option B

Hey friend,

I just wanted to recommend you a book because you once told me that you'd like a book or something fun because you were really bored these days, because you have to stay at home especially because one of your neighbors got covid... so I will just get to the point. I wanted to recommend you this book called ‘Crime and Punishment’. I promise you will love it; I've seen you reading books in that genre. I promise you will never regret reading it.

Raskolnikov, an impoverished student, conceives of himself as being an extraordinary young man and then formulates a theory whereby the extraordinary men of the world have a right to commit any crime if they have something of worth to offer humanity. To prove his theory, he murders an old, despicable pawnbroker and her half-sister who happened to come upon him suddenly. Immediately after the crime, he becomes ill and lies in his room semi-conscious for several days. When he recovers, he finds that a friend, Razumihkin, had looked for him. While he is recovering, he receives a visit from Luzhin, who is engaged to Raskolnikov's sister, Dunya. Raskolnikov insults Luzhin and sends him away because he resents Luzhin's domineering attitude toward Dunya.

As soon as he can be about again, Raskolnikov goes out and reads about the crime in all the newspapers of the last few days. He meets an official from the police station and almost confesses the crime. He does go far enough in his ranting that the official becomes suspicious. Later, he witnesses the death of Marmeladov, a minor government official, who is struck by a carriage as he staggers across the street in a drunken stupor. Raskolnikov assists the man and leaves all his money to the destitute widow. When he returns to his room, he finds his mother and sister who have just arrived to prepare for the wedding with Luzhin. He denounces Luzhin and refuses to allow his sister to marry such a mean and nasty man. About the same time, Svidrigailov, Dunya's former employer, arrives in town and looks up Raskolnikov and asks for a meeting with Dunya. Previously Svidrigailov had attempted to seduce Dunya and when Raskolnikov had heard of it, he naturally formed a violent dislike for the man.

Raskolnikov hears that the police inspector, Porfiry, is interviewing all people who had ever had any business with the old pawnbroker. Therefore, he goes for an interview and leaves thinking that the police suspect him. Since he had met Sonya Marmeladov, the daughter of the dead man that he had helped, he goes to her and asks her to read to him from the Bible the story of Lazarus. He feels great sympathy with Sonya who had been forced into prostitution in order to support her family while her father drank constantly. In her suffering, she becomes a universal symbol for Raskolnikov. He promises to tell her who murdered the old pawnbroker and her sister who was a friend of Sonya's. I will stop here.

Anyways, I hope that you will be able to read it when you are free and perhaps, enjoy it like I did. You will enjoy it. I want to hear from you soon, so you really should write back!

Please include my one when you let the class read everyone's one, because I worked really hard on it. :)

Thanks

Dear Thomas,

How are you? I hope you are doing well. So, I have been reading some books in my free time and since we have sora library, I am reading books from that application.

I am going to tell you about a book called “Crime and Punishment” which is a Russian literature written by Fyodor Dostoevsky. The protagonist in the book is a man named “Raskolnikov”. The other characters are Sonya, Razumíkhin , Dunya, Luzhin and Porfiry Petrovich. The plot is set around 1860s and it is mainly about Raskolnikov who is a former student living in poverty. The main theme is about his pride which makes him stay distant from society. He plans to kill a pawnbroker for her money. While committing the crime, Raskolnikov thought he could just do it but after that, he begins to feel guilty. He doesn’t confess his crime but because of the fear, he suffers from mental and physical illnesses. Later, he meets Sonya who can help him confess his crimes. I won’t tell more spoilers about the book. My friend recommended me that book and I don’t regret reading it. In my opinion, it is a very interesting book and it is worth reading. It teaches us life lessons. The writer portrays about the psychological depth and insights of the human mind. The primary theme is guilt which he commits the crime and spends the rest of his live in fear and horror. The quote “Pain and suffering are always inevitable for a large intelligence and a deep heart” left me an impression. From my understanding, the book shows about dealing with the duality of human mind, conscience and more importantly, the psychological justification of any crime we commit from the perspective of human ethics and morality. I really want to recommend you this book and I am sure you will enjoy it. You can read it on Sora library and other online websites. From where I read, there are six parts and about seven chapters each. It is not difficult to read.

That’s it for now. I hope you read the book and maybe we can discuss about it when we meet. Also, the situations are not very good now and many people are infected with covid so I want you to take care of yourself. Feel free to write to me and I am always happy to receive your letter.

Your friend,

Thet Htet Thadar

Dear Thet Htet,

How are you? I'm writing to recommend to you a book I read these past few days. It's called "Crime and punishment" and was written by Fyodor Dostoevsky, a well-known Russian author. The book is available on Sora Library, and it's almost a thousand pages long! Anyways, the plot follows a man named Rodion Romanovich Raskolnikov, a former student who lives in a tiny garret on the top floor of a run-down apartment building in St. Petersburg. He is described as poor, sickly-looking and also talks to himself, but he is also handsome, proud, and intelligent.

However, we soon learn that he is planning on committing a crime, but the act he will be doing is not yet revealed to us. He goes to the apartment of a pawnbroker, Alyona Ivanovna, to get money to buy a watch and to plan the crime. He sleeps fitfully and wakes up the next day, finds an axe, and gets an item that he will pawn to distract the pawnbroker. Then, that night, he kills her. While he is rummaging through her bedroom for money, her sister, Lizaveta, walks in, and Raskolnikov kills her as well. He barely escapes from the apartment without being seen, then returns to his house.

The next day, Raskolnikov frantically searches his clothing for traces of blood. He is called to the station by the police.

I don't want to spoil the rest of it, so I'll leave the letter here. Once again, you can pick up the book from Sora Library.

Cheers,

Thomas

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Dear, Moesett Pwint

I really would recommend this book name **Crime and Punishment** because it is a very good book to read if you are bored and if you want to know any mastery you. And this book will teach you not to do bad thing and if you do bad thing you will end up have to go to jail or you must have to do what the police say. In the book there is a lot of mystery and thing there is a lot of thing that you have to really think and read it very carefully. They story involved detective, a student, and the victim. The is not only one victim they are a lot of victim. And the killing involved using axe and knife. They also use a lot of thing that are usually use in daily life like chair, book, table etc..... They detective use a small microscope and people who saw or heard the killing of someone. I am not going to spoiled all but what do you think will the murder escape or get found why the police. And that my book review bye cya later.

Dear May Myat Kasone,

Yesterday, I finished a book called “The Bluest Eye” and found it really interesting but is actually irritating. The book was written by Toni Morrison, also known as Chloe Anthony Wofford. Basically, it was about a young African American girl and her family who are affected in every direction by the dominant American culture. It tells the story of an African American girl named Pecola, an eleven year old who is basically described as poor, black, and ugly.

She loves the idea of having white skin and blue eyes that she believes are the ultimate representation of the “ideal” of beauty. Pecola has experienced sad moments in her life. Her mom does not care about her. She does not care about her at all and chooses to work and take care of the baby in white family.

While her own father who is an abusive alcoholic who r@pes Pecola until she gets pregnant. Her parents would fight everyday which leads to physical violence. This is why Samuel who is her brother, copes with the violence by running away. I found out that Pecola's parents have both had tragic lives too, which has led to their disorder as adults. Her father was abandoned as a baby and later turned away by his father after searching him out.

I don't think it's a good idea to keep on talking about this book because it is full of violence and if you think you will be able to handle that violence, I think it might be a good book for you. I had to read the whole book just because of that it is part of my school work, besides the novel is really bothersome to me.

Take Care,

Youn Me Me Ko

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Dear Su Myat Noe,

I just read a book called “The Bluest eye”. It's very interesting and I think you will like it. You should read it, too.

The Bluest Eye is the story of a young African/American girl named Pecola who hates her skin color and more. She got raped by her drunken father, but her mother disbelieved her and beats her. Pecola goes mad and believes that her wish of having blue eyes has been fulfilled. Slowly she loses her sanity.

I recommend you this book since it has loads of meaning. I want you to share the experience I had while reading this book. Thanks for reading my letter.

Love,

Zin Myat Noe Oo

Dear Moe Theint,

Hi, how are you? I have been interested in book during this quarantine and was wondering if you would like to read this book called Crime and punishment. It is a crime novel and Psychological Fiction type of book.

It is a story about the psychology of a killer and the voices of the and the perspective off the one who did the deed. While we learn the perspective of the killer instead of the norm we see and the impact that might cause a reaction. We get to view three story and the life before the murder. It also had a hint of the writer itself, showing the view and opinion of the world and text about the imperial government in the exposure.

The members who had the exposure were either were arrested or sent off to the Siberian labor camp before being released. The novel is mostly about the young people who were corrupted by the world but it only went deeper, the ego and the intelligence of the people he was with allows him to see the bad ends of the world but it only cut the humanity within him.

I hope you are interested in the book or have the time for the book if you liked it. It is great and caught the curiosity of me but it is a deep and meaning book. Well I hope you are doing alright and I wish we could meet someday old friend.

Sincerely,

Your dear friend :)

The Bluest Eyes

The Bluest Eye story is mainly about Pecola Breedlove. The characters are Pecola Breedlove, Claudia MacTeer, Sam Breedlove and Cholly Breedlove. The main character is Pecola Breedlove. Pecola has a family. They are Pecola's Mother, Father, Janes and Pecola. They are a very happy family. Her mother is Pauline (Polly) Breedlove, father is Cholly Breedlove. He is a very strong, serious and violent person. Her mother is a very kind person but Pecola's father is a big and strong guy. They live in Lorain Ohio. In the decrepit Storefront because, they are poor. Pecola has only one sibling who is Sammy Breedlove. The novel starts at Autumn and ends at Summer. The novel is divided into 4 parts. Pecola wants people to love her the most. Most of the titles are taken from the simulated text of a Dick and Jane's reader. Three visions of the simulated text appear at the beginning of the novel. The main narrator is Claudia MacTeer. Pecola live with Claudia MacTeer because, she is poor so her parents let her live with Claudia MacTeer. Pecola's father burn the house since he is toxic, unstable and sexually abusive guy. She is a girl from an abusive home. She wants to be a beautiful girl who wants people to love her. She got depressed. Se believes that she is ugly and has ugliness. Her family got hated by people because, they are ugly and people always call them as black family and ugly. The Bluest Eye story is now considered an American classic and an essential account of the African American experiences after the Great Depression. Pecola's friend tell her that she is ugly but themselves cute. So since almost all of the people call Pecola and her family ugly and stuffs, she got depressions day by day. This story is about African American girl whose father is unstable, abusive and strong while her mother is very kind.

The Bluest Eye Book Review letter (7/28/2021)
By: Moe Theint Theint Htun- Secondary 2D
(Trigger warning: rape and racism)

Dear Aye Pwint Phyu,

Hey there! Have not talked to you in a while, in fact, how’ve you been? I have not done anything fun lately except to an interesting and educating book called “The Bluest Eye.” I wanted to review this book to you and that is why I sent this letter.

This is about an 11-year-old African American girl named Pecola who hates herself because of her black skin and of how ‘different’ she was from every other Americans. She wanted white skin with blue eyes just like other white girls in the country as she finds herself ugly and the other ‘beautiful’, she wanted everyone she knew to treat her better as America full of racists. She grew up in Lorain, Ohio. Her family would get racists affects by the American culture. She would face many racist hates just because of her skin color and her race.

Pecola experienced many terrible things that would make her. She also grew up in an abusive family where her mom, Mrs. Breedlove does not care about Pecola and only thinks of working by taking care of a baby in a white family. While on the other hand, her father, Cholly Breedlove, is an alcoholic person with abusive anger who rapes Pecola until she gets pregnant. Her parents also faced many tragic experiences which led them to being neglectful and abusive. For example, Mrs. Breedlove loves movies. The white actresses in movies were ‘beautiful’ to her which makes her think that her black skin is ugly. Cholly Breedlove was abandon as a baby, where during Cholly’s first sexual experience occurred as two white men forced him and the girl, he was with to continue sexually harassing or abusing as they watch, which turned out of why he rapes Pecola.

You can easily tell by the story summary that Pecola was a young strong woman but hated herself because of her race and of how the American's influenced her. She was obsessed by white standards of beauty and longs to have blue eyes. The story also concludes strong language and sexually explicit content. It also shows us of how the writer, Toni Morrison gives us readers to stop hating ourselves for everything they are not and start loving themselves for everything they are.

Well that’s the story about “The Bluest Eyes” by Toni Morrison. I hope you're staying safe from everything that’s happening but I shall talk to you soon.



680, Daisy Street
Yangon
Myanmar

28.7.2021 Wednesday

Dear Bhone Myat Hein Khine,

Hi! How are you doing these days? Are you and your family fine? As for me I am fine. These days, there are a lot of Covid-cases around Myanmar so we must stay at home only and could not go outside that much like before. I am writing this letter to recommend you a book called “Crime and Punishment” written by Dostoevsky which I have read. It is an interesting book and I really enjoy reading it so I hope you would also enjoy reading it. After I have read a lot of dreams throughout the book, I think Raskolnikov’s dream about the dying horse is the most interesting among them. So, I would like to tell you about it.

Raskolnikov, a 7-year-old boy and his father were casually walking down the road into the town where a festival was being held. They walked through the crowd until they came upon a big cart with a thin, weak mare connected to it. The owner of the mare, Mikolka was yelling out for more people to get on it. Not after long, he started whipping the poor mare while the crowd burst into laughter. She just shuffled her weak legs and started pulling the heavy cart. Raskolnikov looked at his father and asked for his help but instead his father just carried him away from the scene, while describing the crowd as drunk, playing pranks and being fools. Raskolnikov, on the other hand, slipped out of his father’s arm, and ran straight towards the suffering mare. At this point, the mare was lying dead on the ground. Raskolnikov was very mad at Mikolka, he tried to throw punches at him but it seemed that all his effort were in vain. All that was left were his cries echoing behind this. Suddenly, he woke up from his dream and snapped back to reality.

He throws his arms around his father, but there is such strain, such strain in his chest. He tries to take a breath, to cry out and he wake up. Only when he wakes up, he noticed he become adult again, not a 7-year-old young Raskolnikov anymore. He feels the dream was so real that when he woke up his body was all in sweat and his hair was damp with sweat. He also feels as his body was broken, his soul was dark and troubled. After a while, he remembers about Alyona Ivanova, the evil old lady who he desires to kill as a 7-year-old young Raskolnikov, and about the Mikolka, the woman who torture the mare in the dream. He has decided to kill Alyona Ivanova, take her money. He briefly believes that by killing the evil old woman who does evil things to the society, the mares and the victims could be saved that “thousands of virtuous deeds” will make up for one tiny little crime. He did not regret about what he did as a 7-year-old Raskolnikov in the dream, instead he wishes to take vengeance on the torturer who are Alyona Ivanova and Mikolka to save the mare from suffering injustice. Unlike his father who has left him down by turning away from the scene, Raskolnikov would confront the situation. The dream has made him to think about to strike down the woman who do evil and injustice in society. He had also figured out that when revenging he has also become the powerful torturer. But he would not regret what he had did.

The book mainly focuses on the mental anguish and moral dilemmas of Rodian Raskolnikov. I would recommend this book to you since it is one of the best realistic psychological novels ever written. Although, it would take long to finish the book, but it is worth it to read. I hope you would enjoy reading this book as much as I do.

I hope you would reply me soon, Bye!

Yours sincerely,

Myat Shoon Lei Thu @ Pinky

Dear Zwe Htet Win,

How are you? It's been such a long time since we last met. Well, I was busy with my lessons that I even forgot to send you a letter quite for a few months. Is your family good too? I hope so despite the terrible pandemic happening currently.

I didn't know what to write about in particular but the book in my hand, crime and punishment, reminded me of the thought that you might also be wandering around, finding what to do. Therefore, I really want to introduce that novel to you here in this letter. Keep reading! It is one of the masterpieces of world literature and written by a Russian author, Fyodor Dostoevsky, who includes in the ranks of world's greatest novelists, in 1866. Surprisingly, this data was even interesting for me although I have read some work of other famous novelists. Not much sure about you, though. But could be!

I want to make this letter pretty long as a replacement for the previous months. So, maybe I could tell you a brief summary of the novel the book contains. Well, this tells the miserable life story of a young man whose name is Rodion Raskolnikov. Dostoevsky portrays this character as a man with two different behaviors, one is being cold and conniving, and the other half as a caring and empathetic human. The opening chapter says that although he is in poverty, Raskolnikov thinks highly of himself and superior to every other person which is the reason he begins to show the symptoms of alienation from human society. Speed up!

This story mainly talks about his plot to commit a crime which is to kill the pawnbroker whom he owes a deep debt to. Guess what happens at the murder scene! It is thrilling only when you read it in detail. So, in the meantime, let's go back to his crime. This lets him stay with woe and misery for the rest of his life. To analyze his plot, I thought he is quite clever enough to rehearse the murder before he starts in reality. I mean, who would think of rehearsing a murder but not a play? That's pretty witty, I think. By reading this novel, you can know that the primary themes that 'Crime and Punishment' gives are sin, guilt and alienation from society. More and more people should read this novel so that they will get loads of messages from the novel, in return.

Now, I am totally sure that you might want to know the end of the story, to be more specific, the end of Raskolnikov. Will he confess to the crime or will he try to get away from the punishment??????? I don't know too. I am just going to read it this evening and I am getting near to the end. So, what you can only do now is just to go and find this book on the internet. I am also so excited to read more. Actually, I am hoping for a better ending than it's supposed to be, you know. I can't tolerate anymore. I have to go and read it right now immediately. Ah, don't forget to read it, ok? I've even made sure that it suits your taste. No doubt for sure it will hold much attention for you throughout your journey to the story end.

Bye for now, maybe we can discuss the whole plot in your next letter.

Warm wishes,

Thin Yanant Aung

43, Violet Street,
May Township
27.6.2021

Dear Kyal Sin,

How have you been? I hope you’re doing fine. I’m writing this letter to tell you about an interesting book I read last week. It’s called **Crime and Punishment**, written by **Dostoevsky**.

At the beginning of the story, Raskolnikov had a dream about a dying horse. He was just seven-years-old in the dream. Raskolnikov and his father were walking down the road, into the town where a festival was occurring. They walked through the drunken crowd until they reach a big cart connected to a thin, gray mare. Many people from the festival got into the cart including Raskolnikov and his father. After everyone got in, the owner of the mare, Mikolka started whipping the horse. The little mare started moving her weak legs. No matter how hard it tried, its speed was too slow. So, Mikolka kept whipping it even more. Everyone was bursting in laughter while poor Raskolnikov watched the situation helplessly. He tried to tell his dad to do something but his dad described the crowd as **drunk, playing pranks** and **fools**. He carried him away from the scene. Raskolnikov refused to follow his dad and ran back to the poor mare which was lying dead on the ground. He was very mad at the owner for killing the innocent mare. He tried to punch the owner but it was all in vain. His father snatched him away from the crowd before he could throw more punches at Mikolka. All that was left were the echoes of Raskolnikov’s cries.

As Raskolnikov took a deep breath to cry even louder, he woke up from the dream and came back to his senses. He noticed that he was no longer a seven-year-old child but was an adult now. His soul was dark and troubled as if the experience he saw in his sleep was reality. Raskolnikov remembered about Alyona Ivanova, the evil old lady who does evil to the society. She wasn’t any different from Mikolka. He decided to murder Alyona, and take her money in order to devote himself for the service of all mankind and common sense. He believed that killing the crone would save many victims, the **thousands of good deeds will make up for one tiny little crime**. Unlike his father, Raskolnikov would confront the situation and would put an end to all the torture that the victims had been suffering. The dream had made Raskolnikov came up with a plan to strike Alyona with an axe. After the incident, he came to realize that by taking revenge, he himself had become the greater torturer. But he didn’t regret what he had done since if he did not, many people would suffer.

The dream of the dying horse had made Raskolnikov consider the plan to convict murder. It had made him realize that just by causing one tiny crime he could save thousands of people. That’s basically the main concept that the writer wanted to give the readers. I recommend it to you because it’s a very interesting book and reflects the reality of human society. Well that’s all I have to say for today. See you at school!

Yours Sincerely,
Wint Wai Yan Lin

Dear Thin Yanant Aung,

I'm writing this letter to you as I'd like to recommend a book that is really interesting. The book is about a 10-year-old black girl which is really painful and you should prepare for a great deal of pain if you read this.

Back in 1940s, there was much discrimination among the white and black people. This book should be read by the people who thought only whites are great. Also, people who love literature should read as it is endlessly lyrical masterwork of literature.

The book was written by Toni Morrison, an American Author. The story took place in Lorain, Ohio which is a small town. Claudia is the narrator in the story and she had a sister called Frieda. They had a foster friend, Pecola, a black girl, whose life was full of sorrow.

Pecola accepted herself ugly and she thought her parents might be lucky if she was beautiful. She hoped for the blue eyes for her. That is obvious people in those days preferred white people with blue eyes. The blacks were discriminated seriously.

The Bluest Eyes is set at the end of the depression and its effects are felt by the characters. In those days, every depression came from being joblessness. When the economics of a country declined, people felt the result and the blacks were the most suffering.

I'd like to recommend this book to be read as it is a great book in literature and it may also reveal how bad the racist is. Please tell me your opinion after you've read it.

Your friend,

Zwe Htet Win

14 Fifth Avenue,
Bondi Road,
Sydney, Australia
1st July 2021

Hi Nyan Kaung,

Hello! It's been a while since I last heard from you. How have you been these days? I have been doing pretty well actually. You are probably busy with housework so I totally understand if you don't have time to write a letter back. So anyways, is everything stable? How are you doing? I really miss you since the school has closed and the pandemic has started.

I have been realizing how much we used to learn together that you are not here anymore. I have been reading books to pass the time quickly. I could say that it is my new hobby but I am getting used to it. First, I thought it was going to be boring but now I go to the bookstore every weekend. I always thought that I hate books as you also knew about it but I proved myself wrong. I am more of a fiction person and like to imagine extraordinary things to be honest. It is just so exciting and it is a great opportunity to increase my vocabulary. Since we have a similar taste in most things, I am also assuming that the books I personally enjoy are also the ones that you will enjoy yourself.

So, here is my book recommendation named “The Bluest Eye.” The Bluest Eye is the story of a young African American girl and her family who are affected in every direction by the dominant American culture. The author “Toni Morrison”, tells the story of an African American girl named Pecola, an eleven-year-old who is described as poor, black, and ugly. Pecola idolizes the idea of having white skin and blue eyes that she believes are the ultimate representation of the “ideal” of beauty. The strength of this novel is that the author, Toni Morisson, criticizes the white beauty which is the main theme of the novel.

Whereas, beauty is something that is relative, it means that there are differences in the view of some people about the beauty. Knight Dunlap through Alfred Strom states that “Beauty varies distinctly from race to race, so that such concepts cannot be accurately compares across racial lines, though he acknowledges that darker races sometimes change their standards when influenced by Whites, and some even come to desire White mates – a phenomenon with which we are all too familiar in our century”. Nevertheless, black people sometimes change their standards when confronted with the white race. In fact, standards of white beauty cause distress for black women. When a woman cannot meet the applicable standards of beauty in society, she feels a sense of insecurity, loneliness, and low self-esteem. This is what happened to Pecola, the main character in the novel who, feels like the ugliest person alive due to not having the white beauty standard.

The Bluest Eye shows that whiteness is desired by everyone. The society blindly accepts that the true beauty means having blue eyes, blonde hair, and white skin. It makes heartache for all the non-blue eyed and brown or black skinned children who never got to see their beauty reflected in the eyes of those around them. Through what happened to Pecola, the author wants to speak up that beauty is not simply something to behold.

In conclusion, the beauty of a woman is not in a facial mode, but the true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. No matter what color your eyes, hair, or skin, are you will always look beautiful if you are nice to people. It is not always physical beauty that makes a person beautiful, it is the heart that matters the most. Whatever your race is, accept and love yourself, because loving yourself is the greatest revolution.

See you soon,
Honey Swe

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The bluest eyes

“The bluest eyes” is a very meaningful and good book. It gives us many messages and morals. The main character in this book has to deal with many problems such as racism, incest, and child molestation. So, you will have to feel many emotions. Pecola is the eleven-year-old African girl who wanted to be a white girl. She is described as poor and ugly girl. She believed that she would be so beautiful if she has white skin and blue eyes.

Pecola is a pitiful girl because her mom always ignores her. She chooses works over her and she took care of white baby instant of her. Pecola’s own father was abusive and raped her as always. That was the reason Pecola’s brother run away from them. Her father was abandoned when he was a baby. As young woman, she usually watches movies which made her feel ugly. She went to the Soaphead Church who claims he can work miracles and asked the blue eyes. He asked her to poison the dog which he wanted to kill for so long. By looking how white people are treated in her environment, she wanted to be a white girl for sure. She believes that she would be more worth it if she is not black. At that time, the world believed that white girl, blond hair with blue eyes are the true beauty.

The point of this story is that everyone is beautiful and worth it no matter you are white, black or Asian. It always appearance make people beautiful. You have to accept have you have and you have to love yourself before loving anyone.

Dear Ei Mon Kyaw Swar,

How you doing? I hope you are doing great and I am on the holiday break. I read a book during this day and I would like to recommend to you about that book.

The book name is the bluest eyes. The author is Toni Morrison. Is the story of a young African girl. The girl's name is Pecola, an eleven years old girl who is describe as poor, black, and ugly. she thought she would be incredibly beautiful when she has a blue eyes and white skin. She has a sad moment and Mrs. Breedlove is neglectful. She chooses to work and she take care of white family. Pecola blame her ugliness making her reject by the society. She never seen as beautiful and cannot seen her own beautiful life that she had. She usually met the white beauty standard. Pecola is such a victim of popular white culture. The bluest eye show that whiteness is desired by everyone. Only the blindly society accepts that the true beauty means having blue eyes, blonde hair and white skin. The book had many errors of writing but the book is really nice and its interesting.

And the author Toni Morrison also known as Chloe Anthony Wofford, is an American writer noted for her examination of black experience. She received the noble prize for literature in 1993. The first book, the bluest eye (1970). the central theme of Morison's novel is the black American experience. Her use of fantasy her poetic style, and her creative writing style gave her stories great strength and texture.

I really recommend that book if you are free try read that book. i will stop here . See you!

From kyi sin,
Sincerely.

Dear Hsu Thiri Win,

Hey friend! Haven't talk to you for a while now. But I've got some stuff to talk about. I've read a book recently and I'd like to share it with you.

The book is about a black girl named Pecola who lived in the dominant American culture and dealing with terrible things that could ever happen to her. All she wants is to be white and have blue eyes thinking it could help with the world seeing her or treating her the same as others. But little does she know, that beauty is not on the outside. It's all about being who you are and what you are. It's in the inside and nobody can ruin that. She had a terrible childhood. She has the mother who only cares about other family and a father who is an alcoholic. Her parents fight on a regular basis and it always led to physical violence. I think for an 11-year-old, it's a lot for her life. I couldn't imagine being her. Her parents also had real bad childhood experience. Her father was sexually assaulted in front of the police officers and her mother, who felt ugly and isolated because of her lame foot. But worse, she always compares herself with actors from the movies. Pecola had done terrible things which she didn't mean to. She had a lot of trauma throughout her life. But at the end of the day, beauty is not in the face, it's in the heart.

This book is really good and sad. It's a book about women of colors. It has some trigger warnings if you are going to read. It is well written which makes it a lot better. I hope you write me back about the book you've read. I'll be waiting!!!!

Your friend,
Su Thiri Aung

Book recommendation

Dear, Htet Paing Htoo

Yangon, Myanmar

27.7.2021

The Bluest Eye is the story of a young African American girl and her family who are affected in every direction by the dominant American culture. It tells the story of an African American girl named Pecola, an eleven year old who is basically described as poor, black, and ugly. It is a nice book you must read it, if you want the link let me know I will sent you.

The Bluest Eye was published in 1970, is the first novel written by Toni Morrison. The novel takes place in Lorain, Ohio (Morrison's hometown), and tells the story of a young African-American girl named Pecola who grew up following the Great Depression. Set in 1941, the story tells that she is consistently regarded as "ugly" due to her mannerisms and dark skin. As a result, she develops an inferiority complex, which fuels her desire for the blue eyes she equates with "whiteness".

The novel is told from Claudia MacTeer's point of view. She is the daughter of Pecola's foster parents at different stages in her life. In addition, there is an omniscient third-person narrative that includes inset narratives in the first person. The book's controversial topics of racism, incest, and child molestation have led to numerous attempts to ban the novel from schools and libraries.[1] Morrison was an African-American novelist, a Pulitzer, and Nobel Prize winner whose works are praised for addressing the harsh consequences of racism in the United States.

it's pretty sad to see that even though this is 21st century racism still happens like the death of George Floyd on May 25th 2020, murdered by Derek Chauvin (a Police officer). Lots of people protested but in the end the officer was charged with (second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter) and 22.5 years in prison.

Dear teacher Maing,

How are you? Have a nice holiday and take a great care during this Covid Pandemic.

I would like to recommend you to read books during this holiday to spend the time usefully so I will be reviewing a book for you called “Crime & Punishment”. It is a Russian literature written by Fyodor Dostoevsky. It was first published in 1866. If you are interested in crime novels, crime fictions, psychological fictions or philosophical fictions, this book is perfect for you.

Among several dreams that includes in Dostoevsky’s Crime & Punishment I’ll be telling you the plot about Raskolnikov’s dream about the dying horse because it helps us understand more about Raskolnikov’s psyche and the motive behind his murder. In the dream, Raskolnikov shows his dual nature at work. He is both the peasant Mikolka who cruelly beats the horse to death and also the boy who feels great compassion for the suffering horse. This forces Raskolnikov to consider it a perfect opportunity to commit the crime.

I won’t spoil the rest of the story so go ahead and read yourself. Hope you enjoy reading it. Have a nice weekend!

Sincerely,

Yours

The bluest eye

Pecola is an African American girl and she is eleven years old. She is a poor, black, and ugly girl. She always wishes to be beautiful, white and to have blue eyes. She has many sad moments in her life. Her mother, Mrs. Breedlove does not care her at all. She is neglectful. Her father Mr. Holly Breedlove is also an alcoholic. Her parents fight on a regular basis, and these altercations lead to physical violence. Therefore, Pecola's brother, Samuel, copes with the violence by running away. Mrs. Breedlove, has a lame foot and has always felt isolated and ugly. As a young woman, she loses herself in movies. The beautiful white actresses make her believe that she is ugly. Pecola is able to obtain blue eyes only by losing her mind. Rather than granting Pecola insight into the world around her and providing a redeeming connection with other people, these eyes are a form of blindness. In the end of the story, Pecola believes she has a new friend but in reality it is just an imaginary friend. The reason for Pecola losing her mind is that she feels she has gotten her blue eyes.

Dear May Moe Thu,

Hi! How are you? I recently read a book, Crime and Punishment, by Fyodor Dostoevsky. It is about a person who commits murder, what forces him to do it and his struggles after he does it.

A young man named Raskolnikov who lives in St. Petersburg, Russia. It is in the 1960s. Raskolnikov is very poor and he wears shabby clothes. His room is described about 6 feet wide with very low ceiling in the attic.

Raskolnikov goes to the pawn shop owner, who is very unkind. He is planning to kill the lady. While he is there, he looks around the room to know where she keeps keys and stuff. The next day he goes there again and killed the pawn broker and her sister with an axe. He takes the money and gets back home.

The murder doesn't let him live in peace, he gets very scared and starts to have mental problems. He acts much stranger than he does in the beginning of the story. He is terrified with anything and always thinks about telling the truth or get worried that he will get arrested when the police meet him.

Further details will lead to spoilers so I will stop here. Even though this is not what I am used to reading, it's really good and I enjoy it very much and want to recommend this book to you. This book is very interesting and exciting for readers as it is a Philosophical novel. Hope to hear from you very soon!

Your Sincerely,
Aung Ko Ko Oo

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The Bluest Eye is the first novel by the late Nobel-prize winning author Toni Morrison, originally published in 1970. It takes place in the early 1940s in a small town in Ohio where the majority of the community is African-American and impoverished. This book is about a complex investigation of ideas of physical beauty among blacks and whites, and the ways racial attitudes, and other life experiences, damage the lives of these characters. Main character of *The Bluest Eye* is a girl named Pecola Breedlove who desires blue eyes. Pecola is under attack by the other people in her community because she is dark-skinned and she is what the people of the community call disturbingly and uncomfortably “ugly”. Pecola moves back in with her family, and her life is difficult. Her father drinks, her mother is distant, and the two of them often beat one another. Her brother, Sammy, frequently runs away. Pecola believes that if she had blue eyes, she would be loved and her life would be transformed. Meanwhile, she is constantly reminded of her own ugliness: the grocer looks right through her when she buys candy, boys mock her, and a light-skinned girl, Maureen, who temporarily befriends her, makes fun of her as well. Pecola believes that whiteness is beautiful and that she is ugly. She’s in a world where she sees that black people are poor and hurting and white people are not. It’s about Pecola wanting to be beautiful and wanting to have blue eyes so that she can feel loved and accepted by the people around her. In this novel, Morrison is pointedly asking us to care for Black girls and women, to risk our lives for them, and to create welcoming land for them to grow.

: Cherry



Dear La Yaung Win Lac,

How are you? I'm fine and I hope that you and your family are feeling well. Today, I would like to recommend you a book that you can read during this pandemic we're going through. The book is called The Bluest Eye and the house is green and white with a red door. The family consists of Father, Mother, Dick and Jane. Back in 1941 autumn, Claudia and Frieda's friend told them that they can't go in and they wanted to eat their friend's bread. So they wanted to beat her up once he comes out of the car. When they went to bed, Claudia puked and the bed clothing got stained. When their mom came, she wasn't happy with her and had to cover the stain with a ragged cloth. One day, Pecola had a reddish-brown stain at the back of her dress, making Claudia and Frieda try to stop the bleeding. As soon as mom came, she whipped Frieda, wounding and insulting her until she was told that Pecola was bleeding. When the mom tried to wake up Cholly to get the coal, he refused to do so. The mom and Cholly then fought each other, with Sammy later helping the mom. When Pecola unfolds her fist, showing the three pennies, he hesitates not wanting to touch her hand. Finally, he reaches over and takes the pennies from her hand. All of her stories to breaking down at descriptions of food, Marie ate with tiny flakes of hot meat escaping from her lips and felt the cold beeriness hit the tongue. When he asked Mr. Henry wher is mama, he told him that to his grandma's Left word for his to cut off the turnips and eat some graham crackers till she got back. She had the cat when she beared a child and named him Junior. After discovering the difference in his mother's behavior to himself and the cat, he learned how to direct his hatred of his mother and the cat as he got older. Since Geraldine, Louis, Junior and the cat lived next to the playground of Washington Irving school, Junior considered the playground his own. The schoolchildren let Junior coveted his freedom to sleep late, go home for lunch and dominate the playground after school. Junior also hated to see the swings, slides, monkey bars and see saws. After he would be beaten up by the niggers, he would lie to his mother that the bad boy did it. While the girls are arguing about Mrs. Breedlove, a girl with corn-yellow hair and wearing a pink sunback dress with slippers with two bunny ears who is younger than all of them came and called Mrs. Breedlove Polly. After that, they were later told about Mrs. Breedlove's childhood. When Sammy and Pecola were still young, Pauline had to go back to work. When Cholly was four days old, his mother wrapped him in two blankets and a newspaper and placed him on a junk heap by the railroad. Being free, he can control her and drink freely with helplessness. When Othello was 17, he met a girl who worked at a Chinese Department store named Velma. After two months of marriage, Velma simply left after finding out how important is his melancholy. During the summer, Frieda and Claudia received their seeds. Since they had to give back the money from the seeds, they buried up the money and took to seeds with them to look after them. After the first day of school, her blue eyes are described much bluer than anything else. Later, she said that Sammy and Cholly were at least gone. It is a very nice book and I recommend you to read it. Thank you for reading my letter and I'm looking forward to your book recommendations.

From your classmate, Kaung

Dear Thin Thant Hnin,

Hello Thin Thant. It has been a while since we've spoken so, today I've decided to write a book review to you. The book is called The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison.

The book is about 2 girls, Claudia who is 9 years old and 10 years old Frieda who helps their neighbor/ friend Pecola. This story take place in Lorain, Ohio. Claudia and Frieda's parents were not the best parents. They cared about making ends meet rather than lavishing their daughters with attention. The MacTeers take in a resident along Pecola. Pecola's father has tried to burn his family's house down and the MacTeer sisters feels sorry for her. Pecola has dark skin and she always thought that whiteness is beautiful, whereas she is ugly.

Soon she moves back in with her family and things don't go well for her. Her dad is an alcoholic and she is distant with her mom. Her brother Sammy would often run away.

Another belief that Pecola had was that if she had blue eyes, people would have loved her. She often gets bullied. People made her a laughing point and a light-skinned girl name Maureen would call her names such as "nasty little black girl"

We also learned that the parents of Pecola have uneasy lives. Her mom Pauline has a lame foot and Cholly her dad was abandoned by his parents and his aunt died when he was a teenager. He had found his father by was rejected by him. One day something tragic happened. While Pecola was washing the dishes Cholly raped her with mixed emotions of tenderness and guilt. When Pauline founds out this, she refused to believe Pecola and beats her. When Claudia and Freida found out that Pecola was pregnant they decided to help her. They planted marigolds seeds and believe that when the flower bloom so will the baby live. Of course, none of the neighbors want the baby to live. As months passed the flowers refused to bloom. Pecola's baby was born prematurely and soon died.

After sometimes, Cholly raped Pecola again. Pecola gets mad then runs away. In the end she died in a workhouse. This story is filled with tragic moments and dramatic ending. I feel so sorry for Pecola and I really think that you should read this book. Also I am sorry if I spoiled too much.

From,

Thone Dary.

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Dear Wanna,

Hi Wanna, I read a book called “Crime and Punishment” last week and I am going to recommend it to you. The book is about a man, Raskolnikov who is afflicted by the sin he made. He thinks he is special and that is the reason why he is splat out from the reality.

First, he was daydreaming in the room for a month planning to kill Alyona Ivanovna. He killed the old pawnbroker after he discovered it would be a better world without her. After the crime, he immediately becomes sick and faints often. When he recovers, he was in his friend, Razumihkin’s room. While he was recovering, Luzhin, becomes his brother-in-law. Raskolnikov discriminates him and sends him away because of his rude and disrespectful attitude and manner toward his one and only sister, Dunya.

He reads weekly newspaper and also get requested to meet a police officer. He almost determines all his sins so; the officer gets suspicious. When returning, he sees a hopeless man and his family. He gives all his money to the desperate widow and her young children. At the same time, Dunya and her mother arrived and was preparing for the wedding. But at the end, he confesses his sins and go to the jail for 8 years in Siberia. He heard Dunya marries to Razumihkin and her mother pass away.

For me, I think it’s Raskolnikov’s fault that he thinks he is special and thinking that killing Alyona worth for everyone. He is a pity psychopath who lives in another world. At last, it is a good conclusion that he convinces his sins. I understand crime and punishment in my own way so I want to read it next year again. I also want to hear how you think about the crime that Raskolnikov did.

Yours truly,

Kim Saiah

Dear Yoon Yint Yee Khine,

I've just read The Bluest Eye and I have to say, it is a very interesting book. I also think you would really enjoy the book so I am writing this letter, recommending it to you.

The Bluest Eye is a novel by Nobel-Prize winning author, Toni Morrison. It tells a story about Pecola Breedlove, an African American girl who struggles with social acceptance.

As the title of the book suggests, she dreams of having the bluest eye like white people do. The book is divided into four parts, each named after a different season. They are further divided into chapters and three versions of the text appear in the beginning of the book. First version which is grammatically correct and easy to read, the second one tells the same story of the first without proper capitalization or punctuation and the third lacks all capitalization, punctuation and spaces between words. "Hereisthehouseitisgreenandwhiteithasareddooritisveryprettyhereisthefamilymotherfatherdickandjaneliveinthegreenandwhitehousetheyareveryhappyseejaneshewantstoplayhowillplaywithjaneseethecatitgoesmeowmeowcomeandplaycomeplaywithjanethekittenwillnotplay"

I think this book is very interesting as it is told through the eyes of multiple narrators captivating us and I think you would love this book. Although I enjoyed this book, I would not recommend this book to younger grades as it can be very confusing at times and because some parts of the book have no proper grammar and punctuation making it harder to read.

Dear Kaung Oak Soe,

It's been so long since we've talked so I wanted to recommend a book to you! It's called The Bluest Eye.

Pecola's story is told through the eyes of multiple narrators. The main narrator is Claudia MacTeer, a childhood friend with whom Pecola once lived. Claudia narrates from two different perspectives: the adult Claudia, who reflects on the events of 1940–41, and the nine-year-old Claudia, who observes the events as they happen.

In the first section of the novel ("Autumn"), nine-year-old Claudia introduces Pecola and explains why she is living with the MacTeers. Claudia tells the reader what her mother, Mrs. MacTeer, told her: Pecola is a "case...a girl who had no place to go." The Breedloves are currently "outdoors," or homeless, because Pecola's father, Cholly, burned the family house down. The county placed Pecola with the MacTeer family until "they could decide what to do, or, more precisely, until the [Breedlove] family was reunited."

Despite the tragic circumstances of their friendship, Claudia and her 11-year-old sister, Frieda, enjoy playing with Pecola. Frieda and Pecola bond over their shared love of Shirley Temple, a famous American child star known for her blonde curls, babyish singing, and tap-dancing with Bill ("Bojangles") Robinson. Claudia, however, "couldn't join them in their adoration because [she] hated Shirley." In fact, she hated "all the Shirley Temples of the world." The adult Claudia recalls being given a blue-eyed baby doll for Christmas.

Well, I totally recommend this book so you should check it out sooner or later!

Dear Ye Wint Linker,

How are you and your family? I hope you all are fine. For us too, we all are doing really great. We haven't met since the pandemic. I just want to recommend you a book named "Crime and Punishment". As I am attending online classes, I saw this book online in our school online library (Sora). This book is written about Raskolnikov's dream about the dying horse and it serves a crucial role in our understanding of Raskolnikov's psyche. This book is really interesting that I read that in one sitting.

I don't want to tell you more about the book. So, just try that book. I will be waiting for your reply letter. And I hope we will be meeting again after these situations.

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Dear Thone Dary,

Hey girl! How are you? I hope you are great! Last time, when we were texting, you asked me to review a section of the book “Crime and Punishment” by Dostoevsky, “Raskolnikov’s dream about the dying horse”, and asked me to let you know about the story and what I think of the scenario of it. Therefore, I have read it so, here is the storyline and what I think of it.

Starting off, the story begins with Raskolnikov, wandering back home until he felt too tired to the point, he crawled behind a bush and slept. He had a dream, a strange one, that he felt like it was reality, it was about a horse that was whipped to death by its sadistic owner. The scene in the dream displays, young Raskolnikov and his father together in a festival. There were many unusual sights to see like, Mikolka, the owner of the mare shouting, people bursting out laughing at the poor mare getting whipped harshly by its owner.

The young innocent child couldn’t help but asked his father concerning with what they were doing and why they would do such thing. The puzzling reply of the dad saying that it's just jokes, they are just drunk and playing around, made him extremely confused. He couldn’t just stand there to see that poor creature, suffer. He walked up towards it but a lady stopped him from doing so. Seeing the dying horse, Raskolnikov cries into his arms and once again ran up towards the little horse, feeling helpless for the pitiful animal. Seeing this, his dad ranged with addled mind dragged him away from the crowd.

And after that, he woke up and figured that it was all a dream. He thought to himself about how weird and ridiculous the dream was as he leaned back against a tree. Not only that, he also asked himself a question which actually left him in wondering about the justice in society and about punishing the torturer, as he himself had reinforced the mechanism of torture by becoming the more powerful torturer and more deep thoughts about his dream.

Also, you asked me, what I think about the plot of it and to be honest with you, I am not a huge fan of novels like this since I am more of a diary style fiction book kind of reader. However, I can definitely tell that other people and maybe even you will love this book, and by other people, I mean people that likes to read, mystery and crime novels.

There you go! I hope this helps and lets you know more about what going on, particularly in that portion of the book. Now, let me know what you think of it. Talk to you soon girl!

Love,

Thin Thant

Dear La Yaung Tint Tel,

It has been a while since I was talk to you, Today I would like to summaries about a great novel I read “the Bluest Eye “

The Bluest Eye is the story of a young African American girl and her family who are affected in every direction by the dominant American culture. It tells the story of an African American girl named Pecola, an eleven-year-old who is basically described as poor, black, and ugly. Pecola idolizes the idea of having white skin and blue eyes that she believes are the ultimate representation of the “ideal” of beauty.

IT is a really great novel so I suggest you to read that and I will talk to you soo



701, Sesame street
Sunny township, Yangon
Myanmar

Dear Thiha,



Hello! How are you doing? Are you feeling ok? With the pandemic going around, it seems we’re gonna be stuck at home for a while. During the time period, I have found out that it can get boring sometimes...So I would like to recommend a book I found out during the home-stay period. It is called “The Bluest Eye” by Toni Morrison.

The book is about a girl named Pecola who was dark-skinned. When she was first introduced, she was 11 years old but already filled with scars from all the abuse made by her family and surroundings. She was bullied by friends for her dark skin and out-casted by her family for her ugliness. But even then, all she could really do was dream. She had only one dream, to have blue eyes. The bluest eyes anyone has ever seen. The eyes she has seen on the movie star, Shirley Temples. The kind she sees on her favorite candy wrapper, Mary Janes. She believes that her blue eyes would be the key to unlock the jail cell of misery. For her, the new blue eyes would be a blanket to cover her weaknesses and her tragic past.

No one liked her. Her unforgivable ugliness is just too hard to ignore. Once, when she went to bought her favorite candy, the shopkeeper gave her a tempered look and acted harshly for her ugliness and dark skin. After she left house with some unbearable situations with her father, she arrived to a poor house where she met Claudia and her older sister, Frieda. They helped her feel better even though they too despised of her in the beginning.

The book is solely meant to point out the unequal treatment to the dark-skinned people specifically in America. It clearly shows how they’re abused and neglected most of the times and gossiped behind their backs. The book is really amazing and dramatic too. I really recommend you to read it! Even though, there are some hard vocabs, its never wrong to learn more new words.

So that’s the end of my letter, hope you enjoy reading the book. Be sure to reply to me. Goodbye!

Sincerely your friend,
Aung Hein Khant @ Marcus

Crime and Punishment Book Review
Aung Kaung Myat
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Crime and Punishment
Book Review

Dear Thant Yadanar Hsu,

Hey I heard that you love the book that I recommended last time, so im back with another one! Im sure you'll love this as you love crime thrillers. I present to you, "Crime and Punishment" written by Fyodor Dostoevsky and it was written in the 1866.

A student name Rodion went on a journey with many regrets and crimes along the way. Rodion suffers from poverty, and mental and psychical illness which leads to the murder of the pawn with an axe. Lizaveta, the person who walked in on his killing the pawn was also killed. The police suspect him as a victim while Rodion regrets his actions.

You are going to ask so many questions like "Did he got caught?" , who was "Lizaveta"? I will leave the thrill to you! I hope you have a great read through the book! Feel free to write back to give feedbacks, have a great day!

From,
Aung Kaung Myat

Room 903, Lay Dauntkan Road
Thingangyun Township
Yangon, Myanmar

30th July 2021

Dear Swan Htet Aung,

Hello! I think you have already read my letter about my dreams and goals. I heard that you like reading books about the real-life situations. So, I am writing this letter to recommend a book.

I found this book called "Crime and Punishment" from Sora library and this book tells everything about dark side of life. I should tell you some interesting languages that the writer uses to attract the readers. To introduce the character, Rodion Raskolnikov is a penniless ex-student in Saint Petersburg who is tortured by mental agony and social difficulties.

Later on, he plans to kill a greedy pawnbroker to get her money. However, he thought of this plan as a one-and-only chance to get rid of poverty and forgot that murdering is a crime with a big punishment following it. After he committed the crime, he realized what he did and he started to feel so shameful and disgusted of himself. This has somehow made his mental problems to become worse. In the book, these situations are not only mentioned. The author also talks about the other poor people Raskolnikov met. It seems very sad and unfair for all of those hard-working people.

I recommend this book to you because exploring about real-life situations and sad feelings seem like your area. I hope you have a good day and stay safe! Bye!

Yours truly,
Eaint Thinzar

Sanchaung Tsp.
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7/29/2021

Dear Su Lei Shwe Yee,

I am writing you this letter to recommend you a book. It's called "Crime and Punishment" and is written by Fyodor Dostoevsky. It's written in 1866. It took me a while to finish this book but it was pretty interesting.

The story is about a former student name Raskolnikov who murdered his landlady. For her sister to come in, saw the scene and got killed. I totally recommend this book. The way the author put it in words and sentence is amazing and beautiful. We get to feel what Raskolnikov was feeling and what his thoughts were. The story was just about his thoughts after the murder and the police suspecting him. The characters there are very interesting too. I hope you will try reading the book I recommend. Write me back if you have some books to recommend me too. Thank you for reading this letter.

From,
Ekari Lin Bin

Dear Saung Shin Thant,

Hey if you like reading crime/thriller books I got just the book for you. It's called "Crime and Punishment" written by Fyodor Dostoevsky.

It's about a student called Rodion going on a journey with many regrets and crimes along his way. Rodion suffered from poverty, and mental problems which leads to many murders committed with only an axe. A person called Lizaveta walked in on his killing spree and later the pawn was also killed. The police suspected him as a victim while Rodion starts to regret all of his actions.

The book was left on a cliffhanger which will leave you with many questions and thoughts. I hope you have a blast while reading this amazing book! You can write to me back after you finish reading the book and tell me about your feelings towards the end and how it affected you.

From,
Han Htoo Sett

29/7/2021

Dear Archit

What have you been up to lately? For me during the holiday I read a book call "The Bluest Eye" is quite interesting, it about an African- American call Pecola she was 11-year-old. It was quite enjoying with all those sad things happening around her, I hate to spoil the story but I like to give you a bit of intro so that you will understand what going on. So, she was a black girl living in Ohio one of a US state, she grew up in an abusive home but still she equates beauty and social acceptance with whiteness; she therefore longs to have "the bluest eye." The reason why she long to have the bluest eyes is that because she can feel love and just feel accepted by anyone. Not long she got pregnant and she refused to let her son play with the black kids because she didn't want to make her son feel the same way. This is just a review and heart touching and deep and poetic exploration of race relations in the southern USA.

From

Yati

Title:The Bluest Eyes
Author:Toni Morrison
Genre:Fiction

Dear:Mark

Last time I recommended my favorite books to you, I don't know if you have read them or not but here's another one. It's a book called The Bluest Eye, it's a weird Title for a book but every name has it's meaning and in this instance it was named The Bluest Eye because the Arthur wanted blue eyes. To be more specific she wanted eyes that symbolize beauty and happiness. The main point of the story is about woman oppression. I personally think it's a very bad thing and people should give rights respect to both genders. After reading the book I could only think about how messed up this world was. After reading certain parts of the book I was boiling mad and at the same time made me shudder. Every time I think about that book my face grimace with disgust. ." How messed up can humans be" I asked to myself. Reading this book was a rollercoaster of emotions. In times when Claudia spent times with her family it lit up a smile on my face but in times when I see Pecola suffering It makes my blood boil. Sometimes a wave of terror washed over me while reflecting upon this book. This magnificent masterpiece of a book was written by non other than Toni Morrison. Racists and misogynists truly disgust me and I think these trash of human beings should not exist. It is as tho these people were wearing cloak of ugliness. But Overall this is a very good book in terms of knowledge and for entertainment I'd give it a 9/10. But the thing that truly hits about this book is how the writer puts her heart and soul into it. I have nothing but upmost respect for Toni Morrison. So Mark I hope I didn't spoil a lot for you have a good day and be sure to read this book.

From:KaungSitt

7/29/2021

Dear Kyi Zar,

Heya! I hope you are safe and I'm sure you are getting bored so I brought you a book review. It's about a novel called the bluest eye. It is a masterpiece written by Toni Morrison. I love it because it talks about issues like abuse against women and children. It also talks about misconceived beauty standards. I also cried when the book talked about issues that black women face due to the ridiculous beauty standards. Well, that's all for now. I hope you read the book and make sure to read it because it is so good. Make sure to also have some tissues nearby incase since you will need to wipe your tears.

Love,

Khin Khin Khant



15 Chamberman Building,
183 Maple Street,
Columbus, Wisconsin
22nd July 2021

Dear Kyi Phyu Naing,

How are you doing? I hope both you and your family are healthy and safe. I’m actually doing great if you were wondering. I am just writing to you to recommend you a book that I really enjoyed. I could say that it is my new favorite book.

Now, let me give you some information on the book. It is called ‘The Bluest Eye’ by Toni Morrison. Toni is a winner of the Nobel prize. She is also an American novelist, essayist, book editor, and on top of that, a college professor. The book was the author’s first and it was published in 1970. It even won the National Book Critics Circle Award. ‘The Bluest Eye’ is about an African-American girl in Loraine, Ohio during the 1940s. Her name is Pecola Breedlove and she was eleven years old. She lives in an abusive family. Pecola strongly believes that she is ugly and that the only thing that will make her beautiful is having blue eyes. The story is told by the perspective of a town member who befriends the main character. It has many triggering subjects such as child sexual assault, alcohol abuse and many more. This story is kind of difficult to get through but in my opinion, I think that is what makes it more memorable. I still cannot forget it. I think it will stick with me forever. All the characters in the book are all important and complex for their own reasons.

The main idea of this book is about the oppression of black women. It’s about how women suffer the terror of racial oppression also the violation and persecution conducted by men. I am recommending you this very well-written book because African-American culture is a very wonderful genre to read. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did. Let me know your personal thoughts on the book soon.

Lots of love,

Kyal Sin Htut

Dear Khin Khin Khant

Hi. I am writing a letter to let you know that a novel called the bluest eye and I recommend you to read it.

So, it is about the two preteen sisters, Frieda, and Claudia MacTeer, live with their parents in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. MacTeer take on a lodger, whom the girls call Mr. Henry, and for a brief period they take in a quiet, unhappy 11-year-old classmate of Frieda and Claudia's named Pecola Breedlove. The girls befriend Pecola, who comes from a very troubled household; her father, Cholly, is often drunk, and he and her mother, Polly, fight physically and verbally. Pecola considers herself ugly and unworthy of love, and believes that if only she could have blue eyes, she would be pretty and happy. Readers learn the life events that have shaped Polly and Cholly, led them to marry, and led them to their unfortunate state.

At the novel's end, Claudia acknowledges that she and all the townspeople of Lorain are partially to blame for what happened to Pecola. They do not ignore her out of fear or disgust, but because they feel responsible for what she has become. They have failed her. That it for now I hope you enjoy this.

Love,
Kyi Zar Phyu

Crime and Punishment

Myanmar, Yangon,
Thingangyun Township,
30th July, 2021

Dear Kaung Sitt Nyein,

Hello. I am writing to tell you about a book that changed my life. It is called Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky, a Russian novelist. Dostoevsky has themes of poverty, manipulation and morality in this book and it has worked really well.

The story follows Rodya Raskolnikov, an intelligent Russian man whose thoughts and actions impact this story. He believes that intelligent people can be excused from their punishment. He uses Napoleon, a French general, to help him with the morals of his murder despite ignoring the fact that the general was sent to exile for his crimes. Raskolnikov murders Alyona Ivanovna, an old and cruel pawnbroker who abuses her sister Lizaveta. Dostoevsky uses her to signify hollow morality as she wears two crosses but in reality, she is cruel and selfish. Raskolnikov’s love interest, Sonia Marmeladov acts as the moral compass of the novel. She is forced into prostitution to support her family. Dostoevsky uses her character to show that some people are forced to do crimes for the good of their family and friends. Dmitri Razumihin, Raskolnikov’s friend, acts as the opposite of Rodya. Instead of having a pessimistic view on life, Dmitri has an optimistic view on life and is able to support Raskolnikov’s family as soon as he can. The story also introduces Raskolnikov’s sister, Dunya. A smart and brilliant woman who, unlike Raskolnikov, is able to think first rather than act first. Dunya’s fiancé, Lezhin is an old and manipulative man who uses people to be indebted to him. Another manipulative person is Svidrigailov, a sexual predator who has no morals and represents the future of Raskolnikov if he keeps sticking to his ideology of crime and punishment.

It is a great book that delves into the ideology of morality and crime. This book answers the question of what goes through a criminal’s mind as Dostoevsky was also went through prison before writing this.

Your Friend,
Myat Phone Pyae Zaw

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Dear Kaung Khant Kyaw,

In this letter I would like to recommend you a book. Its name is “The Bluest Eye”. There are 5 main characters, Claudia is a character who represents the author, she had a hard and rough life but she has loving and stable family which was opposite from Pecola. Another character is Pecola, she believes she is ugly, she wants blue eyes and she was raped by her father. Next character is Cholly he was abandoned by his mom and was forced to rape his daughter. Pauline is Pecola’s mom, she works for a white family. The last main character is Frieda who is Claudia’s sister, she bonds with Pecola. This novel is an interesting novel and I really enjoy it. It is mainly about Pecola and her father Cholly. I also think you will enjoy this book and please don’t forget to read and reply me.

From your friend



To Han Zin Hein,

I am here today with another book review! I heard that you were a big fan for crime thrillers so I bring forward Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky, written in 1866. The story follows a former student named Rodion Raskolnikov on his journey, full of regrets and crime. Rodion was an ill man – both mentally and physically. Not to mention, he suffers from great poverty – which might have been one of the biggest reasons for him causing a murder. Despite that, Rodion was a handsome and smart lad.

You might ask, “What murder?!” To put it short, Rodion decided to end a pawn breaker's life with an axe on one evening. In addition, he killed Lizaveta – the unexpected sister of the victim as she walked in on Rodion during the crime scene. The rest of the book circles around Rodion’s thoughts of his crimes as the police start suspecting him. I really enjoyed how the writer put to sentences together and how he described certain things.

The question everyone’s asking is “Did Rodion get caught?” That’s for me to shrug and you to find out! Now sit down, get your reading glasses out and begin reading Crime and Punishment! It is a great read and I hope you take my recommendation! Tell me if you need any more page-turners. Talk to you soon!

From Saung Phyu Sin Htun

Dear Ekari,

I recommend you this novel book called the bluest eye the author who created it called Toni Morrison and tells the story of a young African-American girl named Pecola who grew up following the Great Depression. The message of Bluest Eye beauty is related to society 's perception and acceptance of white culture and its impact on African Americans that causes them to question their self in a racist society. It tells the story of an African American girl named Pecola, an 11-year-old who is basically described as poor, black, and ugly. This extract marks a new chapter in the story and introduces the new character. The impact of this extract of the audience emphasizes Pecola shamed for her skin and show self-hatred. And also, the Bluest Eye story teaches students the harsh truths of the racist society in America and how that environment, along with a person's dysfunctional family, can reinforce notions of self-hatred and distorted perceptions of reality. Make sure u read that novel book because I also know that people around the world shamed black people for their skin we shouldn't, because they are also the same human begins like us so that is how people get lesson from that. I hope you enjoy that novel book. Is just a powerful read, not for the faint hearted.

From ,Su Lei

Dear Aung Min Hein,

I hope you are staying safe and taking care of yourself as it is especially important to do so in this kind of time. I know it is a bit boring, having to stay at home for most of the time. Have you been taking up some new hobbies? As for me, I have lately started reading, and I have recently read some good books that I am certain you will love. There is a particular novel called “The Bluest Eye” by Toni Morrison, that I finished reading last night.

The book focuses on the life of a young African-American girl named “Pecola” and her desire for blue eyes. Somewhere in Ohio, USA, Claudia and her sister Frieda live with their parents, and Pecola Breedlove, a foster child, whose house got burned down by her unstable father. Having parents who are constantly fighting, and growing up with an alcoholic sexually abusive father, poor Pecola had a very rough childhood. People in Pecola’s neighborhood and school community consider her as an “ugly” girl, because of the socially constructed ideas of beauty. An addition to that, Pecola desires for blue eyes to “beautify” herself, as a way to escape the oppression she has to experience on a daily basis as to her having dark skin. But I am not going to tell you further details about the book, as I do not want to spoil you by giving you too much information.

The book vividly talks about racism issues, elaborates on how hurtful racism is, demonstrates on how it makes a significant impact on one’s life. I severely recommend this book and I hope you will like it as much as I do. This is all for now, but feel free to let me know if you want more books to read because I still have a ton of books that you should check out!

Stay safe xx

Bye,

Than Thar Zaw

Dear Aung Kaung Myat,

I would like to recommend you a book that I really enjoyed reading during the school break. The book is called “The Bluest Eye”. It is a debut novel by a Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison. It was published in 1970. The story took place in the author’s hometown of Lorain, Ohio, 1940-1941. The book tells the horrendous story of Pecola Breedlove, an African American girl coming from an abusive home.

Pecola is an eleven-year-old black girl who believes that she is ugly and only having blue eyes will fix that. Claudia is a nine years old friend of Pecola and who is also the child of Pecola's foster parents. She too suffers from racist beauty standard and material insecurity, but have a very loving and stable family, which makes all the difference for her. Claudia is an independent and strong-minded where else Pecola is sensitive and delicate. Claudia is the only character that is not obsessed with Western standards of beauty through her hatred of white dolls and Shirley Temple.

To find out more about the story, I would recommend you to read it. A reminder- this book is about an incredibly sad story. The main idea of the story is society's perception and acceptance of white culture and its impact on African Americans that causes them to question their self-worth in a racist society.

Sincerely,

Thant Yadanar Su

Dear Aung Hein Khant

Hi, how are you doing. I hope you are doing well. I am writing to you to tell you about an amazing book that I just read. The name of the book is Crime and Punishment (The Role of the Dream of the Dying Horse in Understanding Raskolnikov's Psyche).

The story starts with a man name Raskolnikov wanders about the streets back home. Then he was wanting to sleep, while he was on the road so he went to a nearby bush. He as he started falling asleep felt that he has enter an another world which seem more real than his world.

Finally, He woke up and found out it wasn't a dream. Everything he did happen in his world. I thought you would enjoy it because you like reading about crime.

Talk to you soon,

Thiha Saw

