

Book Review #1

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**Hinton, S. E. The Outsiders. New York: Penguin, 1995. Print.
180 pages**

I just completed the book The Outsiders, by S. E. Hinton and it is one of the best books I've ever read. The main characters include three brothers and several of their good friends who are known as greasers. Ponyboy tells the story in first person; he is the youngest of three brothers who live alone together because their parents were killed in a car crash. Ponyboy's best friend is Johnny with whom he runs away after they are involved in a park brawl with their enemies, the Socs, and Johnny stabs and kills one of them. There are many conflicts in this story, most of them external. One of these conflicts occurs when the church where Johnny and Ponyboy are hiding out catches fire and several children are trapped inside. Another conflict is a rumble between the greasers and the Socs to determine who is the reigning gang. There were many exciting parts in the book, but my favorite was near the end when Ponyboy visited Johnny in the hospital after Johnny was critically injured in the church fire.

"Ponyboy."

I barely heard him. I came closer and leaned over to hear what he was going to say.

"Stay gold, Ponyboy. Stay gold..." The pillow seemed to sink a little, and Johnny died. (page 148)

I recommend this book to anyone who hasn't already read it, and if you like this book you'd also like another book by S.E. Hinton called That was Then, This is Now.

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1200 + pages	= 98-100
1000 - 1199 pages	= 90 - 97
800 - 999 pages	= 84 - 90
600 - 799 pages	= 78 - 83
0 - 599 pages	= 50