

Cox-Clark, Ruth. *Tantalizing Tidbits for Teens 2: More Quick Booktalks for the Busy High School Library Media Specialist*. Columbus, OH: Linworth Publishing, Inc. 2007. 152 p. \$36.95 (ISBN: 978-1-58683-235-3)

Librarians and educators serving teens will love having this title on hand for those days when an insatiable, reluctant or struggling reader walks up and says “I can’t find anything good to read.” Cox-Clark not only dishes up booktalks for 75 teen attractive titles, she also provides an annotation, suggested excerpt for a read-aloud, curriculum connections, and a list of similar titles.

The first four sections of *Tantalizing Tidbits for Teens 2* introduce the structure of the book, sources for recommended reading lists, background on the Michael L. Printz Award, and most notably, a terrific primer on booktalking techniques. Cox-Clark reminds readers that “Booktalking is a lot like acting, but in this case, the booktalker is also the writer, the producer, and the director.” Her pre- and post-booktalk advice is excellent, and important to include when planning a booktalk in library, media center, or classroom.

Cox-Clark’s booktalks are on target in length, teasers, and tone and will help sell these titles to teens. All selected titles are still in print at the time of this review, and the author notes that *none* of the titles listed in the similar titles section for each book are included in *Tantalizing Tidbits ...* giving it added points as a great reader’s advisory tool. Librarians may wish to browse it when doing collection development as well, since along with the usual author and title indices, a subject index is included. A final appendix contains a reproducible student evaluation form.

Highly recommended for all YA and teen services librarians and media specialists, middle and high school language arts teachers, and literacy specialists.

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