**"Read" Dating**

There is no such thing as a student who hates to read...just a student who hasn't found the right book yet. You don't hate reading...you just hate boring reading (and I don't blame you)! Use your matchmaking skills to find the book that is right for you.

Here are some tips for finding "the one."

1) **Check out your “date” by starting with its outside appearance - the cover.** Does the book look interesting? Does the picture, font, or artwork make you want to know more?

2) **Flirt/Make small talk**. DON'Tjust judge the book by its cover. Flip through it. Read the first couple of pages. Read the back cover. Read reviews. Are you intrigued? Does the style of writing appeal to you? Go into reading looking for reasons to like the book.If the book seems like a fit for you, go to the next step.

4) **The Commitment or The Break-Up:** Decide if you want to read the book or not. If you look for reasons to break up, you'll find them. Remember: if you make it through a certain number of pages, and you are just not feeling it, feel free to break up with it! Don't force it. If one doesn't work, there are millions more out there. *There are plenty of fish in the sea.*

Also play match-maker by recommending good reads to your friends!

**Your goal by the end of the hour is to select the first book you would like to read for your fun/choice reading. You should try to “date” at least 5 books by the end of class today, spending a few minutes on each date. Completing the optional chart on the back of this page to help you with the process. After you're done, you will make your final selection. If, after five rounds, you do not have a book chosen, see Ms. Nafso or Mrs. Isaac to be set up on a “blind date.” Have fun!**

**You can also check goodreads.com for recommendations for you!**

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| **Name**  What’s the book’s name? | **Check out:**  The book’s cover.  Is it hot or not? | | **Small Talk:**  Read the back cover or inner book jacket – are you compelled to engage in conversation? | | **Meaningful Conversation**  Read the first few pages. What’s going on with this book? Do you want to go out this weekend? | | **Yes/No/Maybe?** |
| Interested | Not Interested | Interested | Not Interested | Interested | Not Interested |  |
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Wish List (Titles I want to Read):