

“Books Are So Cool” Readers Theatre Script
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All	Books are soooo cool!	All	Vampires [sound effect]
2	They’re such dramas! [gesture]	All	First kiss, [sound effect]
3	They’ll make you laugh, [sound effect]	All	Bullies, [sound effect]
4	They’ll make you cry, [sound effect]	All	And a family reunited [sound effect]
5	They’ll make you mad, [sound effect]	2	Are just part of the journey.
6	They’ll make you sigh. [sound effect]	3	Check out this book,
1 & 2	Sit back and listen.	1, 2	Relax,
3 & 4	As we tell you about	3	Take your shoes off.
All	four awesome books.	All	Take your shoes off? [sound effect]
5 & 6	We know you’ll enjoy.	1, 2, 3	You’ll be there for a while.
7	Drugs,	All	It’s a hard-knock life. (sing)
8	Dating,	4	If you have a hard-knock life,
9	Mischief,	5	A chaotic family,
10	And death.	6	And a hard time just trying to make it through the day,
All	Drugs, Dating, Mischief, and Death [gesture]	4	You can relate to
All	<i>That was Then, This is Now</i>	All	<i>Scorpions</i>
7	by S. E. Hinton covers it all.	4	by Walter Dear Myers.
8	Mark and Bryon are best friends	5	A brother in jail,
9	But challenges come and their friendship could be broken.	6	Guns,
10	Will they survive the hard world?	4	Gangs,
9	Love,	6	And fights,
10	Friendship,	All	Guns, gangs, and fights [gesture]
8	Gangs,	5	All play a part in this modern-day tragedy.
7	and Tragedies.	All	<i>Scorpions</i>
9	Love,	4	will hold you attention from the first page
10	Friendship,	5, 6	Until the last.
8	Gangs,	All	Check it out! [gesture]
7	and Tragedies [gesture] [sound effect]	7	Everyone in Joe Matthews’ family has a special gift.
10, 9	Once you pick it up,	8	David is very athletic and intelligent.
All	<i>That was Then, This is Now</i>	9	Paul can paint like a god.
7	It’s just too hard to put down.	10	Joe can make up beautiful stories.
All	Uh huh [gesture]	All	But there are two {gesture} problems:
1	If laughter is more your style,	7	Paul won’t stop pumping drugs into his arm
2	Christopher Paul Curtis is the author for you.	8	And his mother loves him so much
All	<i>Bud, not Buddy</i>	9	She leaves everyone else out.
3	is the hilarious misadventures	10	Sharon Bell Mathis lets us see inside the Matthews’ family
1	set during the Great Depression	7	As Joe tries to keep his family together in
2	of an orphan who escapes from a foster home	All	<i>A Teacup Full of Roses.</i>
3	in search of his “suspected” father.	7	But just as his plan begins to unfold,
1	Vampires,	8	Something happens that changes their lives forever.
2	First kiss,		
3	Bullies,		
1	And a family reunited.		

9 What happens is
All {Whisper} Who, what, when, where,
 how
10 [gesture] Go check out the book!
ALL Books are soooo cool!
2 They're such dramas! [gesture]
3 They'll make you laugh, [sound
 effect]
4 They'll make you cry, [sound effect]
5 They'll make you mad, [sound effect]
7 What are you waiting for?
All Go checkout a book!! Duh!!! [gesture]

