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Knowledge Bowl State Team, Indigo Gould, Hazel Windstorm, Elijah Hill, Stuart Dow, Mateu Yearian, and Hugh Wentzel proudly hold their state championship trophy. (Photo Credit: Mr. Dow)

PTHS Knowledge Bowl Goes to State

By Maggie Emery

Port Townsend Knowledge Bowl is known for demolishing the competition. The team as a whole won both regional competitions, even against bigger 2A schools like Central Kitsap and Port Angeles. They easily qualified for state and left school early on Friday, March 22nd, headed for Yakima. The state

Knowledge Bowl team consisted of six seniors, Stuart Dow, Inigo Gould, Hazel Windstorm, Mateu Yearian, Hugh Wentzel, and Elijah Hill, all of whom are deeply experienced with Knowledge Bowl.

The state team faced challenging teams at state but didn't falter in scoring high and laughing along the way. Each member of the team was skilled at knowledge bowl and

the superstitions that come with it. Before the start of each match, the team pretended to zip up coats they weren't wearing because Knowledge Bowl students sport their fashionable dark blue Knowledge Bowl sweatshirts at competitions. They also stood together, feet apart and hands on their hips, a position known as the "power pose." Both of these superstitions are said to bring

them the confidence and power they need to win the round, and this year, no one can say it didn't work.

Starting with the written round, Hazel reflected that it "was the best I've personally ever done." During most knowledge bowl rounds, a team will get around 15 points if they do well. The PT team got 28 points in one round, crushing their opponents.

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Paging

By Halsey Emery

Working with governors and senators, learning the complete legislative process, and spending a week with some of my closest friends was one of the best experiences I have ever had and one I'll never forget. During a week-long program, students from 7th to 11th grade worked at the Washington State Capitol building. Being a page is an opportunity only a small portion of students get to experience, and isn't like any other. As a page, that involves talking to representatives, bringing notes or tools around campus, letting people into buildings, and completing simple tasks to help legislators with their day.

The most exciting and enriching part of being a page is staying on

the floor of the House, or Senate. The only people allowed on this floor during session are legislators, pages, and several other important people. When a page gets to be on the floor, they see the legislative process in action. Not only do they get to witness this process, but also interact with it. The main job of a page on this floor is to bring notes from one legislator to another. As a page, getting a job on the floor was the most exciting part of my day.

Another job a page has is to escort lobbyists to meet with their legislators. A big part of the United States government is that the public can voice their opinion, which is what lobbyists do. Lobbyists are people who come to the capitol to talk to senators or representatives. They give their opinions, stories, and try to persuade the legislature to vote a

certain way. Lobbyists will often bring treats for legislatures, which are sometimes shared with pages.

Most of the time pages are in the page room. The page room is a room where the pages catch up on homework, read, play games, or just hang out. While in the page room, pages get jobs called page runs. These jobs are little tasks like bringing a computer charger from one office to another, or going to a supply room and getting highlighters for legislatures. A unique job entails getting a specific legislature the grapefruit he asks for daily.

The last main activity pages do is page school. For two hours a day, pages learn—in-depth—all about the legislative process. Pages learn how a bill becomes a law, the different levels of government in Washington State, and who represents them in their

government. Just like regular school, pages get to do projects to show what they learned. My favorite project as a page was one where we got to create a bill. This bill was based on a problem assigned to us. After we created our bill, we performed a mock committee hearing where we voted on whether a bill should pass as law or not. My bill passed the hearing easily.

Overall, paging was one of the best weeks of my life. I met new friends and Washington's representatives. Paging made me feel involved in my government, and made me realize I have a bigger impact than I thought I did. Paging was a great experience and I would recommend it to anyone considering it.

The Starless Sea

By Zoe Pruden

The ABC club—A Book Club—is a non-official student lead group that's chosen twelve books to read and review during 2024. The January read—*the Starless Sea* by Erica Morgenstern—was a resounding success, with a high rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars. With masterful prose and a mix of complicatedly adorable characters, Morgenstern creates an addictive read that tackles the question of fate vs free will. The adorkable Zachary Ezra Rowlands plows through library after library, stopping dead in his tracks when he finds a book detailing his life up to that moment. In shock, Zachary's whisked away into the magical world of the *Starless Sea*, where he battles hidden enemies, discovers more about what it means to be human, and poten-

tially, finds love. Chalked full of literary references and gorgeous imagery, *the Starless Sea* delivers a delightful read that the ABC club absolutely adored. The ABC club 100% recommends!

“The idea of the book is plot driven because it's a book about fate, but really it's up to the characters to decide what actually happens.” -ABC club member

“It's written like a book that knows it's a book, and it's meant to be read that way.” -ABC club member

“I think the names say a lot about the character. For me, the name Zachary is scholarly, and maybe a little bit stuck-up... Dorian has an air of mystery, like literary characters connected to writing... and Mirabel, is a very mysterious name that you don't hear a lot in English literature,

which reflects the mystique behind her character... And Simon is a very basic name, but you see a lot of different people with the name Simon, so it has a lot of complexity.”

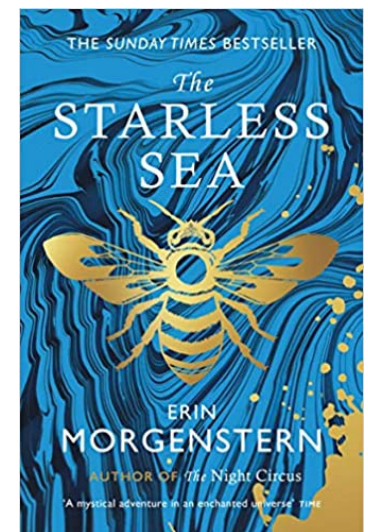
ABC members' favorite quotes from *the Starless Sea*

“Everyone wants the stars. Everyone wishes to grasp that which exists out of their reach. To hold the extraordinary in their hands and keep the remarkable in their pockets.” (103)

“Don't you want to know the secret to surviving once you've gone down the rabbit hole?” Zachary nods and Mirabel leans forward. Her eyes are ringed with gold. “Be a rabbit,” she says.” (180)

“Simon is an only child, his name inherited from an older brother who died at birth. He is

a replacement. He sometimes wonders if he is living someone else's life, wearing someone else's shoes and someone else's name.” (251)



Rating: 4.5/5



Aliyah Yearian seen reading in the library

2024 Reading Lists, According to a Few Avid Readers at Port Townsend High School

By Rennie O'Donnell

Rather than reading another summary and strongly-voiced opinion on another novel about complex characters and strange themes, I decided that my contribution to this month's article should be interviews with a few students around the school who I know read as much, if not significantly more, than I do. Zoe Pruden, Panya Cao, Sevryn Rust, Adeline McMillen, and myself talk about books, goals, inspiration, and a few favorites.

As of early March, but changing daily, Zoe has gotten 16 books into the whopping list of 100 that she will read in 2024. When I asked her about how she, or anyone, could read that much in a year, I appreciated the honest answers she gave me.

"First of all, it's a passion of mine that I really enjoy, and

secondly, since I'm a writer myself and am currently working on creating my own novel," she feels like "constantly consuming new material and especially in the new genre that I'm trying to emulate is helpful not only from a world-building perspective but also to see how characters interact with each other and to effectively portray a part of the story."

Few people are as driven as Zoe, and luckily for me, the inspiration I receive from her outweighs the intimidation of someone so successful. With a book already released and another on the way at the age of 16, she motivates many of us and encourages the pursuit of our passions.

Her 2024 book list includes: *The Starless Sea*, *The Sun and the Star*, *The shadows*, *Project Hail Mary*, *Everything leads to you*, *Norwegian Wood* (a personal favorite of mine), *A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, *Piranesi*, *Vampire-84*, *Immortality*, *If We*

Were Villains, and more.

Panya Cao, a senior, sailor, and lover of fantasy, is hugely inspired to read by the way that stories can help a reader enter a second world and feel understood. "Reading is really a habit for me if nothing else. I think as a kid reading was my escape, and I kind of just kept on doing it until it became more than that and my love for reading evolved. I think that books are a really powerful medium for communication and understanding, because most stories are universal, and I think part of my love for books came from the fact that I could always find something I related to or understood, when I couldn't understand the concept myself." Her dedication stems from, according to Panya, a severe addiction that she "can't stop, so here we are." Panya's goal is 50, which was apparently her average for the past few years and she now has decided that instead of the pressure and commitment, she

wants to read more for enjoyment. She never tried to read to a goal in the past, ensuring that she could read when she wanted to, and what she wanted to. Now, her goal is more to encourage herself to read rather than set a high number that forces her to. Knowing Panya though, this means that she will probably end up reading over 100 books.

With 16 down in 2 months as well as over 50 books read every year for the past few years, Panya never hesitates to offer personalized recommendations, having read almost every book written. Her normal taste ranges from fantasy to the most obscure sailing guides, and this year Panya's list of books to read in 2024 include: *The Bluest eye*, *The Source of Self Regard*, *Vicious*, *Unsheltered*, *Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid*, *Slaughter House Five*, and *Bee Sting*.

PTHS Knowledge Bowl Goes to State, Cont.

A big part of their success can be attributed to their uniquely fast buzz speeds compared to others. It's something that everyone on the PTHS Knowledge Bowl team, not just the state team, is proud of. Hazel added, "It meant we'd miss questions, but it also meant we a got a lot of them before anyone else could even ring in... In the end, it really paid off." By the end of the morning rounds, PT had the top score of all the teams.

The following rounds

proved to be more challenging. The most difficult round was the round with the highest stakes. It determined whether they would play in the bracket for 1st-3rd place or 4th-6th place. The team was tied at the end of the round and went into a tense 10-question tiebreaking period, staying tied until the 9th question when they secured the win. Then, in the championship round, PT fought hard to win 1st place, securing the trophy for the second year in

a row.

While winning was the goal, everyone also had an incredibly fun experience. "We spent the whole care ride home blasting music and singing along, it was awesome," said Hazel. Indigo brought some silliness and fun times to the competition as well, drinking an entire half gallon of chocolate milk and carrying it with him everywhere. The chocolate milk is pictured above. Overall, PTHS Knowledge

Bowl had a very successful year, winning state for the second year in a row and creating a warm atmosphere for everyone involved during the state competition and regular regional competitions. PTHS Knowledge Bowl proved that even underfunded small rural school districts can be unstoppable due to the dedication and care that each teacher and student puts into the school and the club.



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Thanks for reading,

Maggie

