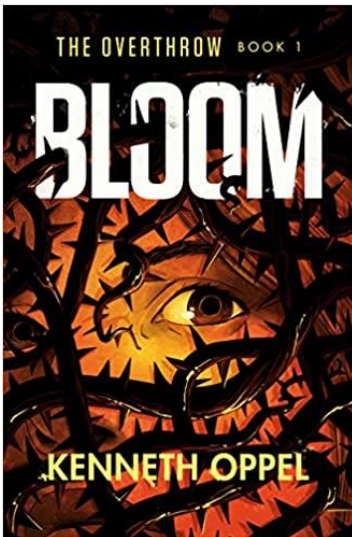


Afterschool Reading Program for Students in grades 5-8

Do you need reading help? Do you need help reaching your AR Goal? Or, do you simply want to part of a small group book club? This year I am excited to offer an after-school reading program. We will meet over the course of a few weeks after school. During these sessions, we will read and analyze a different novel in a book club setting. At the completion of it, the students will also take an AR test on the novel. Each session is limited to 12 students, first come first served.

This session, we will analyze the Sunshine State Book Bloom by Kenneth Oppel. The novel is a 4.8 book level and worth **10 AR points**.



"The perfect book right now for young readers searching for hope, strength, inspiration — and just a little horticultural havoc."—*New York Times*

The first book in a can't-put-it-down, can't-read-it-fast-enough action-thriller trilogy that's part *Hatchet*, part *Alien*!

The invasion begins--but not as you'd expect. It begins with rain. Rain that carries seeds. Seeds that sprout--overnight, everywhere. These new plants take over crop fields, twine up houses, and burrow below streets. They bloom--and release toxic pollens. They bloom--and form Venus flytrap-like pods that swallow animals and people. They bloom--everywhere, unstoppable.

Or are they? Three kids on a remote island seem immune to the toxic plants. Anaya, Petra, Seth. They each have strange allergies--and yet *not* to these plants. What's their secret? Can they somehow be the key to beating back this invasion? They'd better figure it out fast, because it's starting to rain again...

Meeting Information: We will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 21 and Thursday, September 23

Tuesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 30

Tuesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 7

Tuesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 14 *

***Note: We will conclude this novel study at the beginning of the 2nd quarter so these 10 AR points would count for the 2nd quarter.**

We will meet each of the above days from **3:30 – 4:45 in my classroom**. An afternoon snack will be provided, along with a copy of the novel for each student. Pick up will be at 4:45 downstairs by the gym at 4:45. If aftercare is needed, I will then check your child in to aftercare.

To participate in this afterschool reading book club, please sign this form and send \$125.00 payable to Carrie Gammell.

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____