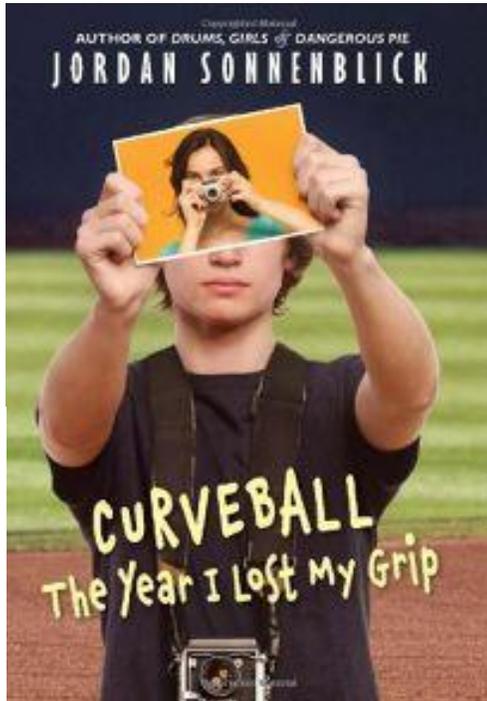




# SEMME'S MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING OPTIONS

## CURVEBALL:

THE YEAR I LOST MY GRIP



Meet Peter Friedman, high school freshman. Talented photographer. Former baseball star. When a freakish injury ends his pitching career, Peter has some major things to figure out. Is there life after sports? Why has his grandfather suddenly given him thousands of dollars worth of camera equipment? And is it his imagination, or is the super-hot star of the girls' swim team flirting with him, right in front of the amazing new girl in his photography class? In his new novel, beloved teen author Jordan Sonnenblick performs his usual miraculous feat: exploring deep themes of friendship, romance, family, and tragedy, while still managing to be hilariously funny.

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OPTIONS FOR YOUR SUMMER READING PROJECT:

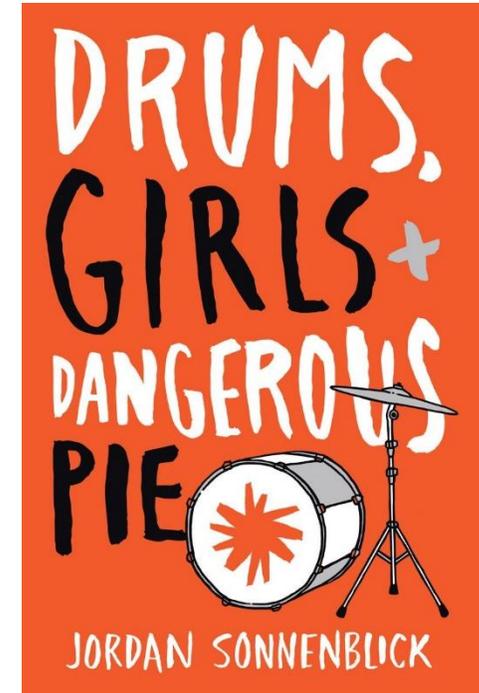
CHOOSE ONE! Write your name on your project.

1. Create a **mini-comic book** relating several chapters of the book. Include setting, characters, theme, and climax/conflict. Don't forget the name of the book and author on the cover.
2. Do a **"You are There" news program** reporting on a particular scene, character, or event in the book. Type two paragraphs for your report and film your self giving the report. Turn in film on flash drive or electronically. Be sure to include **FACTUAL** evidence from the book.
3. Create a **Paper-Slide video** using your cellphone or another recording device. If you are unsure of what this looks like, search online for ideas. It must include: 1-2 minute video, retelling of the story including key points such as plot line, characters, & setting, your own script with 10 illustrations, & your own voice, music, &/or sound effects.

# OR

## DRUMS GIRLS +

## DANGEROUS PIE



Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life (well, almost). He plays drums in the All-City Jazz Band (whose members call him the Peasant), has a crush on the hottest girl in school (who doesn't even know he's alive), and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey (who is cuter than cute, which is also pretty annoying). But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down, and he is forced to deal with his brother's illness, his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece, his homework, the band, girls, and Dangerous Pie (yes, you'll have to read the book to find out what that is!).