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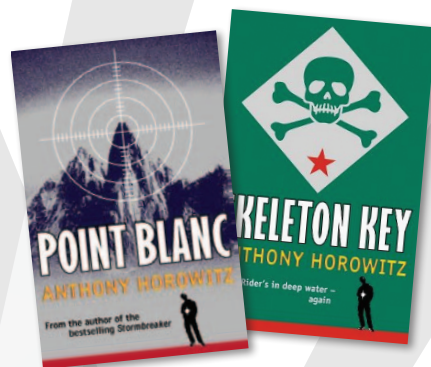
MOVIE AND BOOK REVIEWS



We asked - you answered! We wanted to hear about which books and movies you thought deserved thumbs up or thumbs down. Here's what our readers had to say:

1 ALEX RIDER BOOKS BY ANTHONY HOROWITZ "I think this is a great book series that I'm positive will pull you in and you might never want to put it down. Alex leads a thrilling and exciting life filled with adventure, comedy, and all the rest! If you can, you should try to read the books in order, otherwise the story is hard to follow if you skip around. Hope you enjoy!"

- Pritali Amrutkar, Troop 1239



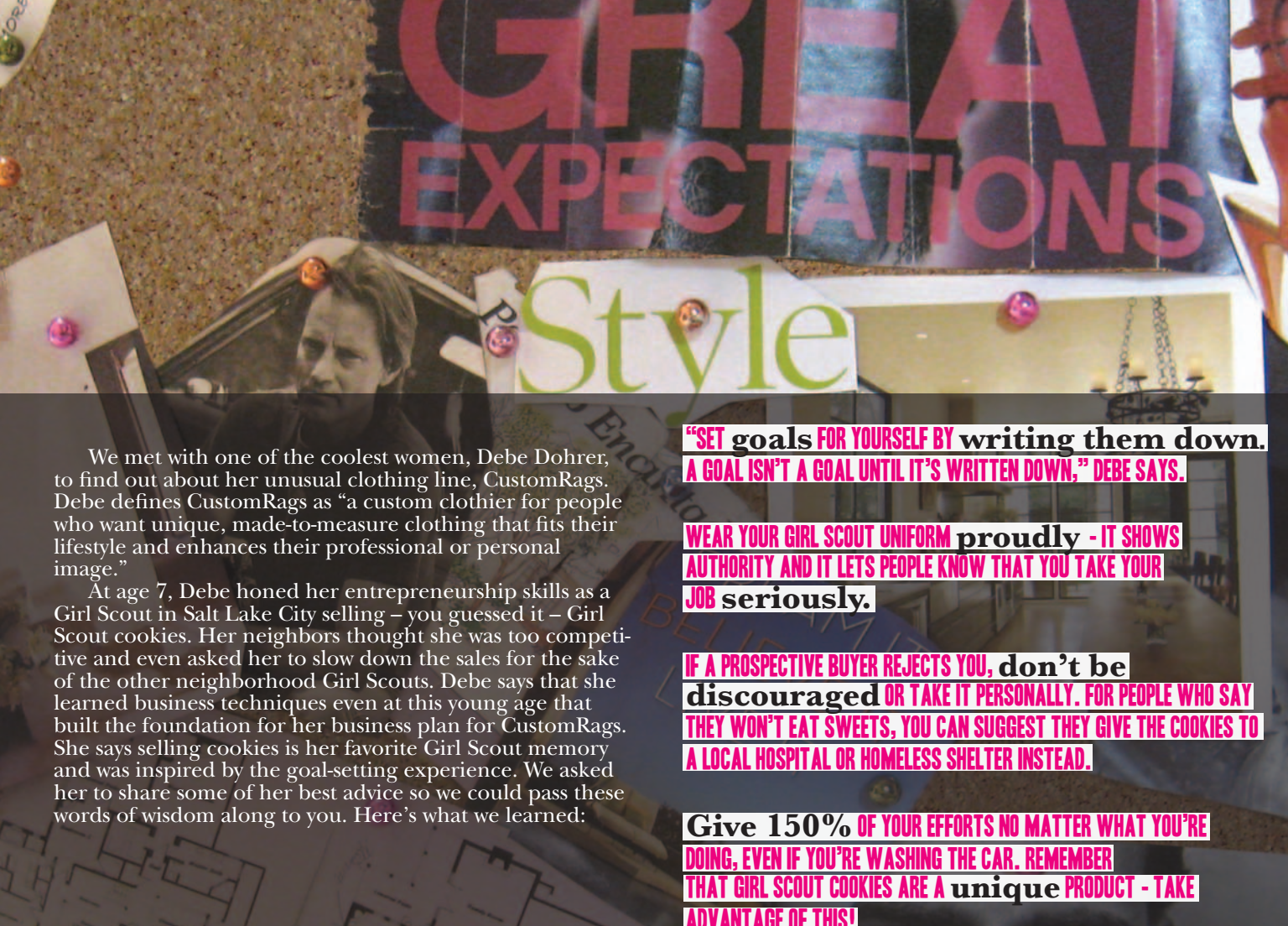
2 HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE BY J.K. ROWLING "Harry had been living with his over-sized aunt, uncle and horrible cousin Dudley for as long as he could remember. This family hated Harry and treated him unfairly, but everything changed when a giant man named Hagrid hobbled in through Harry's window, explaining that Harry would attend Hogwarts School of Wizardry. On the train to Hogwarts, Harry met a boy named Ron, who became his best friend, and a girl, who they thought was a snob. At Hogwarts, a teacher made Harry, Ron and the snob work in a group and many exciting times followed. The book makes you wonder how things will be at Hogwarts. Will a strange three-headed dog sighting on the forbidden third floor give them all just a scare?"

- Olivia Zietz, Troop 02818

3 THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET BY BRIAN SELZNICK "I think the Invention of Hugo Cabret is a wonderful novel with beautiful illustrations. This book made me think about things that I have never thought or heard of before, like an automaton that magicians use to amaze their crowds. This story is very unique, in my opinion, because I have never read a book about an orphan who lives in a train station rather than an orphanage. He steals food. His father had an automaton so Hugo Cabret steals automaton parts and he eventually finishes it. This brings me back to the fact that this is the best book I have ever read! I think everyone should read this book because it is so amazing you won't believe it!"

- Elizabeth Penn, troop 2818





We met with one of the coolest women, Debe Dohrer, to find out about her unusual clothing line, CustomRags. Debe defines CustomRags as “a custom clothier for people who want unique, made-to-measure clothing that fits their lifestyle and enhances their professional or personal image.”

At age 7, Debe honed her entrepreneurship skills as a Girl Scout in Salt Lake City selling – you guessed it – Girl Scout cookies. Her neighbors thought she was too competitive and even asked her to slow down the sales for the sake of the other neighborhood Girl Scouts. Debe says that she learned business techniques even at this young age that built the foundation for her business plan for CustomRags. She says selling cookies is her favorite Girl Scout memory and was inspired by the goal-setting experience. We asked her to share some of her best advice so we could pass these words of wisdom along to you. Here’s what we learned:

“SET goals FOR YOURSELF BY writing them down. A GOAL ISN’T A GOAL UNTIL IT’S WRITTEN DOWN,” DEBE SAYS.

WEAR YOUR GIRL SCOUT UNIFORM proudly - IT SHOWS AUTHORITY AND IT LETS PEOPLE KNOW THAT YOU TAKE YOUR JOB seriously.

IF A PROSPECTIVE BUYER REJECTS YOU, don’t be discouraged OR TAKE IT PERSONALLY. FOR PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY WON’T EAT SWEETS, YOU CAN SUGGEST THEY GIVE THE COOKIES TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL OR HOMELESS SHELTER INSTEAD.

Give 150% OF YOUR EFFORTS NO MATTER WHAT YOU’RE DOING, EVEN IF YOU’RE WASHING THE CAR. REMEMBER THAT GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE a unique PRODUCT - TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS!

“I HELPED YOU - NOW you go help others,” SAYS TOM BEEMAN, DEBE’S BUSINESS PARTNER. HE FINANCED THE LAUNCH OF HER CLOTHING CAREER AND DEBE SAYS THIS IS THE BEST ADVICE SHE’S EVER RECEIVED.

“I HAVE A CLOTHING TEASER THAT I MAIL TO PEOPLE. IT’S A GREETING CARD IN THE SHAPE OF A MAN’S SUIT AND TIE AND PEOPLE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THEM. IT’S JUST SOMETHING a little extra THAT LETS PEOPLE KNOW I AM INTERESTED IN THEIR BUSINESS,” DEBE SAYS. WE THOUGHT THIS WAS NEAT BECAUSE IT COULD TRANSLATE INTO COOKIES SALES - WHAT A COOL IDEA TO PUT A LITTLE “cookie teaser” - WHETHER IT’S A POSTCARD WITH A RIBBON OR YOUR PERSONAL COOKIE SALES SCHEDULE - IN THE MAILBOXES OF PEOPLE YOU SOLD TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

Debe has clients such as Jeff Fisher (the Titans head coach), “Pacman” Jones, Brett Favre’s wife Deanna and the C.E.O.s of Anheuser-Busch and Gaylord Entertainment. She advertises by word of mouth and referrals. Her office is based in Nashville, but she travels to many exotic places to meet clients for fittings and consultations. To see what else Debe is up to, visit her website at www.customrags.com.



debe showed us cool fabric samples

ASK DAISY

answering all of your questions about

friends, fashion, girl scouting, school,

life and more!



Q Dear Daisy -
I am getting made fun of a lot because my family isn't wealthy and kids at my school are making fun of me because I come to school wearing clothes that aren't as nice as theirs. What should I do?

- Amanda

A Dear Amanda -
I am so sorry you're having to deal with that. On the bright side, people who make fun of others are usually just trying to make themselves look better. Unfortunately, that doesn't make the problem go away. We thought of some good fashion basics that you can't go wrong with: Try buying basic items such as jeans and black pants to match with solid tops - then you can accessorize with trendy bags and jewelry, which are usually good bargains. Stay away from super trendy clothing because it will end up being out of style three months later. Another good tip - TJ Maxx and Old Navy have great deals, and Target has tons of cute sweaters this season too. When people tease you, try not to retaliate but instead just smile and remember that your self worth is never based on the cost of your clothes.

Q Dear Daisy -
I like this boy, but I don't know if he likes me. He talks to me and knows I exist, but how can I know for sure?

- Sarah

A Dear Sarah -
Boys are hard to figure out sometimes! If a boy is interested in you, he'll want to hang out but he might be shy about it at first. Try to be science lab partners and let

him get to know you a little more. It's always more fun to do things in groups too - invite him to a soccer game after school with a group of friends, or tell him to come to the opening night of the school play and go get ice cream afterwards. Doing out of the ordinary things are fun too - like feeding the ducks in the park or going ice skating together. Once he gets to know you a little more he'll probably let you know how he feels.

Q Dear Daisy -
I am really stuck. I want to play basketball and swim at the same time but the sports are in the same season. What should I do?

- Kayla

A Dear Kayla -
Sit down and weigh the pros and cons of each sport. Which one do you like more? Are you naturally better at one sport or the other? Are more of your

friends on one team? You could also do one sport competitively and the other one for fun at the Y.M.C.A. or on weekends with friends. Making decisions is tough - it might help to talk through your decision with a friend, coach, parent or teacher as well.

Q Dear Daisy -
I am trying my hardest in school but I'm always losing papers and getting bad grades because of my poor organization. How can I be more organized for my classes?

- Rachel

A Dear Rachel -
Organization is hard but once you have it down it helps so much! Our idea: Have one large binder with colorful tabs for every subject. (You can even

decorate the notebook with your favorite quotes or magazine clippings.) As soon as you finish your homework, put it in the binder so it doesn't get lost. If you wait, that's when the papers get lost. Another idea is to carry a calendar and have it open when your teachers are telling you about upcoming tests and due dates. If you have a friend in the class with you, get together to make a checklist each week of all of the homework for that class. That way you can hold each other accountable and make sure you've got everything completed on time.

WE WANT YOUR QUESTIONS!

EMAIL US AT

ASKDAISY@GSMIDTN.ORG

**ABOUT FRIENDS, LIFE,
FASHION, GIRL SCOUTS, SCHOOL,**

**OR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR
MIND. WE WANT TO HEAR IT!**