

## 7th Grade Summer Reading

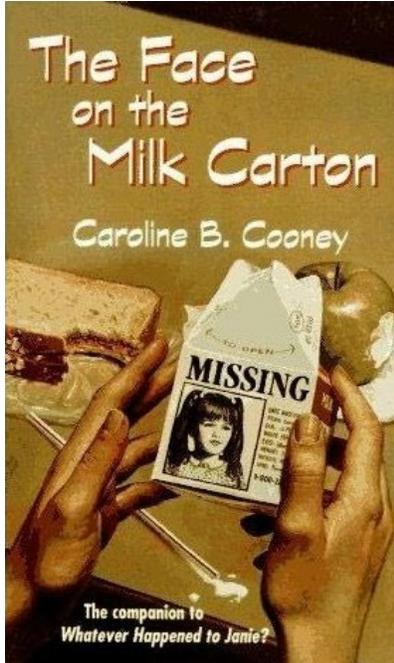
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Novel: The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline B. Cooney

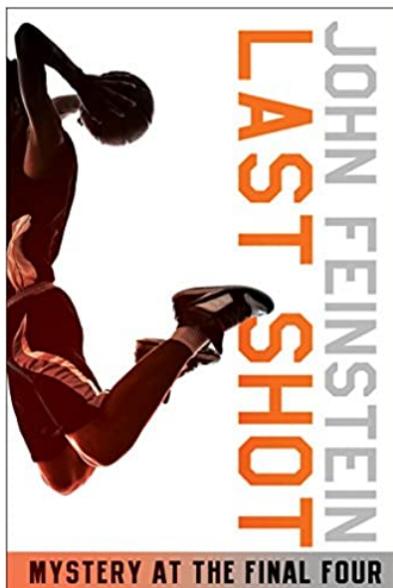
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Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery by John Feinstein



No one ever really paid close attention to the faces of the missing children on the milk cartons. But as Janie Johnson glanced at the face of the ordinary little girl with her hair in tight pigtails, wearing a dress with a narrow white collar—a three-year-old who had been kidnapped twelve years before from a shopping mall in New Jersey—she felt overcome with shock. She recognized that little girl—it was she. How could it possibly be true?

Janie can't believe that her loving parents kidnapped her, but as she begins to piece things together, nothing makes sense. Something is terribly wrong. Are Mr. and Mrs. Johnson really her parents? And if not, who is Janie Johnson, and what really happened?



When Stevie wins a writing contest for aspiring sports journalists, his prize is a press pass to the Final Four in New Orleans. While exploring the Superdome, he overhears a plot to throw the championship game. With the help of fellow contest winner Susan Carol, Stevie has just 48 hours to figure out who is blackmailing one of the star players . . . and why.

**Assignment:**

Students must keep a log on their novel. All entries in the log must be handwritten and 5-7 sentences in length. The log must include the following entries:

1. Description of each of the main characters. (20 points)
2. Conflict- problems or challenges that arise for the characters. (20 points)
3. Resolution- how the story ends. (20 points)
4. Theme-message or lesson learned in the novel. (20 points)
5. Discuss why you liked or disliked the novel. (20 points)

**There will be a comprehension test on this novel during the first week of school.**