**Charlie Joe Jackson’s Guide to NOT Reading** by Tommy Greenwald

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* Good for reluctant readers, especially boys, because it is the story of a middle school boy who doesn’t like to read
* And it’s written in the form that a reluctant reader would prefer – as CJ says in the book, “The chapters will be short. The pages will be shorter. And whenever possible, I will keep the words shortest. One syllable. Or less.”
* Written as a guide to:
  + Show kids how to get out of reading
  + Or how to make the best of it
* CJ says that the way to “read a book” is to read the back cover, the inside front flap, the first chapter, and the last chapter.
* Little “tips” are provided throughout the book: Tip #1 says that if you have to read a book, make sure it has short chapters. That way, if you are told to read 3 chapters, you can read three pages instead of thirty and still have read 3 chapters!

Charlie Joe has always had a deal with another kid – he buys Timmy extra ice cream at lunch and Timmy reads the books for him. But Timmy has stopped helping him out this year. Will Charlie Joe actually have to READ a book?? But it gets worse. Charlie Joe gets caught and his punishment? Over the summer …. WRITE a book. And so the Guide to Not Reading was born!

And kids love sequels. The author has already written Charlie Joe Jackson’s Guide to Extra Credit and Charlie Joe Jackson’s Guide to Summer Vacation will be out in May.

*~ Booktalk by Barbara Benton*