

Dear Parents,

Murder in Coweta County by Margaret Anne Barnes is a true (although biased, some contend) story based on the murder of Wilson Turner by John Wallace and Wallace's trial, and since the story does take place in both Meriwether County and Coweta County, the students have expressed an interest in reading it.

There's not many times students actually want to read a novel, so I asked Dr. Harley's permission. Due to the violence of the murder and disposal of the body in addition to racist language of the time and curse words, I do need your permission for students to select this novel.

Thank you,

Students may choose **one** of these two books to read over summer.

Murder in Coweta County by Margaret Anne Barnes. (Parent permission required) This is an award-winning true crime book about a 1948 murder and the subsequent investigation and trial. This book is set in Meriwether and Coweta counties and serves as a companion text for *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which students may read this year.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson. This novel addresses medical ethics. Jenna Fox survived a car accident but ended up in a coma. Now that she's awake, her family has moved across country, and she has many gaps in her memory. She is on a strict diet and has some physical limitations. Over the course of the novel, Jenna finds out more about her injuries and how she survived them.

Students will take a multiple-choice test for the novel they select at the start of the school year.

Parent Permission Slip:

I give permission for _____ (student name) to read *Murder in Coweta County* by Margaret Anne Barnes.

Signature _____ Date: _____