

Librarian Booktalk Guide for **Freaked** by J. T. Dutton
HarperTeen 2009

A: Interest Level: young adult (ages 15 and up), adult fans of the Grateful Dead

B: Genre: Literary Fiction, Historical, drug related

C. Related Topics: music of the Grateful Dead, the nineteen sixties, prep school

D. Booktalk Synopsis: Drugs, the Grateful Dead, and .45 caliber handgun—this is no ordinary concert for Scotty Loveletter. He's got to get to Freedom, and not having tickets isn't going to stop him. If dedicating his life to Jerry Garcia has taught him anything, Scotty knows he's got to keep on truckin' and smile, smile, smile.

E. One line Hook: **Freaked** is the story of finding and celebrating your own music wherever it might exist.

F. Related Reads:

Banks, Russell. **Rule of the Bone**. HarperCollins, 1996

Salinger, J. D. **Catcher in the Rye**. Back Bay Books: 2001

Wolfe, Tom **The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Tests**. Picador: 2008