

Preliminary PM Novel Groups

Novel: Hollow City

Adult Facilitator: Teri Price

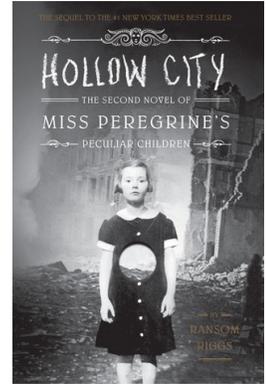
Hollow City (Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children #2)

by Ransom Riggs

The extraordinary journey that began in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children continues as Jacob Portman and his newfound friends journey to London the peculiar capital of the world. But in this war-torn city, hideous surprises lurk around every corner. Like its predecessor, this second novel in the Peculiar Children series blends thrilling fantasy with never-before-published vintage photography to create a one-of-a-kind reacting experience.

Hardcover, 396 pages

Published January 14th 2014 by Quirk Books



Group Members:

- Theo Balwit
- Olive Bell
- Robert Chandler
- Kirstin Cornell
- Izzy Saracco

Novel: Dead End in Norvelt

Adult Facilitator: Kelly Bocian

Dead End in Norvelt (Norvelt #1)

by Jack Gantos

Dead End in Norvelt is the winner of the 2012 Newbery Medal for the year's best contribution to children's literature and the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction!

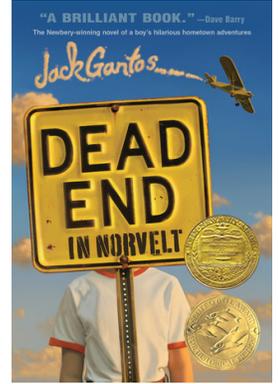
Melding the entirely true and the wildly fictional, *Dead End in Norvelt* is a novel about an incredible two months for a kid named Jack Gantos, whose plans for vacation excitement are shot down when he is "grounded for life" by his feuding parents, and whose nose spews bad blood at every little shock he gets.

But plenty of excitement (and shocks) are coming Jack's way once his mom loans him out to help a feisty old neighbor with a most unusual chore—typewriting obituaries filled with stories about the people who founded his Utopian town. As one obituary leads to another, Jack is launched on a strange adventure involving molten wax, Eleanor Roosevelt, twisted promises, a homemade airplane, Girl Scout cookies, a man on a trike, a dancing plague, voices from the past, Hells Angels . . . and possibly murder.

Endlessly surprising, this sly, sharp-edged narrative is the author at his very best, making readers laugh out loud at the most unexpected things in a dead-funny depiction of growing up in a slightly off-kilter place where the past is present, the present is confusing, and the future is completely up in the air.

Hardcover, 341 pages

Published September 13th 2011 by Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)



Group Members:

- Anders Fletcher
- Sophia Maghran
- Kylie Ristvedt
- Chloe Wright
- Will Yeigh
- Kate Zipper

Novel: Moon Over Manifest

Adult Facilitator: Deena Anreise

Discussions from 1:00-2:00

Moon Over Manifest

by Clare Vanderpool

The movement of the train rocked me like a lullaby. I closed my eyes to the dusty countryside and imagined the sign I'd seen only in Gideon's stories: Manifest—A Town with a rich past and a bright future.

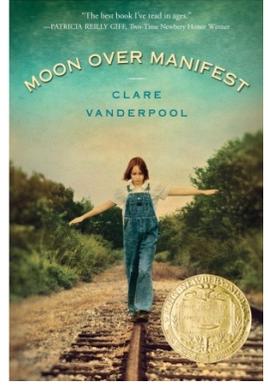
Abilene Tucker feels abandoned. Her father has put her on a train, sending her off to live with an old friend for the summer while he works a railroad job. Armed only with a few possessions and her list of universals, Abilene jumps off the train in Manifest, Kansas, aiming to learn about the boy her father once was.

Having heard stories about Manifest, Abilene is disappointed to find that it's just a dried-up, worn-out old town. But her disappointment quickly turns to excitement when she discovers a hidden cigar box full of mementos, including some old letters that mention a spy known as the Rattler. These mysterious letters send Abilene and her new friends, Lettie and Ruthanne, on an honest-to-goodness spy hunt, even though they are warned to "Leave Well Enough Alone."

Abilene throws all caution aside when she heads down the mysterious Path to Perdition to pay a debt to the reclusive Miss Sadie, a diviner who only tells stories from the past. It seems that Manifest's history is full of colorful and shadowy characters—and long-held secrets. The more Abilene hears, the more determined she is to learn just what role her father played in that history. And as Manifest's secrets are laid bare one by one, Abilene begins to weave her own story into the fabric of the town.

Powerful in its simplicity and rich in historical detail, Clare Vanderpool's debut is a gripping story of loss and redemption.

Hardcover, 368 pages



Winner of the 2011 Newbery Award.

Group Members:

- Killian Anreise
- Aiyana Helwig
- Mira Katz
- Mackenzie King
- Mimi Smith

Novel: Paperboy

Adult Facilitator: Andrea Hildebrand

Paperboy

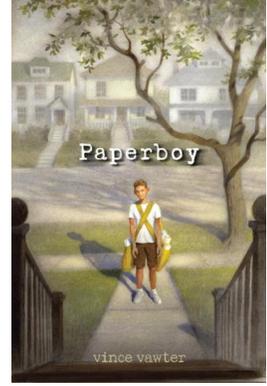
by **Vince Vawter** (Goodreads Author)

An 11-year-old boy living in Memphis in 1959 throws the meanest fastball in town, but talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering, not even his own name. So when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he knows he'll be forced to communicate with the different customers, including a housewife who drinks too much and a retired merchant marine who seems to know just about everything.

The paper route poses challenges, but it's a run-in with the neighborhood junkman, a bully and thief, that stirs up real trouble--and puts the boy's life, as well as that of his family's devoted housekeeper, in danger.

Hardcover, 240 pages

Published May 14th 2013 by Delacorte Books for Young Readers



Group Members:

- Caitlyn Berryman
- Haydn Bocian
- Sebastian Fell
- Noah Hildebrand
- Dana Pearson
- Isaac Sten
- Lily Tewfik

Novel: Inside Out & Back Again

Adult Facilitator: Reed Ristvedt

Inside Out & Back Again

by **Thanhha Lai**

No one would believe me but at times I would choose wartime in Saigon over peacetime in Alabama.

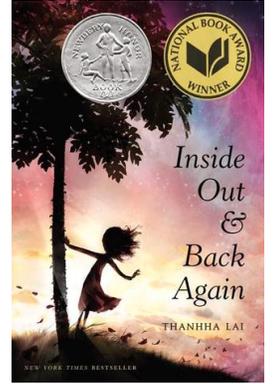
For all the ten years of her life, Hà has only known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, the warmth of her friends close by . . . and the beauty of her very own papaya tree.

But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope. In America, Hà discovers the foreign world of Alabama: the coldness of its strangers, the dullness of its food, the strange shape of its landscape . . . and the strength of her very own family.

This is the moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next.

Hardcover, 272 pages

Published February 22nd 2011 by HarperCollins



Group Members:

- Tabor Bergh
- Kia Elazami
- Ivy Foxall
- Rami Holmes
- Ian Palin
- Lyla Wolf

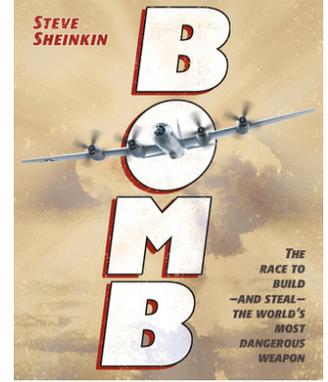
Novel: Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

Adult Facilitator: Joelle Bell

Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

by **Steve Sheinkin**

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb.



Bomb is a 2012 National Book Awards finalist for Young People's Literature.

Bomb is a 2012 *Washington Post* Best Kids Books of the Year title.

Bomb is a 2013 Newbery Honor book.

Hardcover, 266 pages

Published September 4th 2012 by Flash Point

Group Members:

- Olivia Craig
- Miles Dustin
- Jack Humphrey
- Justin Jorgenson