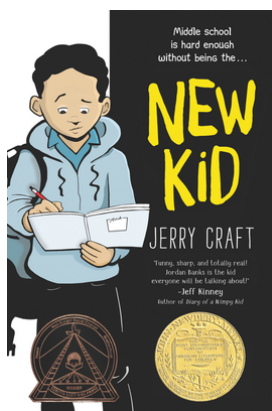


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New Kid by Jerry Craft



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



What's It About?

New Kid is a timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real, from award-winning author-illustrator Jerry Craft.

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

This middle grade graphic novel is an excellent choice for tween readers, including for summer reading. Winner of the Newbery Medal, Coretta Scott King Author Award, and Kirkus Pri

Who Wrote It?

As a kid, Jerry did not like to read, but as he got older, he felt that the lack of books with characters who looked and acted like him and his friends, was probably the biggest reason. So he decided to make the books he wished he had when he was a kid. Jerry always loved drawing. A lot of what readers read and see in New Kid is built off the experiences of Jerry's life (and of his sons too!). Jerry says he feels honored to represent his community through his stories. "No ONE character is always right, nor are they always wrong. And I feel like that's important for both kids AND adults to see." Jerry said he had a blast creating this book. Jerry lives



with his family in Connecticut. He is excited about the newest book in this series, School Trip to come out in 2023. You can learn more about Jerry at his website: <https://jerrycraft.com/faq/>

AR Reading Level: 2.9

Lexile Level: 320L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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Use this graphic organizer with the First Chapter Friday videos on YouTube from the Word Nerd.