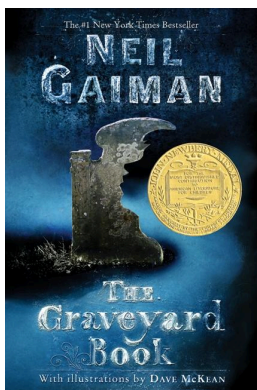


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The Graveyard Book

by Neil Gaiman



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?

IT TAKES A GRAVEYARD TO RAISE A CHILD. Nobody Owens, known as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the dead. There are adventures in the graveyard for a boy—an ancient Indigo Man, a gateway to the abandoned city of ghouls, the strange and terrible Sleer. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, he will be in danger from the man Jack—who has already killed Bod's family.

The Graveyard Book, a modern classic, is the only work ever to win both the Newbery (US) and Carnegie (UK) medals.

Neil got the idea for this book while watching his young son ride his tricycle in a cemetery. (It was the only place in his neighborhood with sidewalks!)

This book also has a graphic novel version and will soon be made into a movie.

Who Wrote It?

Neil Gaiman was born in Hampshire, UK, and now lives in the United States near Minneapolis. I was the sort of kid who devoured books, and my happiest times as a boy were when I persuaded my parents to drop me off in the local library on their way to work, and I spent the day there. Gaiman began his writing career in England as a journalist. His first book was a Duran Duran biography that took him three months to write. The groundbreaking comic series Sandman followed, collecting a large number of US awards. He is listed in the Dictionary of Literary Biography as one of the top ten living post-modern writers and is



a prolific creator of works of prose, poetry, film, journalism, comics, song lyrics, and drama. Neil writes for readers of all ages and genres and you can learn more about him on his website: www.neilgaiman.com

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