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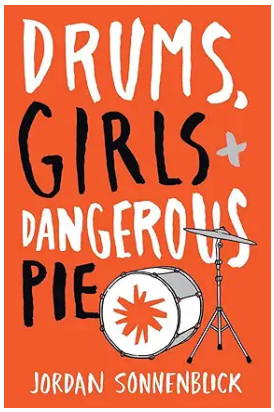

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Drums, Girls + Dangerous Pie
by Jordan Sonnenblick

Includes Author Interview!

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.

Read Aloud Video

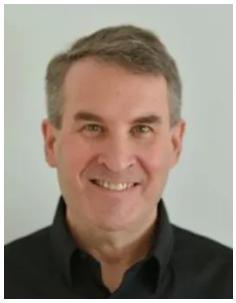
What's It About?

Steven has a totally normal life (well, almost).He plays drums in the All-City Jazz Band (whose members call him the Peasant), has a crush on the hottest girl in school (who doesn't even know he's alive), and is constantly annoyed by his younger brother, Jeffrey (who is cuter than cute - which is also pretty annoying). But when Jeffrey gets sick, Steven's world is turned upside down, and he is forced to deal with his brother's illness, his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece, his homework, the band, girls, and Dangerous Pie (yes, you'll have to read the book to find out what that is!).

This book has over 2,000 five star reviews on Amazon!!

Who Wrote It?

OK, now on to the usual life stuff ... I was born on July 4, 1969 on an Army base in Missouri. My dad got out of the Army when I was a year old and my older sister was five. I spent the rest of my childhood in Staten Island, NY. My favorite school subject was always English, although I was pretty good at everything except sitting still and being quiet. I'm pretty sure my teachers didn't know what to make of me, because I got straight A's, but got in trouble constantly. After high school, I went to the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where I majored in English, but also took a ton of courses in Russian, history, and anthropology. I joined every activity I could handle, too, playing drums in a theater group, writing and announcing for the marching band, and even dressing up as Santa



Claus to entertain the young cancer patients at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. As a grown up, I taught middle school for along time and now I'm an author. THat's the short version! To learn more, visit my website: https://www.jordansonnenblick.com/bio

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I want to read this book: YES / NO

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