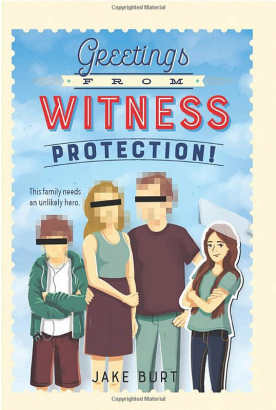
* FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY * FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY * FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY *



Name _____ Date _____

Greetings from Witness Protection by Jake Burt

Includes Author Interview!

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?

Nicki Demere is an orphan and a pickpocket. She also happens to be the U.S. Marshals' best bet to keep a family alive. . . .

The Marshals are looking for the perfect girl to join a mother, father, and son on the run from the nation's most notorious criminals. After all, the bad guys are searching for a family with one kid, not two, and adding a streetwise girl who knows a little something about hiding things may be just what the marshals need.

Nicki swears she can keep the Trevor family safe, but to do so she'll have to dodge hitmen, cyberbullies, and the specter of standardized testing, all while maintaining her marshal-mandated B-minus average. As she barely balances the responsibilities of her new identity, Nicki learns that the biggest threats to her family's security might not lurk on the road from New York to North Carolina, but rather in her own past.

Who Wrote It?

Jake was born in Columbus, Ohio, but he's lived all over, in places called Cincinnati, Knightdale, Durham, and Hamden, and in countries like The United Kingdom and China. There hasn't really been a time that Jake wasn't in school – he did the whole preschool thing, then elementary, then middle, then high, then college, then sixth grade teacher, then English teacher in Jinan, then fourth grade teacher, then grad student, then fifth grade teacher. Now he works with a team that delivers breaking news to classrooms every morning. That's probably why so many of his stories are set in schools, and why they feature kids. He's an avid ultimate frisbee player and a huge sprots fan, some of H his favorite teams are The Ohio State

Buckeyes, the Cincinnati Reds, and the Golden State Warriors. He plays the banjo, reads lots of books, and tries really hard not to get yelled at by his teammates for dying in Overwatch and DOTA 2.

AR Reading Level: 5.1

Lexile Level: 750L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

WHAT I THINK

_____

_____

_____

_____

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