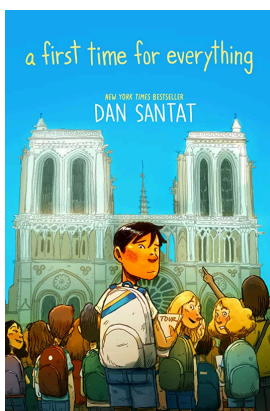


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A First Time for Everything

by Dan Santat

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.



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What's It About?

Dan's always been a good kid. The kind of kid who listens to his teachers, helps his mom with grocery shopping, and stays out of trouble. But being a good kid doesn't stop him from being bullied and feeling like he's invisible, which is why Dan has low expectations when his parents send him on a class trip to Europe.

At first, he's right. He's stuck with the same girls from his middle school who love to make fun of him, and he doesn't know why his teacher insisted he come on this trip. But as he travels through France, Germany, Switzerland, and England, a series of first experiences begin to change him—first Fanta, first fondue, first time stealing a bike from German punk rockers... and first love.

Funny, heartwarming, and poignant, *A First Time for Everything* is a feel-good coming-of-age memoir based on New York Times bestselling author and Caldecott Medal winner Dan Santat's awkward middle school years. It celebrates a time that is universally challenging for many of us, but also life-changing as well.

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Who Wrote It?

Birthday: October 2, 1975

Birthplace: Brooklyn, NY

Current Location: Los Angeles, CA

College: University of California San Diego

Major: Microbiology

College: Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California

Degree: Illustration

First Book Published: *The Guild of Geniuses* (2004)

Awards: Caldecott Medal for Most Distinguished Picture Book



Dan Santat is a #1 New York Times Best Selling Author author/illustrator of over one hundred titles. Dan Santat's parents moved to the United States from Thailand before he was born. Thailand is on the continent of Asia near Burma, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. He likes to incorporate his Thai heritage in the books that he illustrates. He is also the creator of the Disney animated hit, *The Replacements*. Dan lives in Southern California with his wife, two kids, and various pets.

Lexile Level: N/A

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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