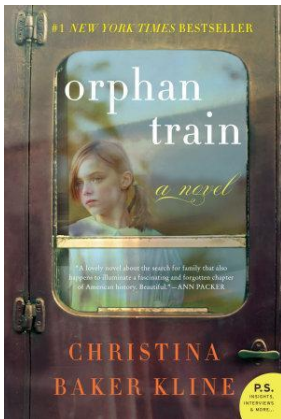


English 4CP Independent Reading Assignment

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

ISBN #978-1491512265



Each English 4CP student is expected to read the novel on his or her own by the end of our first unit. Content from the novel will be on the unit test in mid to late September as well as alluded to in class discussions. We highly recommend students read this novel shortly before returning to school in August, as there will be no class time provided for reading during this unit.

Books can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or most bookstores. Mrs. Gugerty and Mrs. Snode have a limited number of books for students to borrow. You should see them before you leave for the summer if you wish to borrow a book.

If you have any questions, please contact your teacher directly:

Mrs. Gugerty: dgugerty@morrishs.org OR Mrs. Snode: lsnode@morrishs.org.

There is an author interview, background information on the real orphan trains, as well as reading questions in the back of the novel that students are encouraged to use as guides. There is no formal assignment, and nothing will be collected regarding the novel on the first day of school.

Most of our students say this is one of their favorite books they have read for school. Enjoy!

NOTE: IT IS IMPORTANT YOU BUY THE BOOK PICTURED HERE WITH THE CORRECT ISBN NUMBER AS THERE IS A VERY SIMILAR BOOK FOR CHILDREN WHICH IS NOT THE FULL STORY!

Synopsis:

Christina Baker Kline's *Orphan Train* is an unforgettable story of friendship and second chances that highlights a little-known but historically significant movement in America's past—and it includes a special PS section for book clubs featuring insights, interviews, and more.

Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to “aging out” out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse...

As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance.

Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life—answers that will ultimately free them both.

Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.

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