

# THE GRAVEYARD BOOK

by Neil Gaiman

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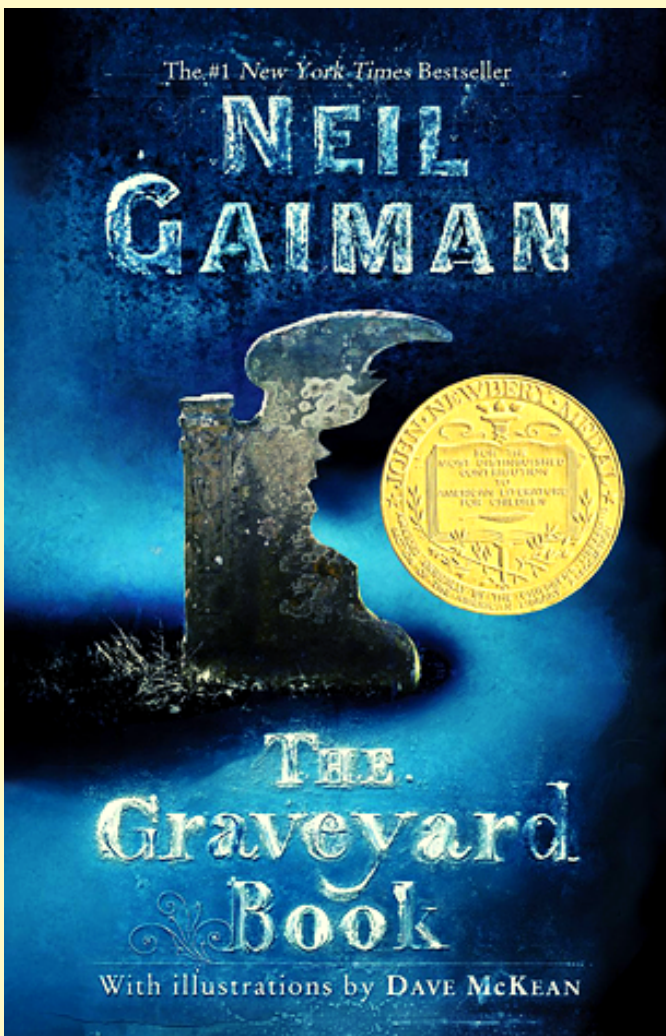


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7TH-12TH GRADE

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## Review

BY A 12TH-GRADER

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The book opens with the murder of every member of Bod's family by a man named Jack with an unknown motive. As a baby, Bod crawls out the front door of his house before Jack could reach his room. He crawls into a graveyard on a hill where he meets the ghost couple Mr. and Mrs. Owens, who adopt him because they always wanted a child of their own.

Since, then, Bod never left the graveyard once, as it is forbidden. His only human friend is the one girl who comes to visit the graves. When he turns fourteen, Bod disobeys the Owens and leaves the graveyard, eventually learning horrifying truths that made him wish he had stayed.

Gaiman (who also wrote *Coraline*) writes with a high level of suspense and incorporates plot twists that you would never expect. His writing style makes the reader constantly turn the page to find out what happens next. If you enjoy scary novels, then *The Graveyard Book* is for you.

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