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Paul Zindel

"Eight hundred and fifty-three horrifying things had happened to me by the time I was a teenager. That was when I met my Pigman, whose real name was Nonno Frankie." The year Paul Zindel, his sister, Betty, and their mother lived in the town of Travis, Staten Island, New York, was the most important time of his teenage life. It was the year he and Jennifer Wolupopski were best friends. It was the year of the apple tree, the water-head baby, and Cemetery Hill. And it was the year he met Nonno Frankie Vivona, who became his Pigman. Every word of his story is true. And The Pigman & Me has an added bonus--one crucial piece of information: the secret of life, according to the Pigman.

The Devil Tree

Haunted by the memory of a dead friend, two teenagers join an old man in a series of misadventures.

Reef of Death

A searing novel from a writer of international stature, The Devil Tree is a tale that combines the existential emptiness of Camus's The Stranger with the universe of international playboys, violence, and murder of Patricia Highsmith's The Talented Mr. Ripley. Jonathan Whalen's life has been determined from the start by the immense fortune of his father, a steel tycoon. Whalen's childlike delight in power and status mask a greater need, a desire to feel life intensely, through drugs, violence, sex, and attempts at meaningful connection with other people — whether lovers or the memory of his dead parents. But the physical is all that feels real to him, and as he embarks on a journey to Africa with his godparents,

Whalen's embrace of amoral thrill accelerates toward ultimate fulfillment. Now in a Grove Press paperback, Kosinski's classic, acclaimed as "an impressive novel it should confirm Jerzy Kosinski's position as one of our most significant writers" — Newsweek "Savage [Whalen is] a foolproof, timeless American character." — Mary Ellin Barrett, Cosmopolitan

Study Guide

All Hamlet Kennedy wants is to be a normal eighth grader. But with parents like hers - Shakespearean scholars who actually dress in Elizabethan regalia . . . in public! - it's not that easy. As if they weren't strange enough, her genius seven-year-old sister will be attending her middle school, and is named the new math tutor. Then, when the Shakespeare Project is announced, Hamlet reveals herself to be an amazing actress. Even though she wants to be average, Hamlet can no longer hide from the fact that she- like her family - is anything but ordinary.

Pigman

Paul Zindel's compelling and inspirational Pulitzer Prize-winning play that was made into a motion picture directed by Paul Newman starring Joanne Woodward. The old, converted vegetable shop where Tillie lives is more like a madhouse than a home. Tillie's mother, Beatrice, is bitter and cruel, yet desperate for her daughters' love. Her sister, Ruth, suffers epileptic fits and sneaks cigarettes every chance she gets. In the midst of chaos, Tillie struggles to keep her focus and dreams alive. Tillie — keeper of rabbits, dreamer of atoms, true believer in life, hope, and the effect of gamma rays on man-in-the-moon marigolds.

The Pigman

This is the sequel to The Pigman, one of the bestselling young adult books of all time. John and Lorraine happen to be passing by the Pigman's abandoned house when they receive the shock of their lives: someone or something is watching them from the upstairs window. Convinced this is a sign from beyond the grave, John and Lorraine decide they have been given a chance to make up for what happened to the Pigman. Can they make things right once and for all?

A Begonia for Miss Applebaum

Anna manipulates the boys in her life to get what she needs and develops a negative reputation that is further complicated by her friendship with a secretive girl and a boy from a loving family who imparts illuminating lessons about honesty.

The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds (Winner of the Pulitzer Prize)

The battle between boys and bots is on in this funny, fast-paced novel. Ken is an EngiNerd: one of a super-smart group of friends—all nerds—who have been close since kindergarten. They may be brainiacs, but they're just like everyone else: they fight with one another, watch too much TV, eat Chinese food, and hate walking their dogs. Well, maybe not just like everyone because Ken's best friend Dan has been building robots. He then secretly sent one to each of the EngiNerds, never letting them know he's the mastermind. At first Ken is awed and delighted: what kid hasn't dreamed of having a robot all their own? Someone who can be their friend, clean their room, walk the dog, answer homework questions...how amazing is that? But be careful what you wish for: Dan's robot, Greeeg, may look innocent, but his ravenous consumption of food—comestibles—turns him into a butt-blasting bot. And once the other robots 'come alive' it's up to the motley crew of EngiNerds to not only save the day, but save the planet!

The Pigman & Me

A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.

Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have

Living on the University of Colorado-Boulder campus with his older brother Alex, a college student and ex-gang member, high school senior Carlos is not ready to give up his wild ways until he meets a shy classmate named Kiara and becomes unwillingly involved in a drug ring.

My Darling, My Hamburger

THE STORY: A family of exuberant and startled kids are left to fend for themselves by their mother and father--who have taken off to pursue forever a life of betting at trotter racetracks and playing blackjack in Native American casinos! An expandab

Presenting Paul Zindel

P.C. travels with his uncle to Australia on a mission to find a mysterious buried treasure. Soon, its secrets lead him to a beautiful Aboriginal girl and a terrifying monster that haunts the ocean reef. But an evil geologist is also on the hunt for the hidden fortune and P.C. must race to find it first. It's a deadly game—who will find the treasure, and who will lose their life?

The Pigman, by Paul Zindel

Jackson is looking forward to visiting his aunt who has been busy working on an anthropological dig at Stonehenge in England. Jackson can't wait to finally see the massive and mysterious stone formations in person. But then he witnesses a vicious attack on a young man, and another on his beloved aunt Sarah. A savage beast no one has ever seen before is on the prowl. Now it's up to Jackson and his new friend, Alma, a gravedigger's daughter, to stop the beast. All the clues lead back to Stonehenge, where he and Alma must risk their lives to solve the mystery of the monster stalking the countryside before it's too late.

The Pigman

Trust is the hardest thing to find . . . and the easiest to lose. Emily Bell has it all. She's in love with a boy named Sam Border, and his little brother has become part of her family. This summer is destined to be the best time of their lives - until a charismatic new girl in town sets her sights on Sam. Now Emily finds herself questioning the loyalty of the person she trusts the most. But the biggest threat to her happiness is someone she never saw coming. Sam's psychopathic father is planning a jailbreak. And he knows exactly where to find Emily and his sons when he escapes. The happily-ever-after of Holly Goldberg Sloan's acclaimed debut I'LL BE THERE is turned on its head in this riveting, emotional drama about friends, enemies and how those roles can shift in a matter of moments.

EngiNerds

Two teenagers who lead unhappy lives at home form a strange relationship with a lonely old man.

Rules of Attraction

A Study Guide for Paul Zindel's "The Pigman," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs.

The Doom Stone

The last thing Harry "Dit" Sims expects when Emma Walker comes to town is to become friends. Proper -talking, brainy Emma doesn't play baseball or fish too well, but she sure makes Dit think, especially about the differences between black

and white. But soon Dit is thinking about a whole lot more when the town barber, who is black, is put on trial for a terrible crime. Together Dit and Emma come up with a daring plan to save him from the unthinkable. Set in 1917 and inspired by the author's true family history, this is the poignant story of a remarkable friendship and the perils of small-town justice

Pardon Me, You're Stepping on My Eyeball

"LOOT hits the jackpot." -- Rick Riordan, #1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author On a foggy night in Amsterdam, a man falls from a rooftop to the wet pavement below. It's Archibald McQuinn, the notorious cat burglar, and he's dying. As sirens wail in the distance, Archie manages to get out two last words to his young son, March: "Find jewels." But March learns that his father is not talking about hidden loot. He's talking about Jules, the twin sister March never knew he had. No sooner than the two find each other, they're picked up by the police and sent to the world's worst orphanage. It's not hard time, but it feels like it. March and Jules have no intention of staying put. They know their father's business inside and out, and they're tired of being pushed around. Just one good heist, and they'll live the life of riches and freedom that most kids only dream about. . . . Hold on to your pearls, because this summer, the world's youngest criminal masterminds are coming for you. Praise for Loot: "So many things I love about this book: Cursed jewels, a dangerous prophecy, a crash course in the history of thievery, acrobatics and grift . . . This is LOOT you can take to the bank. It's the perfect summer read for kids." -- Rick Riordan, #1 NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of the Percy Jackson series "LOOT is one of those books that you'll want to devour in one sitting. Full of twists and turns and thrills aplenty, with the perfect mixture of humor throughout, this is a must-read. I really loved it." -- James Dashner, NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of THE MAZE RUNNER "LOOT is pure delight -- a super-smart, funny, and exciting ride that I hoped would last forever. Full of wonderful characters and gratifying twists, this story is truly something special." -- Rebecca Stead, NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author and Newbery Medalist for WHEN YOU REACH ME "A nonstop thrill ride of cons, schemes, and near misses, with more twists than a pretzel factory. If middle grade heist counts as a genre, Jude Watson is the master." -- Gordon Korman, NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of SWINDLE "LOOT is proof that Jude Watson can do it all: an edge-of-your seat mystery that manages to be thrilling, funny, nail-biting, and full of real characters readers will care about. I loved it." -- Peter Lerangis, NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of The Seven Wonders series "LOOT is one of my favorite reads in a very long time! I could not put this book down!" -- Jennifer A. Nielsen, NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author of THE FALSE PRINCE "LOOT breezes along in Jude Watson's trademark smart, snappy style, a sophisticated caper with a charming and unforgettable cast of characters." -- Natalie Standiford, author of THE SECRET TREE "LOOT is fast, fun, and full of exciting twists -- like OCEANS 11 starring kids. Buried beneath the exciting heist adventure is a beautifully written story of love and resilience, but that just serves to deepen the surprises and suspense that will keep kids flipping pages long after lights out." -- Rachel Vail, author of UNFRIENDED "Bursting with adventure, humor and heart, LOOT is an unputdownable treat. Just make sure to hide it somewhere genius when you're done, so no one tries to steal it." -- Sarah Mlynowski, bestselling author of the Whatever After series "One

deadly curse, four runaway kids and seven magical moonstones all add up to a page-turner full of action and heart. This is OCEAN'S ELEVEN for the middle grade reader." -- Kirby Larson, Newbery Honor author of HATTIE BIG SKY * "Akin to the best of roller-coaster rides. . . . Taut, engrossing, and unstoppable." -- KIRKUS REVIEWS, starred review * "Jewel theft has never been as fun as in 39 Clues contributor Watson's action-packed novel featuring Mission: Impossible - style escapades. . . . The high level of suspense, ultra-short chapters, and fast pace will hook readers of all stripes." -- PUBLISHERS WEEKLY, starred review "Sassy narration, smart quips, pigeon drops, and slang worthy of an episode of DRAGNET make this fast-paced tale of topsy-turvy antics a joy from beginning to end. Don't try these high jinks at home" -- BOOKLIST "A richly entertaining romp." -- BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Pigman's Legacy (Sequel to The Pigman)

"When Ben Hardy is forced to become the school's mascot, Steve the Spud, he wants to keep the embarrassing gig a secret at all costs"--

Loch

Resolving to earn so much money that his mother will no longer stress out over the bills, 11-year-old Timmy Failure launches a detective business with a lazy polar bear partner named Total but finds their enterprise—Total Failure, Inc.—challenged by a college-bound spy and a four-foot-tall girl whom Timmy refuses to acknowledge.

Bats

LitPlan Teacher Packs have a foundation of materials for teaching works of literature. Over one hundred pages including short answer study questions, multiple choice quiz questions, discussion questions, writing assignments, vocabulary worksheets, daily lessons, unit tests, games, puzzles, review materials, bulletin board ideas, and much more.

Confessions of a Teenage Baboon

ADVENTURE STORIES. Deep in the Amazon jungle, members of a scientific expedition are disappearing Jake fears his dad, a bat biologist, is in danger. Against his father's wishes, he flies to Brazil to join the team, and embarks on his own investigation. High up in the treacherous rainforest canopy, something is waiting for him. Something as ancient as the dinosaurs, but fiercer. Something that wants a gruesome revenge . Ages 9+.

Every Seventeen Minutes the Crowd Goes Crazy!

Four friends, Two couples, One year that will change their lives. Liz and Sean, both beautiful and popular, are madly in love and completely misunderstood by their parents. Their best friends, Maggie and Dennis, are shy and awkward, but willing to take the first tentative steps toward a romance of their own. Yet before either couple can enjoy true happiness, life conspires against them, threatening to destroy their friendships completely.

The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet

"From award-winning author Melissa Stewart comes the grossest journey through the animal world you'll ever take. From ants to zorillas, get ready to discover some seriously strange animal behaviors. Slurp up soupy insides with houseflies, spit sticky saliva to build nests with birds, and fend off predators with poop-flinging caterpillars and farting snakes. And that's just the tip of the dung pile! These yucky habits may seem surprising to us, but they're totally normal for these animals. In fact, their survival depends on them."--

The Story of Arthur Truluv

Marsh Mellow is 15 and hates almost everything about school. Weirdo Edna Shinglebox is the same age, has never had a boyfriend, and seems destined to end up a teenage old maid. Eventually the misfits meet in the school psychiatrist's room and an unlikely relationship unfolds.

Hit List for Young Adults 2

Fifteen-year-old Andrew Zansky, the second fattest student at his high school, joins the varsity football team to get the attention of a new girl on whom he has a crush.

Dark Road to Darjeeling

For use in teaching literature to high school students.

The Pigman

Loch and his sister join their father on a scientific expedition to a quiet lake in Vermont. Suddenly, on a routine exploration,

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a hideous water beast explodes out of the water, and an eager photographer is ruthlessly devoured alive in front of them. The plesiosaurs proceed to reign terror and destruction down on the secluded lake community. But when Loch encounters a baby plesiosaur he believes the monsters only attack when threatened. So he risks his life, and the lives of his family, to save these prehistoric creatures from destruction, but is it already too late? 1995 Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers (ALA) 1995 Books for the Teen Age (NY Public Library)

Pigman's Legacy

Two teenagers who lead unhappy lives at home form a strange relationship with a lonely old man.

Loot

Featuring 20 "hot button" books including 11 new titles, Hit List for Young Adults 2 presents a who's who of young adult writers including Salinger, Cormler, Chbosky, and Blume.

The Pigman

One of a series of top-quality fiction for schools. Other people might think Miss Applebaum eccentric, but to Zelda and Henry she's the most special teacher they've ever known. They buy her a gift when she retires, but meeting her means having to face up to more in life than they imagined.

The Pigman

Briefly traces Zindel's life and career, and discusses the major themes of his fiction

Mistakes Were Made

In 1945, having joined his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue.

My Life As a Potato

Return to a world of Victorian mystery and magic with New York Times bestselling author Deanna Raybourn's fan-favorite

Lady Julia Grey historical series Lady Julia Grey and her husband, detective Nicholas Brisbane, are ready to put their investigative talents to work again. At the urging of Julia's eccentric family, they hurry to India to aid an old friend, the newly widowed Jane Cavendish. Living on a tea plantation with the remnants of her husband's family, Jane Cavendish is consumed with the impending birth of her child—and with discovering the truth about her husband's death. Was he murdered for his estate? And if he was, could Jane and her unborn child be next? Amid the lush foothills of the Himalayas, dark deeds are buried and malicious thoughts flourish. The Brisbanes uncover secrets and scandal, illicit affairs and twisted legacies. The danger is palpable and, if they are not careful, Julia and Nicholas will not live to celebrate their first anniversary. First published in 2010. Don't miss the complete Lady Julia Grey mystery series by Deanna Raybourn! Book # 1: Silent in the Grave Book # 2: Silent in the Sanctuary Book # 3: Silent on the Moor Book # 3.5: Midsummer Night (novella) Book # 4: Dark Road to Darjeeling Book # 5: The Dark Enquiry Book # 5.5: Silent Night (novella) Book # 5.6: Twelfth Night (novella) Book # 5.7: Bonfire Night (novella)

Ick!

Discusses the life and work of author Paul Zindel, including his writing process and methods, inspirations, a critical discussion of his books, biographical timeline, and awards.

Just Call My Name

"I dare you to read this novel and not fall in love with Arthur Truluv. His story will make you laugh and cry, and will show you a love that never ends, and what it means to be truly human."—Fannie Flagg An emotionally powerful novel about three people who each lose the one they love most, only to find second chances where they least expect them "Fans of Meg Wolitzer, Emma Straub, or [Elizabeth] Berg's previous novels will appreciate the richly complex characters and clear prose. Redemptive without being maudlin, this story of two misfits lucky to have found one another will tug at readers' heartstrings."—Booklist For the past six months, Arthur Moses's days have looked the same: He tends to his rose garden and to Gordon, his cat, then rides the bus to the cemetery to visit his beloved late wife for lunch. The last thing Arthur would imagine is for one unlikely encounter to utterly transform his life. Eighteen-year-old Maddy Harris is an introspective girl who visits the cemetery to escape the other kids at school. One afternoon she joins Arthur—a gesture that begins a surprising friendship between two lonely souls. Moved by Arthur's kindness and devotion, Maddy gives him the nickname "Truluv." As Arthur's neighbor Lucille moves into their orbit, the unlikely trio band together and, through heartache and hardships, help one another rediscover their own potential to start anew. Wonderfully written and full of profound observations about life, The Story of Arthur Truluv is a beautiful and moving novel of compassion in the face of loss, of the small acts that turn friends into family, and of the possibilities to achieve happiness at any age. Praise for The Story of

Arthur Truluv “For several days after [finishing The Story of Arthur Truluv], I felt lifted by it, and I found myself telling friends, also feeling overwhelmed by 2017, about the book. Read this, I said, it will offer some balance to all that has happened, and it is a welcome reminder we’re all neighbors here.”—Chicago Tribune “Not since Paul Zindel’s classic The Pigman have we seen such a unique bond between people who might not look twice at each other in real life. This small, mighty novel offers proof that they should.”—People, Book of the Week

A Study Guide for Paul Zindel's "The Pigman"

The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had

One of the best-selling young adult books of all time, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Zindel. John Conlan is nicknamed “The Bathroom Bomber” after setting off firecrackers in the boys’ bathroom 23 times without ever getting caught. John and his best friend, Lorraine, can never please their parents, and school is a chore. To pass the time, they play pranks on unsuspecting people and it's during one of these pranks that they meet the “Pigman.” In spite of themselves, John and Lorraine soon get caught up in Mr. Pignati’s zest for life. In fact, they become so involved that they begin to destroy the only corner of the world that has ever mattered to them. Can they stop before it’s too late?'

Uses for Boys

A Most Unusual Friendship When sophomores John and Lorraine played a practical joke a few months ago on a stranger named Angelo Pignati, they had no idea what they were starting. Virtually overnight, almost against their will, the two befriended the lonely old man; it wasn't long before they were more comfortable in his house than their own. But now Mr. Pignati is dead. And for John and Lorraine, the only way to find peace is to write down their friend's story -- the story of the Pigman.

The Gadget

Activities to be used in the classroom to accompany the reading of The pigman by Paul Zindel.

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