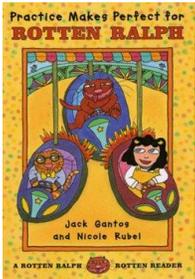
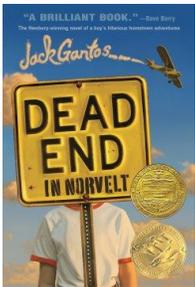
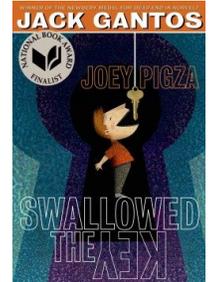


# Author Jack Gantos will be visiting The Schenck School on Friday, Nov. 2!



For early readers: When the carnival comes to town, the world's favorite fractious feline discovers the hilariously wrong way to victory before he gets it right.

Joey Pigza's got heart, he's got a mom who loves him, and he's got "dud meds," which is what he calls the pills that are supposed to even out his wild mood swings. Sometimes Joey makes bad choices. He learns the hard way that he shouldn't stick his finger in the pencil sharpener, or swallow his house key, or run with scissors. As Joey knows, if he keeps making bad choices, he could just fall between the cracks for good. But he is determined not to let that happen.



Melding the entirely true and the wildly fictional, *Dead End in Norvelt* is a novel about an incredible two months for a kid named Jack Gantos, whose plans for vacation excitement are shot down when he is "grounded for life" by his feuding parents. But plenty of excitement (and shocks) are coming Jack's way once his mom loans him out to help a feisty old neighbor with a most unusual chore—typewriting obituaries filled with stories about the people who founded his utopian town. As one obituary leads to another, Jack is launched on a strange adventure involving molten wax, Eleanor Roosevelt, twisted promises, a homemade airplane, Girl Scout cookies, a man on a trike, a dancing plague, voices from the past, Hells Angels . . . and possibly murder.

Endlessly surprising, this sly, sharp-edged narrative is the author at his very best, making readers laugh out loud at the most unexpected things in a dead-funny depiction of growing up in a slightly off-kilter place where the past is present, the present is confusing, and the future is completely up in the air.

**ALL ORDERS ARE DUE Friday, Oct. 19!**

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