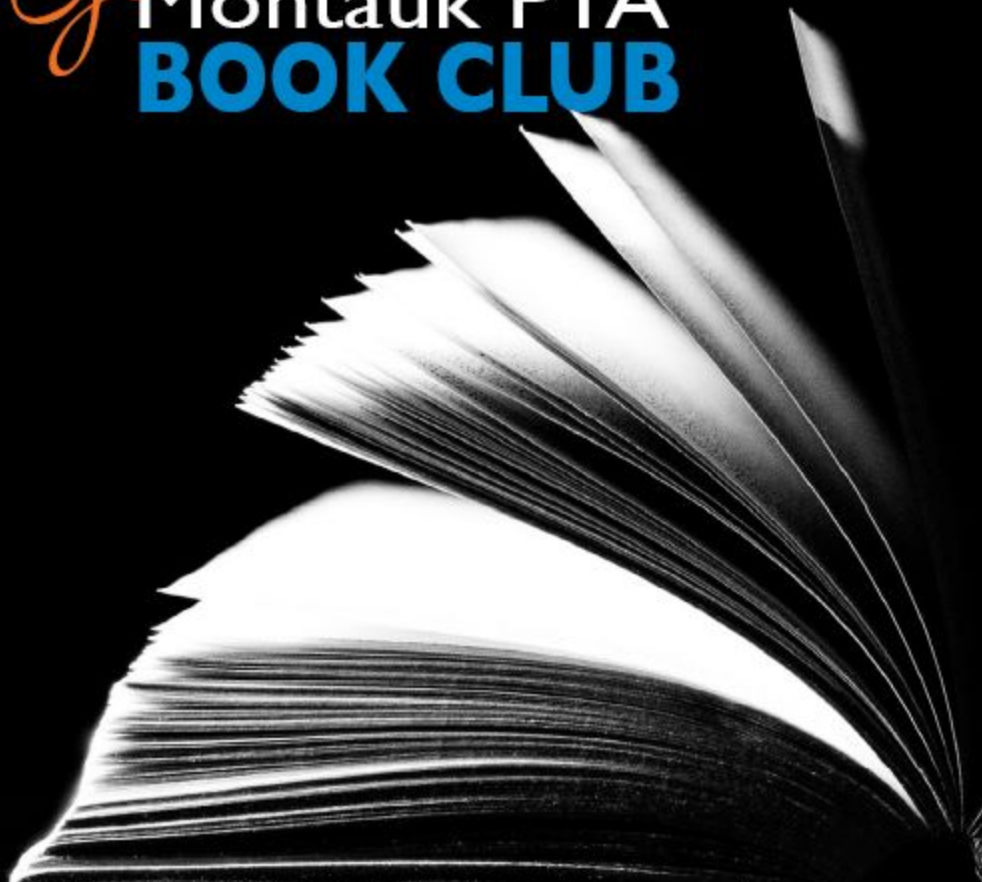
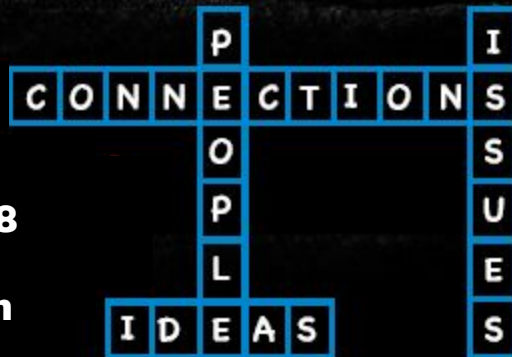


Guilt Free!
**Montauk PTA
BOOK CLUB**



**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 2018
3:15-4:00 PM
Ms. Pombo's Room**



A Guilt-Free Book Club is an inclusive gathering where those who completed the book, those who got part way through and those who didn't even crack the cover participate in conversation.

We will always provide supportive resources such as weblinks, articles, and podcasts that allow for quick exposure to the book's ideas or a chance to learn more beyond the book.

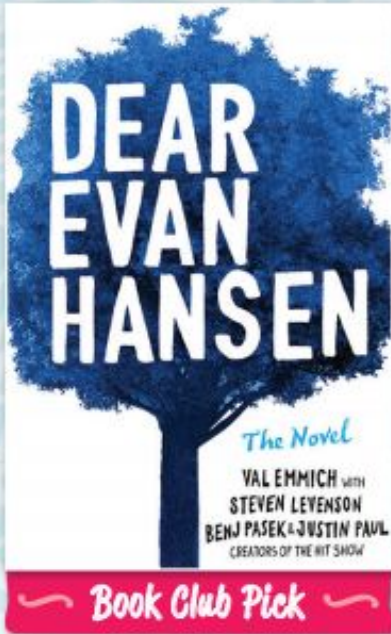
For our first December meeting we will be discussing the new Young Adult novel *Dear Evan Hansen* by Val Emmich, Steven Levenson, Benj Paske, and Justin Paul. The book is based on the Tony award winning musical that our 8th grade students will attend in April. Supporting resources are listed and linked on the next page.



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*DEAR EVAN HANSEN,
TODAY'S GOING TO BE AN AMAZING DAY AND HERE'S WHY . . .*

When a letter that was never meant to be seen draws high school senior Evan Hansen into a family's grief over the loss of their son, Evan is given the chance of a lifetime: to belong. He just has to pretend that the notoriously troubled Connor Murphy was his secret best friend.

Suddenly, Evan isn't invisible anymore—even to the girl of his dreams. And Connor Murphy's parents have taken him in like he's their own, desperate to know more about their enigmatic son from his "closest friend." As Evan gets pulled deeper into the family's swirl of anger, regret, and confusion, he knows that what he's doing can't be right, but if he's helping people, how wrong can it be?

No longer incapacitated by anxiety or hiding from the disappointment in his mother's eyes, this new Evan has a purpose. And confidence. Every day is amazing. Until everything is in danger of unraveling and he comes face-to-face with his greatest obstacle: himself.

A simple lie leads to complicated truths in this bighearted story of grief, authenticity, and the struggle to belong in an age of instant connectivity and profound isolation.

- Book website from the publisher, including an excerpt:  <https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/val-emmich/dear-evan-hansen-the-novel/9780316420228/>
- NPR *Here and Now*: Robin Young speaks with show and book creators:  <http://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2018/10/09/dear-evan-hansen-novel>
- *Dear Evan Hansen* Creators On Turning Hit Musical Into A Book - *TODAY* Show:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pd5b108phGU>

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