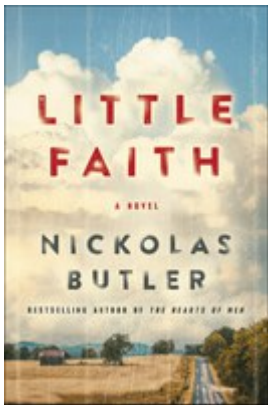


2021 Adult All Iowa Reads: *Little Faith* by Nickolas Butler



Program Resources:

- [Discussion Questions](#)
- [About Author Nickolas Butler](#)
- [Reviews and Interviews](#)
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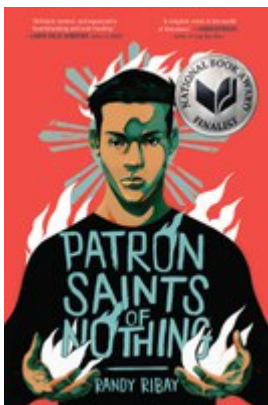
About *Little Faith*

Lyle Hovde is at the onset of his golden years, living a mostly content life in rural Wisconsin with his wife, Peg, daughter, Shiloh, and six-year old grandson, Isaac. After a troubled adolescence and subsequent estrangement from her parents, Shiloh has finally come home. But while Lyle is thrilled to have his whole family reunited, he's also uneasy: in Shiloh's absence, she has become deeply involved with an extremist church, and the devout pastor courting her is convinced Isaac has the spiritual ability to heal the sick.

While reckoning with his own faith—or lack thereof—Lyle soon finds himself torn between his unease about the church and his desire to keep his daughter and grandson in his life. But when the church's radical belief system threatens Isaac's safety, Lyle is forced to make a decision from which the family may not recover.

Set over the course of one year and beautifully evoking the change of seasons, *Little Faith* is a powerful and deeply affecting intergenerational novel about family and community, the ways in which belief is both formed and shaken, and the lengths we go to protect our own.

2021 Teen All Iowa Reads: *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay



Program Resources:

- [Discussion Guide](#) (See pages 46-62 in the *Disrupt Texts Educator Guide*)
- [About Author Randy Ribay](#)
- [Reviews and Interviews](#)
- [Find Copies of *Patron Saints of Nothing* to Borrow](#)
- [Publicity Items for Programs and Discussion Groups](#)
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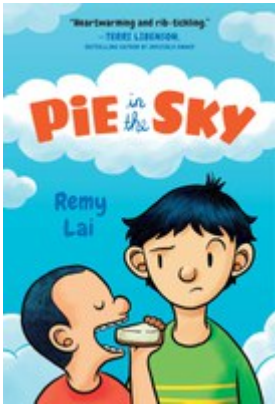
About *Patron Saints of Nothing*

Jay Reguero plans to spend the last semester of his senior year playing video games before heading to the University of Michigan in the fall. But when he discovers that his Filipino cousin Jun was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, and no one in the family wants to talk about what happened, Jay travels to the Philippines to find out the real story.

Hoping to uncover more about Jun and the events that led to his death, Jay is forced to reckon with the many sides of his cousin before he can face the whole horrible truth -- and the part he played in it.

As gripping as it is lyrical, *Patron Saints of Nothing* is a page-turning portrayal of the struggle to reconcile faith, family, and immigrant identity.

2021 Kids All Iowa Reads: *Pie in the Sky* by Remy Lai



Program Resources:

- [Discussion Guide](#)
- [About Author Remy Lai](#)
- [Reviews and Interviews](#)
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- [Publicity Items for Programs and Discussion Groups](#)
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About *Pie in the Sky*

When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he's landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn't speak English, and he's often stuck looking after his (extremely irritating) little brother, Yanghao.

To distract himself from the loneliness, Jingwen daydreams about making all the cakes on the menu of Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he unexpectedly passed away. The only problem is his mother has laid down one major rule: the brothers are not to use the oven while she's at work. As Jingwen and Yanghao bake elaborate cakes, they'll have to cook up elaborate excuses to keep the cake making a secret from Mam