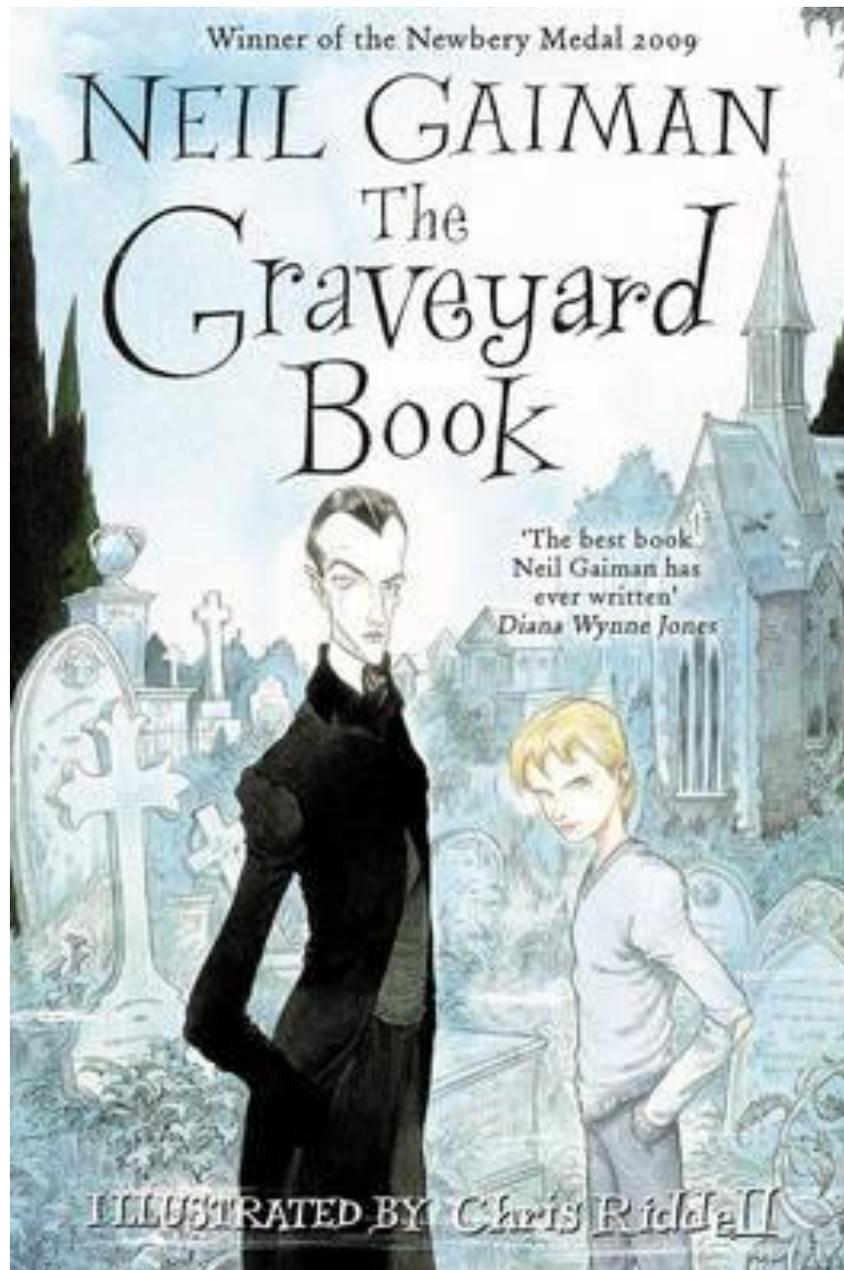


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Reading Schedule

You must read for at least 30 minutes per day

The questions and tasks are optional and are there to extend your understanding of the novel.

Week	Pages to read
1 7 th September	1-89 Chapter 1-3
2 14 th September	90-154 Chapter 4-5
3 21 st September	155-198 Interlude-Chapter 6
4 28 th September	199-289 Chapter 7 - 8

Context: Author: Neil Gaiman

Neil Gaiman was born in Hampshire, UK, and now lives in the United States near Minneapolis. As a child he discovered his love of books, reading, and stories, devouring the works of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, James Branch Cabell, Edgar Allan Poe, Michael Moorcock, Ursula K. LeGuin, Gene Wolfe, and G.K. Chesterton. A self-described "feral child who was raised in libraries," Gaiman credits librarians with fostering a life-long love of reading: "I wouldn't be who I am without libraries. I was the sort of kid who devoured books, and my happiest times as a boy were when I persuaded my parents to drop me off in the local library on their way to work, and I spent the day there. I discovered that librarians actually want to help you: they taught me about interlibrary loans."

10 Gaiman's books are genre works that refuse to remain true to their genres. Gothic horror was out of fashion in the early 1990s when Gaiman started work on *Coraline* (2002). Originally considered too frightening for children, *Coraline* went on to win the British Science Fiction Award, the Hugo, the Nebula, the Bram Stoker, and the American Elizabeth Burr/Worzalla award. *Odd and the Frost Giants*, originally written for 2009's World Book Day, has gone on to receive worldwide critical acclaim.

The Graveyard Book:

First published in the UK at the end of 2008, *The Graveyard Book* has won the UK's Book Trust Prize for Teenage Fiction and the Newbery Medal, the highest honour given in US children's literature, as well as the Locus Young Adult Award and the Hugo Best Novel Prize.

20 The awarding of the 2010 UK CILIP Carnegie Medal makes Gaiman the first author ever to win both the Newbery Medal and the Carnegie Medal with the same book. *The Graveyard Book*, with its illustrations by Chris Riddell, was also shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal for illustration -- the first time a book has made both Medal shortlists in 30 years. The film adaptation of *The Graveyard Book* is in production.

Plot Summary

A man named Jack enters a home in the night. He has a sharp knife and he uses it to kill the mother, the father, and the older sister who live there. There is also a baby in the house, but he manages to escape and goes to the graveyard.

In the graveyard the baby meets a kindly husband and wife ghost, Mr. and Mrs. Owens.

5 When Jack comes after the baby, the baby's mother (now a ghost) begs the Owens couple to adopt her baby and protect him from Jack. They agree, and a mysterious man comes along and makes Jack leave the graveyard. After much a lot of discussion, the ghosts of the graveyard agree that the eighteen-month-old baby will live in the graveyard with Mr. and Mrs. Owens. He will have Freedom of the Graveyard, which means he can walk through
10 walls and graves, and that he is invisible to most humans when he is in the graveyard. Mrs. Owens names the baby Nobody Owens ("Bod" for short).

The mysterious man who made Jack leave the graveyard is named Silas, and he agrees to be Bod's guardian. Unlike the ghosts in the graveyard, Silas is not dead, and he is not alive, and he can leave the graveyard. This means he can get food for the baby and anything else the
15 kid might need.

When Bod is about four years old, his life starts getting exciting. He is learning to read and write, and he makes a new friend named Scarlett Amber Perkins. Scarlett is alive. She comes to play in the graveyard, which also happens to be a nature preserve, while her mother reads nearby. When Scarlett tells her parents about Bod, they just think she is made up an
20 imaginary friend.

One day, Bod and Scarlett pay a visit to the oldest resident of the graveyard, a strange snaky creature called the Sleer, which guards a treasure: a brooch, a cup, and a knife. The Sleer's home is deep inside a hill. To get there, Bod and Scarlett must go through a burial chamber called a mausoleum (a building that holds multiple caskets) and down a dark passageway. It
25 is a scary and exciting adventure, but by the time Bod and Scarlett make it back up, the graveyard is crawling with police. The kids have been gone so long Scarlett's mother mom thinks her daughter's been kidnapped or disappeared. When Scarlett tells them what happened, it only makes things worse. Scarlett comes back to the graveyard a few days later to tell Bod good-bye, and that she believes in him and thinks he is brave. She is moving with
30 her parents to Scotland.

When Bod is about six years old, Silas goes out of town and he brings in a substitute guardian named Miss Lupescu. Bod is not happy. Miss Lupescu is too strict, and she teaches Bod things like how to call for help in any language of the world.

One night, Bod falls asleep on a grave that is also a ghoulish gate – a place for ghouls to pass in
35 and out of Hell. When he wakes up, there are three ghouls (creatures who live to eat the flesh of the dead) with him. The ghouls take Bod prisoner, but, thanks to Miss Lupescu, Bod knows how to call for help in a language called Night-Gaunt. Night-gaunts are flying creatures that live in Hell but are on the side of good, not evil. When Bod calls for help, they alert Miss Lupescu that he is in danger. After that crazy adventure, Bod learns that Miss
40 Lupescu is called a Hound of God, and she chases down evil people. And Bod learns that all her boring language lessons were totally worth it.

When Bod is about ten years old, he goes to an event that has not happened in eighty years: the Danse Macabre. The Danse Macabre is a dance where the living and the dead dance together and then forget about it the next morning.

45 Not long after, Bod finally learns that his family was murdered, and that the killer is still after him. Bod wants to find this person and kill him. To prepare himself for revenge, Bod makes Silas sign him up for regular school. But Bod breaks his promise. When he meets school two bullies, he decides to teach them a lesson and permanently stop them. Silas gets mad at Bod for this, only to get arrested. Luckily, Silas rescues him and brings him back to the graveyard.
50 After that, Bod tries to stick close to home.

When Bod is about fourteen years old, Scarlett comes back into his life. Her mom and dad have split up, and Scarlett and her mom have moved back to England from Scotland. One day after school, Scarlett gets on the wrong bus and accidentally gets let off in Old Town, the town at the foot of the hill that leads up to the graveyard. She remembers she has been
55 here before, but not the details.

Near the graveyard Scarlett meets a man named Mr. Frost who offers her a ride home. Since it is raining, and the man seems nice enough, Scarlett accepts the ride. Scarlett introduces Mr. Frost to her mother, Noona. They get along so well that they plan a date. Scarlet has also met Bod again. As Mr. Frost becomes more involved in the lives of Scarlett and her
60 mother, Bod reveals more of himself to Scarlett. When he tells Scarlett his family was murdered, she decides to find out about it. She learns that his family was killed in the very house where Mr. Frost now lives. She tells Mr. Frost and since he is a historian, he promises to research the murders for her.

Mr. Frost calls Scarlett and tells her he has all the information her friend needs to know. He
65 asks her to bring her friend over so he can show him. Bod agrees to come over. When Mr. Frost takes him upstairs to talk to him in private, he tells Bod that he is the man who killed Bod's family! As Bod and Scarlett are making their escape, four more men named Jack arrive on the scene. Bod and Scarlett make it back to the graveyard, but all five Jacks are chasing them.

70 Inside the graveyard, Bod hides Scarlett down with the Sleer then goes up against four of the Jacks. When Bod goes down to the Sleer's place, he finds Jack Frost, the last Jack, with a knife to Scarlett's throat. Bod tricks Jack into offering to be the Sleer's master, and then the Sleer wraps him in its snaky coils and pulls him through the wall. Scarlett is shocked to see Jack killed and she calls Bod a monster. Silas takes Scarlett home and erases her memories
75 of the event. He also convinces her mother to move back to Scotland.

The Graveyard Book ends when Bod is about fifteen years old. We see him gradually losing his Freedom of the Graveyard powers, and then leaving the graveyard by himself with money, a passport, and big, big dreams.

Key characters:

Nobody `Bod` Owens: Bod is the main character in the novel. His family are killed at the start of the novel, but he manages to escape to the graveyard where he will continue to live and be raised by ghosts. The novel shows us the adventures of Bod, his life, friends and even what he learns in his `ghost` school.

Silas: Silas is Bod`s guardian as he is a human and can leave the graveyard to get food, supplies and other things that Bod might need.

Miss Lupescu: Miss Lupescu is a replacement when Silas must leave for a while. She is also the character that must help Bod when he gets in to trouble on one of his adventures.

Liza Hempstock: Liza is a witch that is buried just outside of the graveyard and does not have a headstone. She becomes a friend of Bod and they end up helping each other.

Scarlett Amber Perkins: Scarlett is in two chapters of the novel and is a human friend for Bod. She plays a major part in finding out what really happened to Bod`s parents.

Jack Frost: Jack Frost and the other characters called Jack are the villains of the novel. Jack is the character who killed Bod`s family at the beginning of the novel and who come back to haunt Bod.

Mr and Mrs Owens: These characters are the graveyard parents of Bod.

The Lady on the Grey: This character is a mysterious figure who may even represent death.

Week 1:

Chapter 1: Growing Up in the Graveyard

Here is the link to listen to Gaiman reading chapter one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f22MDCftjZU>

Chapter 1 – Summary

- In the dark and scary beginning the man Jack kills a family with a sharp, long knife. The toddler tumbles from his crib and toddles out the open door and up the hill, escaping Jack.
- A startling flickering ghost of the baby's dead mother appears pleading with Mr and Mrs Owens to keep her child safe.
- The man, Jack, climbs over the fence and is met by Josiah Worthington, a wealthy brewer who had over three hundred years before had given the cemetery and surrounding land to the city. Josiah tells Jack that he would not remember the graveyard and escorts him out the gate. Jack is confused as to what had happened.
- Mr. and Mrs. Owens agree to adopt the child. Silas agrees to be his guardian and bring him food. They discuss what to name the baby. Mrs. Owens says he looks like nobody but himself and will be called Nobody. The graveyard inhabitants' debate what to do. They discuss giving him Freedom of the Graveyard which would allow him to see in the dark and to go where the living normally cannot. The Lady on the Grey, who attends all deaths, came rambling up on a huge white horse. She tells the graveyard folk, "The dead should have charity," giving them her blessing for Nobody to stay.

Chapter 2 – The New Friend

- Bod was a quiet child who could not understand why he could not leave the cemetery, after all Silas left. Bod learned to read from the headstones and learned from the dead, but he was lonely.
- Bod meets a live girl, Scarlett Perkins. They become friends and often play together. Her parents think Bod is an imaginary friend.
- Bod and Scarlett decide to find the oldest grave in the cemetery. The kids find an opening going down in the mausoleum at the top of the hill. They climb down the stone steps to meet the indigo man, the imaginary guard of the place. Next, they felt a prickly sensation and hear whispery voices calling.
- They meet the Sleers who guards the resting place of the master and the treasure. The treasure is an old brooch, stone knife and a cup.
- When the kids climb up the stone stairs, Scarlett's parents and the police are searching for them. The parents are scared and vow never to let her out of their sight again. She convinces them to take her back later to tell Bod they were moving to Scotland.

Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example
Wisps	A small or thing piece or amount of something.	Wisps of night-time.
Flexed	To bend or move.	He flexed his fingers.
Casement	A part of a window that lets it open like a door.	The casement windows.
Insinuated	Suggest or hint at something.	Fog had insinuated themselves into the hall.
Treacherous	Hidden or unpredictable behaviour.	The night shadowy and treacherous.
Insubstantial	Little strength or solidity.	On insubstantial hand.
Perpetuity	The state of lasting forever.	To the city in perpetuity.
Proconsul	A person who has a lot of authority.	Looks a little like my proconsul.
Obelisk	A stone tower or pillar.	Pause beside the obelisk
Lucidly	Easily understood.	To explain things lucidly.
Fluorescent	Very colourful.	Fluorescent coloured clothes.

Comprehension Questions – Chapter 1 and Chapter 2

Using the vocabulary from the table above answer the following questions:

1. On page 3, how is Jack described?
2. On page 3, what is Jack holding?
3. On page 4, what is Jack trying to find?
4. On page 6, what do we learn happened to the baby?
5. On page 8, who sees the baby?
6. On page 10, who asks Mr and Mrs Owens to look after the baby?
7. On page 14, what does the man tell Jack he might have seen?
8. On page 18, who offers to get food for the baby?
9. On page 24, who appears on a horse?
10. On page 31, how is Bod described?
11. On page 35, who does Bod meet?
12. On page 38, what would Bod and Scarlett do together each afternoon?
13. On page 43, where are Bod and Scarlett planning to go?
14. On page 46, who do Bod and Scarlett meet?
15. On page 51, what do Scarlett`s parents think have happened to her?

Chapter 3 – The Hounds of God

- Silas is leaving to find some information and Bod is not happy about it. Silas hires Miss Lupescu to look after Bod while he is gone. She is horrible, cooks Bod awful food and makes him memorize pointless lessons like how to call help in *every* language.
- Frustrated, he curls into a ball on the grass and falls asleep. Three ghouls wake him. They listen to his complaints and promise him food and adventure.
- They toss Bod down a dark opening in a tomb to the strange world under the gravestones. Night Gaunts, huge bird-like creatures, circle in the sky. Bod calls for help in Night Gaunt language and they shriek and swarm, rescuing Bod. They take him to the large grey werewolf that sent them.
- The wolf is Miss Lupescu and she carries him home on her back. She explains she is from The Hounds of God, werewolves who see their transformation as a gift from God. Silas returns and Bod, now a fan of Miss Lupescu, wants her to come back next summer.

Chapter 3 Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example
Lichens	A slow growing plant OR a skin disease.	Scabbed with lichens.
Ignorant	Not having knowledge or awareness.	You are an ignorant boy.
Foulest	Something unpleasant or offensive.	In the foulest of moods.
Sinews	A piece of tissue that holds muscle and bone together.	To see his sinews.
Lurches	To make a sudden movement.	A series of jumps and lurches.
Barren	An empty land that cannot produce anything.	Across a barren plain.
Loathing	A strong hatred or dislike.	He felt disgust and loathing.
Impervious	Unable to be affected by something.	They were impervious to disease.
Unimpressed	Not happy with something.	She was unimpressed.
Impenetrable	Not possible to pass through or enter.	It was impenetrable.
Shroud	A length of cloth which a dead person is wrapped in.	The glimmering shroud.

Comprehension Questions – Chapter 3

Using the vocabulary from the table above answer the following questions:

1. On page 59, who does Bod meet?
2. On page 61, why does Bid like Silas so much?
3. On page 64, what does Bod think about the food?
4. On page 68, who did Bod see when he woke up?
5. On page 71, how is the sky described?
6. On page 73, what does Bod find out the creatures are?
7. On page 79, why does Bod think they are moving so fast?
8. On page 80, what are coming after the Ghouls?
9. On page 83, who has rescued Bod?
10. On page 85, who is the dog speaking like?

Week 2

Chapter 4 – The Witch’s Headstone

- Bod discovers the unholy grounds of the cemetery and goes to meet the witch buried there.
- Elisabeth (Liza) Hempstock was drowned and burned to death because another girl accused her of bewitching a boy. She was buried in an unmarked grave and desperately wanted a headstone.
- Bod goes to the Sleers’s den and steals the ring to sell for money to buy a headstone. He leaves the graveyard to try and sell the ring at a pawnshop.
- When the evil pawnshop owner sees how fine and old the ring is, he calls a cohort. They lock Bod up and debate calling Jack, who was looking for a boy. They decide not to as they want the treasure for themselves, but Jack is awakened many miles away to the smell of something tasty.
- Liza shows up and helps Bod escape. He takes a large glass paperweight and paint and his ring back. He returns the ring and paints ‘E.H. We don’t forget’ on the paperweight to mark Liza’s grave.

Chapter 5 – Danse Macabre

- No one would tell Bod what was going on.
- The cemetery folk were all preparing and singing the same song. Silas gives Bod clothing. Silas tells Bod you must be alive or dead to dance the Macabre and since he is neither he does not know much about it.
- After dusk, Bod could hear music coming from the town square and went to see. Every man, woman and child received a flower and the dead and the living danced together. Bod danced with the Lady on the Grey.
- The next day the living forgot, the dead refused to speak of it, and it snowed.

Chapter 4 + 5 Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example
Evasive	To avoid something.	Mr Owens was more evasive.
Clambered	To climb or move past something in an awkward way.	He clambered headfirst.
Inquisitive	Having or showing an interest in learning things.	He was inquisitive.
Expired	To come to an end.	Then I expired.
Diverted	To be shown a different way.	To be diverted away.
Carnivorous	To eat other animals or a plant that eats other animals.	Carnivorous plant.
Encircled	To form a circle around something.	A black metal band encircled it.
Precise	To be very accurate and careful about details.	His precise handwriting.

Comprehension Questions – Chapter 4 + Chapter 5

Using the vocabulary from the table above answer the following questions:

1. On page 93, why shouldn't Bod go down by the witch?
2. On page 96, what has Mr Pennyworth been teaching Bod?
3. On page 100, how is the woman described?
4. On page 104, why is Bod not worried about Fading?
5. On page 107, what is Bod trying to buy?
6. On page 116, who thinks the man is not good?
7. On page 119, who are the two men debating on whether to call?
8. On page 123, how did Bod escape the two men?
9. On page 125, how did Bod get the key?
10. On page 127, what happened when Bod took the Jack card?
11. On page 138, what are all the ghosts singing about?
12. On page 141, what are the visitors to the graveyard doing?
13. On page 145, what are the people wearing flowers doing?
14. On page 150, what did Bod ask the lady?
15. On page 153, what does Silas say about the night of dancing?

Week 3:

Interlude - The Convocation

- About 100 men meet at a hotel banquet room to honour Good Dees Done.
- The Man Jack is at the head table. A silver haired man berates The Man Jack for failing to kill Bod. Jack protests that he still has time before Bod is grown.

Exploring Outside the Graveyard

Chapter 6 – Nobody Owens’ School Days

- Silas allows Bod to go to public school. Bod is not supposed to draw attention to himself, but he cannot help intervening when he discovers bullies terrorizing kids.
- Bod leads Mo and Nick to the cemetery, fades, and fills them with fear. When they continue bullying, Bod dream walks and scares them more.
- Mo has her uncle, a policeman, pick Bod up for questioning. Liza shows up and goes after Silas.
- The cop car hits a man in the road and stops. It is Silas who wraps Bod up in his arms and takes him home to the graveyard.

The Interlude + Chapter 6 Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example
Brutish	A violent or savage person or animal.	He had a brutish face.
Concealed	To hide something.	Bod was concealed from everyone.
Treacherous	Dangerous or unpredictable.	He went down the treacherous path.
Remnants	The last parts.	Remnants of the daylight.
Infinite	Endless space or something impossible to measure.	You have infinite potential.
Imperturbable	Unable to be upset or excited.	Silas was imperturbable.
Furrowed	Marked with lines or wrinkles.	His brow was furrowed.
Reprehensible	Deserving consequences or deserving of being in trouble.	There behaviour was reprehensible.
Concoct	To create something.	She would concoct something worse.

Comprehension Questions – The Interlude and Chapter 6

Using the vocabulary from the table above answer the following questions:

1. On page 155, how were all the men dressed?
2. On page 157, what does Jack need to finish as time is ticking?
3. On page 162, what had Bod taken?
4. On page 168, where does Bod start to go?
5. On page 173, who followed Bod to the graveyard?
6. On page 175, who does Bod meet?
7. On page 180, what did Bod do when Silas said no more school?
8. On page 182, what has Bod done to Nick?
9. On page 190, who told Silas that Bod was in trouble?
10. On page 195, what kind of activities might Bod start doing?

Week 4:

Chapter 7 Summary: Every Man Jack

- Silas disappears and the Graveyard is in a tizzy about how to take care of Bod. Bod questions the Owens's about The Man Jack.
- He is angry Silas had not killed him when he had the chance. Mrs Owens says Silas is not a monster.
- Scarlett and her mother move back to town after her parents' divorce. Scarlett gets lost and meets nice Mr. Frost in the cemetery. He takes her home and her mom tells them of Scarlett's imaginary friend in the graveyard when she was little. Mom invites Mr. Frost to dinner.
- Bod learns revenge is a dish best served cold – or perhaps not at all. Bod and Scarlett meet again, and she tells Mr. Frost.
- In Krakow, Silas, Miss Lupesco, and the rest of the Honour Guard battle evil forces in a cave. Miss Lupescu falls in battle and dies.
- Scarlett discovers that Mr. Frost is staying in the house where Bod's family was killed.
- Mr. Frost wants to meet Bod. When they meet Mr. Frost becomes Jack and tries to stab Bod.
- More Jacks, Jacks of All Trades, show up.
- Bod and Scarlett escape to the graveyard and the Jacks follow.
- Bod hides Scarlett on the Sleers stairs. He tricks and traps all the Jacks except The Man Jack who went after Scarlett. Jack catches Scarlett in the Sleers cave and holds a knife to her throat.
- Bod follows them and tells the Sleers that Jack is their master. The three-headed snake wraps Jack in its coils and pulls him through a wall.
- Scarlett is terrified and furious with Bod for putting her in such a scary situation. Silas takes her home and helps her forget. She and her mom move back to Glasgow.
- Since the Jacks are gone Silas takes Bod outside for pizza.

Chapter 8 Summary:

Leavings and Partings

- Things are changing; Bod can no longer always see the dead.
- He is growing up and his powers are fading. Silas gives him a suitcase, money, and a passport to go out in the world and sadly says goodbye.
- Mrs. Owens cries and sings to her son as she lets him go. Bod tries to hug her but can no longer touch her.
- Bod is happy to travel into the world and meet living adventure head on. He knows that one day he will return to the graveyard.

Chapter 7 & 8 Vocabulary:

Word	Definition	Example
Preoccupied	Focussed on something else.	Silas had been preoccupied.
Fiercely	In a powerful way.	He said fiercely.
Posterity	All future generations of people.	Only for myself and my posterity.
Conspiratorially	Suggesting some secret knowledge or plan.	He looked at Scarlett conspiratorially.
Manifest	To be clear to the eye or mind.	He waited for it to manifest.
Unmemorable	Not memorable or not standing out.	He was unmemorable.
Resolutely	Determined and purposeful way.	She resolutely did not look back.
Incongruous	Not in harmony or not matching the surroundings.	It was incongruous beside the wall.
Hesitated	Paused or waited.	He hesitated for a moment.
Gargantuan	Huge, monstrous, large.	It was a gargantuan fungus.
Fraternal	Like brothers.	They were part of a fraternal organisation.
Subtler	Delicate or understated.	He could not find anything subtler.
Tangible	Something you can touch.	Something that was tangible.
Providence	The protective care or God or nature.	It makes you believe in providence.

Comprehension Questions – Chapter 7 & Chapter 8

Using the vocabulary from the table below answer the following questions:

1. On page 244, how did Scarlett get into the graveyard?
2. On page 246, where did Bod hide Scarlett?
3. On page 250, who is going to help Bod?
4. On page 252, what are all the Jacks part of?
5. On page 254, how did Bod get rid of the three Jacks?
6. On page 262, what does the last Jack want to do now all the others are dead?
7. On page 264, how are the Sleer described?
8. On page 266, what did the Sleer do to Jack?
9. On page 279, what is Bod not able to do all the time now?
10. On page 287, who says bye to Bod before he leaves?

