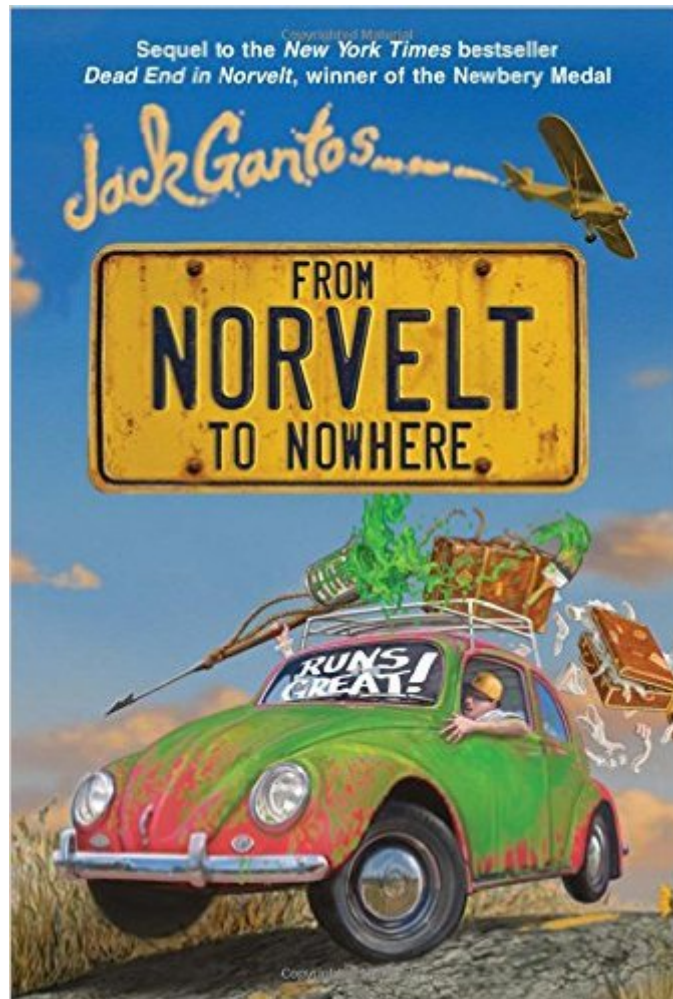


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# From Norvelt To Nowhere (Norvelt Series)



## Synopsis

This rocket-paced follow-up to the Newbery Medal-winning novel *Dead End in Norvelt* opens deep in the shadow of the Cuban missile crisis. But instead of Russian warheads, other kinds of trouble are raining down on young Jack Gantos and his utopian town of Norvelt in western Pennsylvania. After an explosion, a new crime by an old murderer, and the sad passing of the town's founder, twelve-year-old Jack will soon find himself launched on a mission that takes him hundreds of miles away, escorting his slightly mental elderly mentor, Miss Volker, on her relentless pursuit of the oddest of outlaws. But as their trip turns south in more ways than one, it's increasingly clear that the farther from home they travel, the more off-the-wall Jack and Miss Volker's adventure becomes. In *From Norvelt to Nowhere*, a raucous road novel about roots and revenge, a last chance at love, and the power of a remarkable friendship. A Publishers Weekly Best Children's Book of 2013

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Age Range: 10 - 14 years

Grade Level: 5 - 9

## Customer Reviews

Before diving in to a mini review of "From Norvelt to Nowhere," here's a little bit of info re: my history with "Dead End in Norvelt." I work in the Children's Dept. at the Framingham Public Library, and I'll often take out audiobooks to listen to while driving to and from work. Of late, I've enjoyed listening to historical children's lit, with the occasional fantasy thrown in. This past February/March (2013), I

checked out DEIN, and realized after the first few chapters that this was the stuff of... well, not quite magic, but pretty close. So much of Jack's antics had me in stitches, and the plot had me guessing so much, that I couldn't wait to listen to the end of the story via audiobook, so I got the hard cover and devoured the last third of the story. I then gave it to my oldest child (a high school junior at the time), and she read the book in about three hours. Then on to my 2nd oldest (an 8th grader at the time), and he alternated between reading and listening to the story. My 8 year old listens to it on occasion at night - she also does a great impression of Bunny's "curse dance" which consists of her skipping and spinning while clapping her hands -, but my 5 year old has yet to experience the sublime madness. Suffice to say, most of my family love DEIN, and I've recommended it over and over, not to mention having it added to the public school summer reading list in Framingham, MA. As soon as I finished DEIN, I demanded of the sequel gods to satisfy the hunger for more of Jack's antics in Norvelt. I thought, since "Dead End" took place during summer vacation, that a jaunt during the school year would be a blast. In particular Halloween.

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