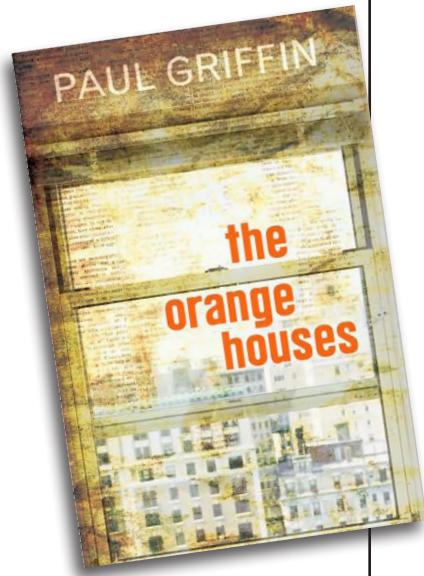


ATPE **BOOK** of the month **CLUB**



The Orange Houses by Paul Griffin

(Grades 9–12)

(Summary taken from book jacket)

Fifteen-year-old Mik Sykes can't hear much, and she likes it that way. She can pretend not to notice the constant taunts and threats at school. She can mute out the sellers and buyers, screamers and liars outside the housing project where she lives with her mother. She can live inside her own head.

Until two people change her world.

Jimmi Sixes, a struggling street poet who is already a war veteran at just 18, introduces Mik to Fatima, a 16-year-old refugee who has just arrived in New York, all alone. These three struggling outsiders form an immediate and extraordinary friendship, but they also set off an explosive chain of events that will alter the course of each of their lives.

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