

The Potter Page-Turners!



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Today we met for our 3rd book discussion this year. This month's book, *The Book Without Words* by Avi, combined fantasy, history and mystery into one fantastic tale. As we discussed, Avi considers this book a fable and not a fantasy.

I encourage you to ponder the "big ideas" in Avi's story during the holiday break, maybe even ask some of your relatives what they think about the opening proverb: "*A life unlived is like a book without words.*" Remember, that was the last line Avi wrote for this story and it became his title. Proverbs are brief "adages" or sayings that speak truths. Another proverb spoken by the raven Odo was "*A fool is the first to think himself wise and the last to know it isn't so.*" True?

Our book for January is *The Silver Bowl* by Diane Stanley. This is a new book, only published in 2011, that I was fortunate to get 10 signed copies last spring from the author. I will be reading it for the first time with each of you. We completed the first chapter yesterday and I think, were all swept into this medieval fantasy already. Enjoy delving into the story during your break.

"There's one other thing my hands have always been good at: holding books and turning their pages while I traveled to other worlds, other times and places, in the company of characters I will never forget."

Author ~ Diane Stanley