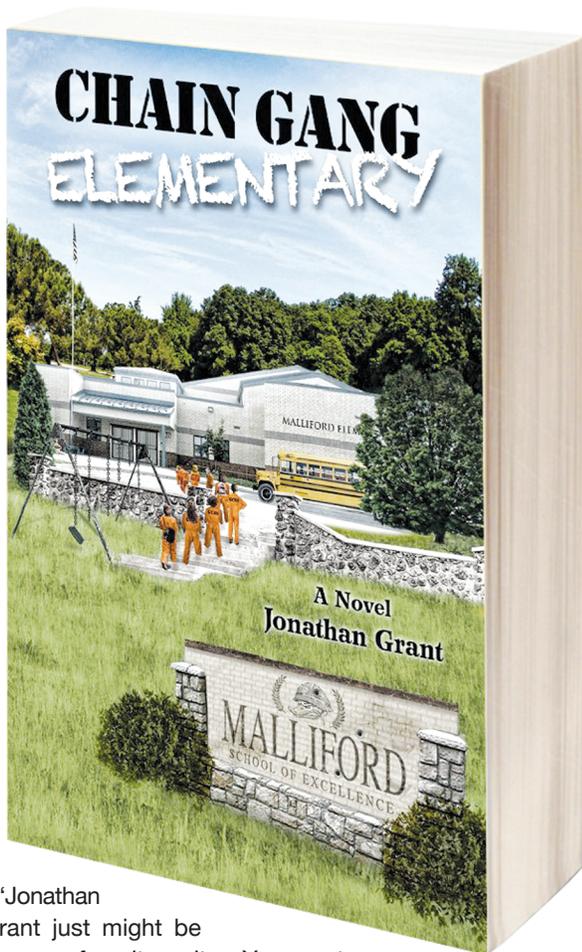


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## Praise for *Chain Gang Elementary*

- “This book is what ‘Desperate Housewives’ wishes it could be.” – **Indie Books List** (“Book of the Month”)
- “Grant provides trenchant criticisms of educational policy ... (with) acerbic wit.” – **Publishers Weekly**
- “Exceptionally well-written.” – John Pearson, teacher and author of **Learn Me Good**
- “**Chain Gang Elementary** cuts too close to reality. A novel that reads like daily news.” – Diane Ravitch

Jonathan Grant’s timely, poignant tale of war between a PTA president and a grade school principal has struck a chord with both parents and educators as well as critics. In addition to receiving praise from reviewers, *Chain Gang Elementary* is “Required Reading” in *PTO Today*.

“It’s funny. It’s not so funny,” Grant says of his novel. “Writing it is my revenge for being forced to read *Lord of the Flies* in high school.”

## Chain Gang Elementary Tackles Tough Issues— Education, Parenting & Bake Sale Embezzlement

After a murder at Bonaire Elementary, Richard and Anna Lee Gray seek a good school for their son Nick in a safe neighborhood. Their search leads them to Malliford, a “school of excellence.” When redistricting sends scores of minority students to Malliford, iron-willed Principal Estelle Rutherford declares war on kids to raise test scores and save her reputation. Dissident parents revolt, electing Richard to head the Parent-Teacher Organization, and tensions explode. Welcome to Chain Gang Elementary, home to vast right-wing conspiracies, 3rd-grade gangsters, and bake sale embezzlers—where toxic childhood secrets boil over, reformers go stark raving mad, and culture wars escalate into armed conflict.

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