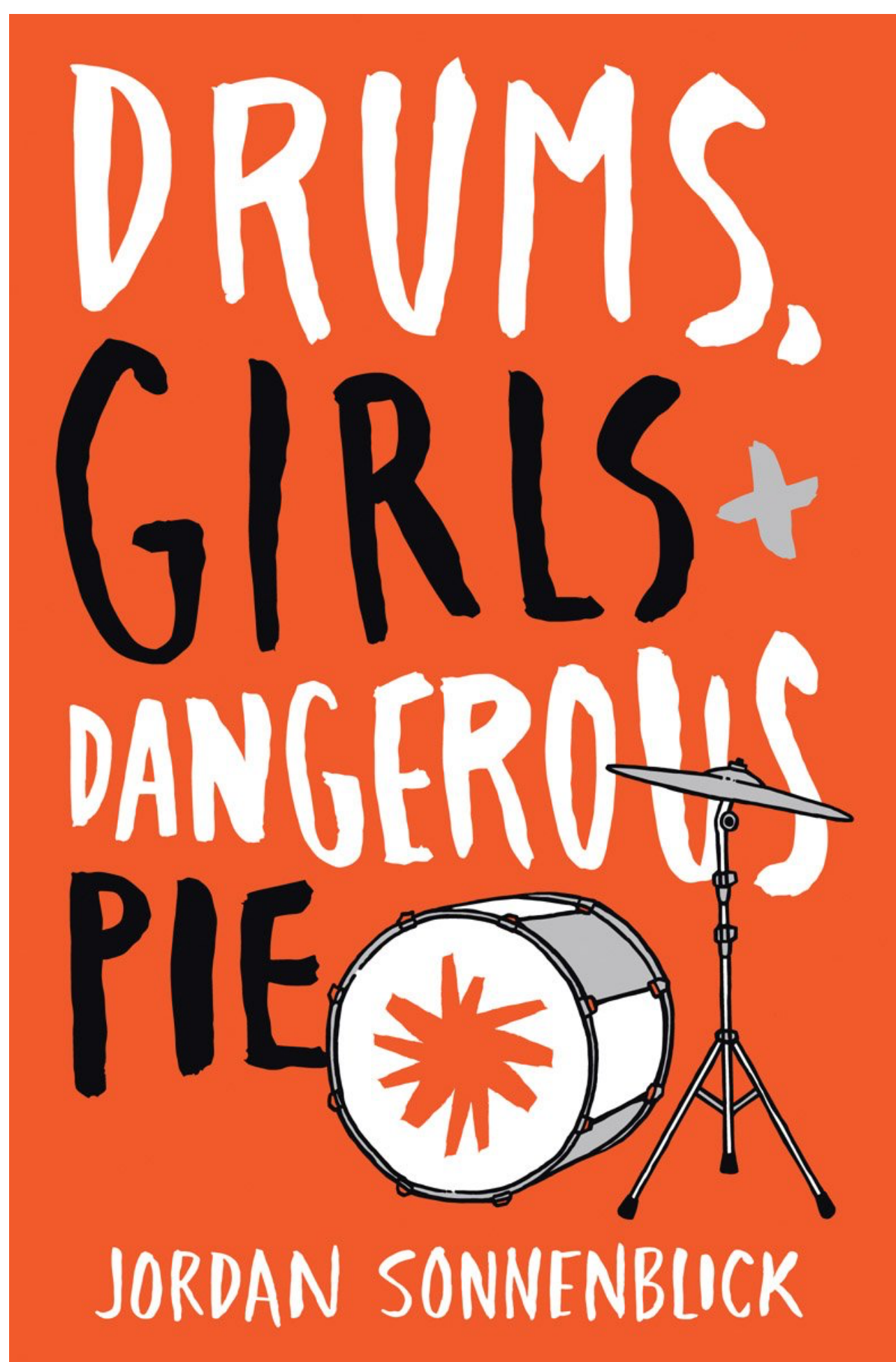


ELLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING 2022

One Book, One Ellis

- WHAT:** One book for 6th-8th grade to read this summer; *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- WHY:** To unite our school community through a shared literature experience
- WHO:** Students, teachers, parents, administrators, and school staff
- WHEN:** Anytime before Friday, August 5th, 2022 (One-Pager is due in your ELA class.)
- HOW:** Purchase online, in a bookstore, or use the local library



"Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece."

Synopsis found on Amazon.com.

"Most important for a middle-grade audience, Sonnenblick shows that even in the midst of tragedy, life goes on, love can flower, and the one thing you can always change is yourself." *Booklist* (September 15, 2005. Vol. 102 No. 2)

"First-time author Sonnenblick has pulled off a rare feat. Not only did he make this story about a 13-year-old boy, whose little brother contracts leukemia, real and raw and heart-rending, he made it hysterically funny as well." *Kirkus Reviews* (September 1, 2005)