

Approved for use in Honors English II

Summary of the Work:

Welcome to Cold Mountain Penitentiary, home to the Depression-worn men of E Block. Convicted killers all, each awaits his turn to walk the Green Mile, keeping a date with "Old Sparky", Cold Mountain's electric chair. Prison guard Paul Edgecomb has seen his share of oddities in his years working the Mile. But he's never seen anyone like John Coffey, a man with the body of a giant and the mind of a child, condemned for a crime terrifying in its violence and shocking in its depravity. In this place of ultimate retribution, Paul is about to discover the terrible, wondrous truth about Coffey, a truth that will challenge his most cherished beliefs...and yours.

- from the book jacket

Rationale:

Sophomore Honors English is an enriched and challenging version of the required English II course. This course for the college-bound emphasizes the analysis of non-fiction and novels. Students should have an appreciation for and love of reading. Additionally, the course focuses on the study of other genres of literature, emphasis on class discussion, grammar, and vocabulary development. Expository and research writing is emphasized.

Professional Reviews and/or Critical Essays:

- Amazon.com editorial reviews

* Print resources are available from the library media center and libraries in the district. Contact any library media specialist to view the scholarly sources.

* Scholarly reviews are also available online through Books in Print and Gale. Contact the library media specialist to obtain username and password information to access the subscription database of full-text reviews.

Noted Distinction:

- *The Green Mile* won a 1997 Bram Stoker Award for Best Novel; and Tom Hanks stars in a film of the novel by Frank Darabont, the director of *The Shawshank Redemption* (from King's collection *Different Seasons*).

Readability:

- Lexile Score: 910
- Readability Level: AD. 6.9

Learning Resources Guidelines:

- The novel meets the Learning Resources Guidelines.

Standard Alignment: ([link](#))

Approval:

Submitted to Committee:

Approved for Adoption: 2002

Notes on the Text:

(The best way to evaluate and understand a novel is to personally read the book in its entirety.)

Contains all six installments of the serialized horror novel about death row prisoner John Coffey and his fellow inmates and guards in the Green Mile wing of Cold Mountain Penitentiary. Language is mature.

Connection to the Curriculum:

Example of characterization and realism.

Additional Connections:

(AP, Honors, Essential/Applied, Dramas, Films, etc.)

An epic genre.