Book: The Orphan Train

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Level of Difficulty: Difficult

My thoughts about the book and its suitability for my group:

This was a great book to expose students to the turn of the century time period in the United States. The novel lends itself to discussions of immigration, child welfare conditions, class and racial discrimination and stereotypes, and how these conditions eventually led to changes in labor and child welfare laws, as well as the development of the foster care system.

Students’ reaction to the book:

Overall, the students enjoyed the book but found the ending predictable.

Tips for other tutors who may want to use this book:

-can be easily read in one session