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## Editorial Review

### Amazon.com Review

**Amazon Best Books of the Month January 2013:** In her first book since the Newbery Medal winner, *Moon Over Manifest*, Clare Vanderpool delivers another contender in *Navigating Early*. Jack and Early, outsiders at their boarding school in Maine, form a friendship that sets them on an epic quest across land, sea, and the depths of their own hearts looking for Pi—the young seeker whose tale Early reads in the numbers following 3.14, convinced that he is lost. On their adventure they find pirates, a ferocious black bear, and finally, resolution and connection in the aftermath of a haunting loss. Vanderpool works magic in this multilayered novel of two stories—that of the boys, and that of Pi--and they dovetail beautifully throughout, culminating in an incredibly touching and gratifying ending. --Seira Wilson

### From [Booklist](#)

**\*Starred Review\*** When Jack Baker's mother dies, his father deposits him in the Morton Hill Academy for Boys in Maine, far from the only home he has ever known—Kansas. Alone and lonely, Jack befriends Early Auden, a strange, legendary boy who understands all manner of unknowable things, from the necessity of listening to Billie Holiday on rainy days to the secrets embedded in patterns of jelly beans. Most important, Early believes the unwinding digits in the calculation of pi hold a connection to his revered older brother, lost in the war. Jack and Early set out on a mysterious journey, following Pi's story, tracking a great black bear along the Appalachian Trail, and searching for reconciliation neither knows he seeks. Along the way, they encounter a collection of characters, all of them wound up in Early's eerily prescient Pi yarn. Newbery Medal-winning author Vanderpool's sharp, honest narrative, sparkling with the stars of the night sky, pieces together an elaborate, layered plot with precision, weaving multiple threads into a careful, tidy conclusion perfectly suited for those, like Jack and Early, who want to believe. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Vanderpool took home the big Newbery prize for *Moon Over Manifest* (2010), making this publication—which includes a national author tour—a publishing event. Grades 5-8. --Thom Barthelmess

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### **The Washington Post, January 1, 2013:**

"Clare Vanderpool deftly rows this complex, inventive novel — her most recent since her Newbery-winning 'Moon Over Manifest' — to a tender, surprising and wholly satisfying ending."

### **The Wall Street Journal, January 18, 2013:**

"An emotionally believable and moving work of magical realism."

### **The Boston Globe, June 22, 2013:**

"A beautifully written adventure."

### **The New York Times, January 13, 2013:**

"The hallmark of 'Navigating Early' is abundant adventure...The friendship between Jackie and Early and the Morton Hill Academy episodes overall have the flavor of Wes Anderson's delightful summer camp movie, 'Moonrise Kingdom.'"

### **Starred Review, School Library Journal, March 2013:**

“Readers will find themselves richly rewarded by this satisfying tale.”

**Starred Review, Publishers Weekly, November 19, 2012:**

“This multilayered, intricately plotted story has a kaleidoscopic effect, blurring the lines between reality and imagination, coincidence and fate.”

**Starred Review, Booklist, December 15, 2012:**

“Newbery Medal-winning author Vanderpool’s sharp, honest narrative, sparkling with the stars of the night sky, pieces together an elaborate, layered plot with precision, weaving multiple threads into a careful, tidy conclusion perfectly suited for those, like Jack and Early, who want to believe.”

**Starred Review, Kirkus Reviews, November 15, 2012:**

““Returning to themes she explored so affectingly in *Moon Over Manifest*, Newbery Medalist Vanderpool delivers another winning picaresque about memories, personal journeys, interconnectedness—and the power of stories.”

**The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, February 2013:**

"This story of a poignant friendship of two heartbroken boys shifts quickly among genres...moving into territory more often claimed by high fantasy quests, heroic epics, wilderness adventures, and even mysteries. The incorporation of these familiar tropes give the book broad and fascinating appeal, and those that trust Early—and Vanderpool—to lead them through the treacherous woods will be pondering and debating the surreal experience for some time to come."

**The Horn Book, March/April 2013:**

"While the writing is as minutely observant as it was in the author’s Newbery-winning debut, *Moon over Manifest*, this book has a stronger trajectory, developed by the classic quest structure that emerges when Vanderpool sends the boys into the Maine wilderness."

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**From reader reviews:**

**Judith Carter:**

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