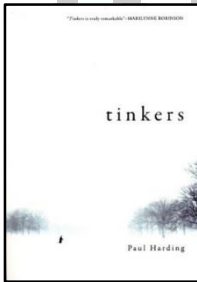




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Teacher's Book Review**



***Tinkers*, Paul Harding
Reviewed by Ms. Cosgrove, June 6th, 2012.**

Some people think that individuals who are moments, hours or even days before their death, experience a kind of movie in their own minds which rewinds them backward in time through their life. This view forms the narrative of our book, this week, which chronicles the last eight days of an elderly man's life. He is confined to a hospital bed in the living room of his home surrounded by family, and those he loves. His mind wanders back to his childhood growing up in Maine and he tells the story of his father a peddler, a man who sold household wares from a horse drawn cart and who suffered from epilepsy, a little understood illness in the 1920's. He paints a portrait of a sensitive person who lives in awe of nature, while at the same time is misunderstood by those around him. I'm not going to lie to you, it's not an easy read but it is a rewarding one – a first book by the author and a winner of the Pulitzer Prize.