

## Second Trimester Book Report III

Summerland by Michael Chabon (524 pages)

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I read "Summerland" by Michael Chabon. This book is most definitely a Fantasy. It is a Fantasy because it takes place in other worlds and in ours, also because it has fantastical creatures in it such as Giants and Fairies.

In the book there are four worlds Middling, (ours), Summerland, winterland, and an unknown world. All of the worlds are branches on the Tree of life. The tree was created when Mr. Wood who also created an evil Coyote. The evil Coyote has separated the unknown world from the rest. Some people who inhabit the four worlds have a special power of jumping from branch on the tree and going to other worlds. They are called Shadow tails. The book starts when Ethan and Jennifer T. A way into Summerland they meet a native Summerlander and become friends. They learn of the tree and of Coyote. When they get home they find Ethan's dad (an inventor) missing with his miracle material Pico fiber. They go back to Summerland and the ferisher knows this is Coyote's doing. So they set of to find coyote. On the way they make more friends and make the Summerland traveling All Star Shadow Tails. They are a baseball team. They are called the shadows because they go from world to world. On the way Ethan finds a splinter of the tree and turns it in to a bat, but there is a problem there is a knot on the bats

handle and it pains Ethan horribly. They finally get to Diamond Green the center of the tree, where they find Coyote. Coyote has gotten Ethan's dad to make a hose and nosel to put poison in to the Murmury well, which waters the tree. So when the tree dies Coyote could make a knew world. So he challenged Coyote to a game of baseball, if Coyote wins he get to destroy the tree, If Jimmy Coyote must stop and Jimmy get his dad back. To make sure Coyote doesn't lie Jimmy's friend a Sasquach is to hold the hose and nosel. So they play and it comes down to the ninth inning, two outs, two strikes, and Jimmy decides to knot play attention to the knot and then he hits a Giant home run that goes so far a crack then someone yells "Coyote" in a female voice and Coyote yells "run!" He says "you win, I will stop "in a huge hurry, so then they go back to middling after they destroy the hose and all was well.

I really liked this book because of its creativity and imaginative creatures. I also like how the author added so many folk tails to the book (I know this because I read the back of the book and it names the folk tales I used) .One thing that I disliked about this is it doesn't explain a lot of things. Like what if Coyote goes and finds another way to destroy the tree. I found that this author's writing really helps me visualize.

A message I found was something very small can cause a world of trouble. I derived this from when the small knot on splinter almost caused a few worlds a lot of trouble.