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Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus

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Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie

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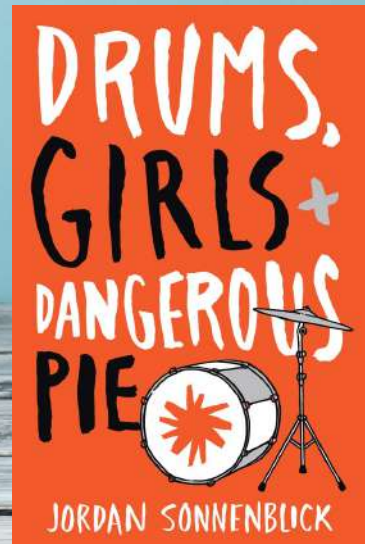
Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece. Salted with humor and peppered with devastating realities, DRUMS, GIRLS, AND DANGEROUS PIE is a heartwarming journey through a year in the life of a family in crisis.

Excerpt/ Quote:

"Instead of agonizing about the things you can't change, why don't you try working on the things you can change"

— Jordan Sonnenblick

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Brothers

Crushes

8th Grade

Drums/ Music

Cancer

Change

Sarcasm

Family

Dealing with trauma



The Martian

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American Born Chinese

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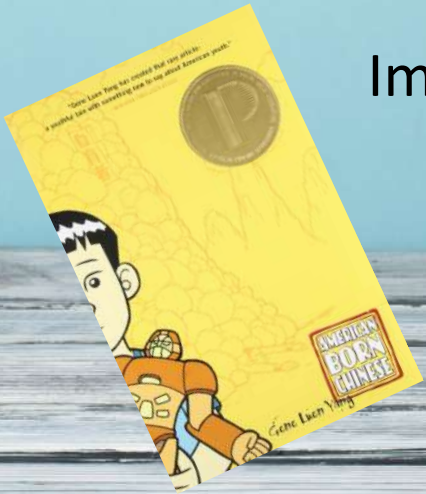
Chin-Kee is the ultimate negative Chinese stereotype, and he's ruining his cousin Danny's life. Danny's a popular kid at school, but every year Chin-Kee comes to visit, and every year Danny has to transfer to a new school to escape the shame. This year, though, things quickly go from bad to worse...



Excerpt/ Quote:

"Wait." "So what am I supposed to do now?" "To find your true identity within the will of Tze Yo Tzuh...that is the highest of all freedoms." "I do not make mistakes, little monkey."

Image:



Multi-Cultural

3 Story Lines

Graphic Novel

Funny

Bullying Themes

Popularity

Fables

Quick Read

Family



The Fault In Our Stars

Review (no spoilers!):

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.



Excerpt/ Quote:

“You were an infinity within the numbered days and for that I am grateful.”

Image:



Beautiful

Cancer

Love

Sad

Intense

Smart Teens

Sickness

Travel

Books



Flipped

Review (no spoilers!):

Flipped is a romance told in two voices. The first time Juli Baker saw Bryce Loski, she flipped. The first time Bryce saw Juli, he ran. That's pretty much the pattern for these two neighbors until the eighth grade, when, just as Juli is realizing Bryce isn't as wonderful as she thought, Bryce is starting to see that Juli is pretty amazing. How these two teens manage to see beyond the surface of things and come together makes for a comic and poignant romance.

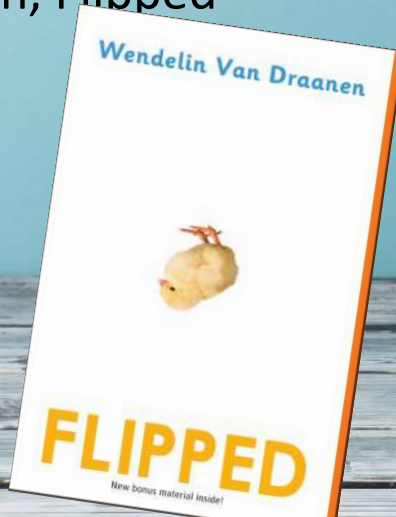


Excerpt/ Quote:

“One's character is set at an early age. The choices you make now will affect you for the rest of your life. I hate to see you swim out so far you can't swim back.”

— Wendelin Van Draanen, *Flipped*

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Cute

Don't judge a book by its cover

Creative storytelling

Teen Love

Disability

2 POV's

Short read

Symbolism

Movie adaption on Netflix



Speak

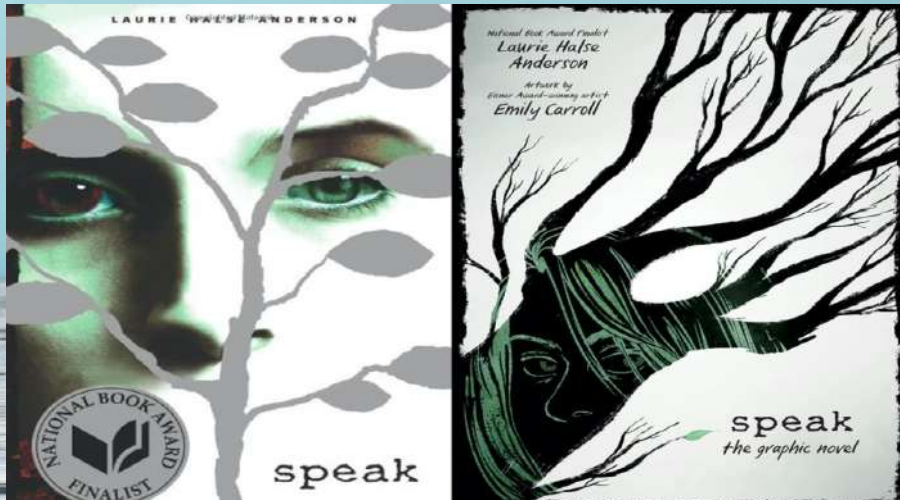
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From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication.

Excerpt/ Quote:

“When people don't express themselves, they die one piece at a time.” ...

“You have to know what you stand for, not just what you stand against.” .



High School

Outcast

Mental Health

Peer Pressure

Sexual Topics

Depression

Art

Expression

Friendships

