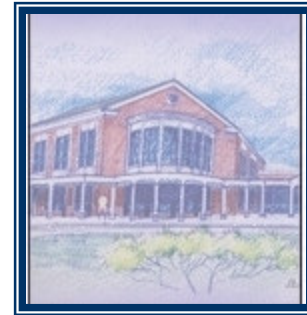


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## Reader's Advisory

Realistic fiction is a popular genre among high school students. Characters in realistic fiction stories encounter modern day difficulties and dilemmas. The story line focuses on how they deal with these problems and their interaction with family and friends.

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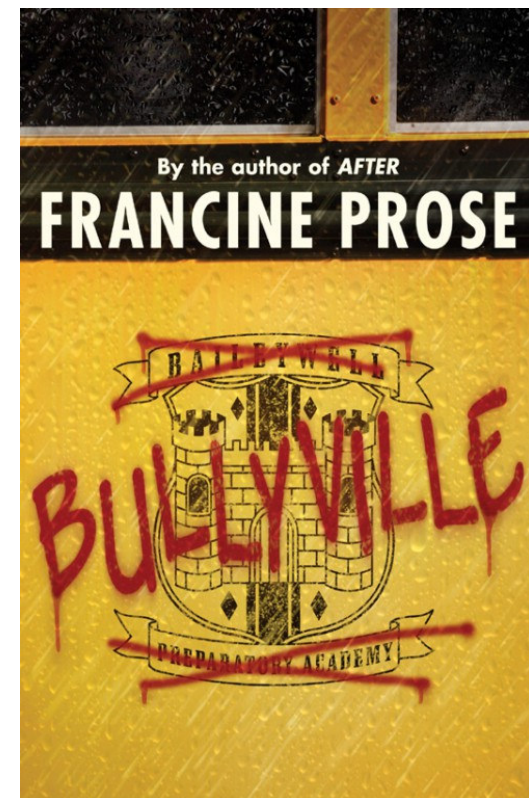
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## Bullyville

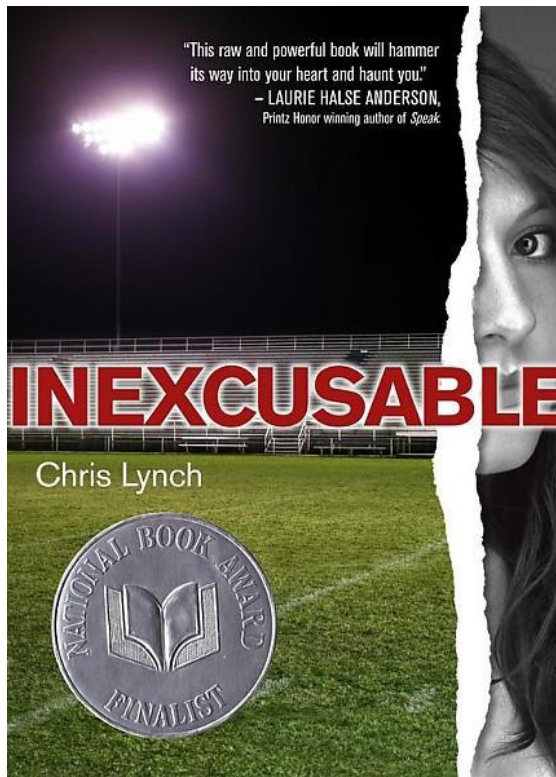
by Francine Prose

After the death of his estranged father in the World Trade Center on September 11th, thirteen-year-old Bart, still struggling with feelings of guilt, sorrow and loss, wins a scholarship to the local preparatory school and encounters a vicious bully whose cruelty compounds the aftermath of the tragedy.



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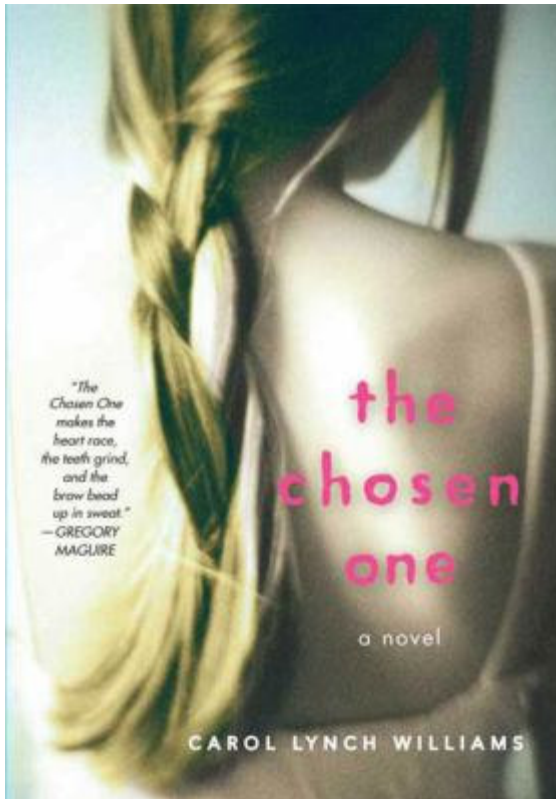
## Inexcusable by Chris Lynch

High school senior and football player Keir sets out to enjoy himself on graduation night, but when he attempts to comfort a friend whose date has left her stranded, things go terribly wrong.

- Alcohol
- Football
- Date rape

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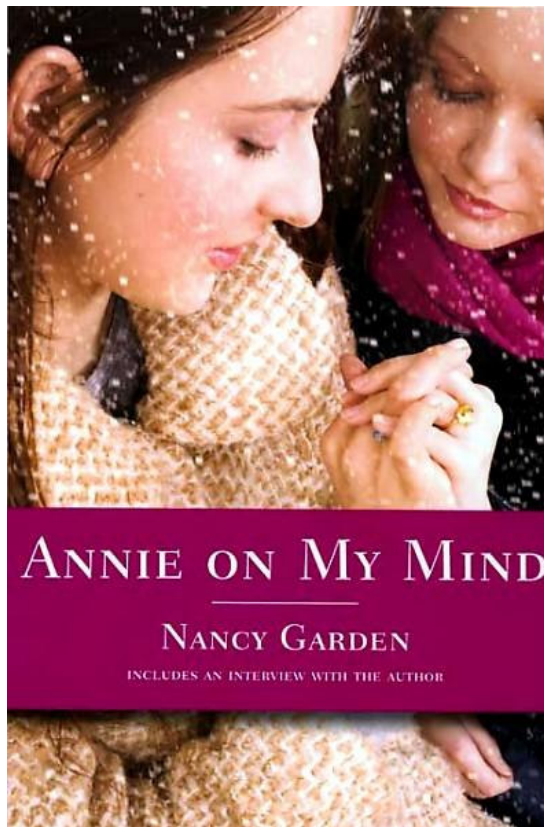
## The Chosen One

by Carol Lynch Williams

In a polygamous cult in the desert, Kyra, not yet fourteen, sees being chosen to be the seventh wife of her uncle as just punishment for having read books and kissed a boy in violation of Prophet Childs' teachings, and is torn between facing her fate and running away from all that she knows and loves.

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## Annie on My Mind

by Nancy Garden

Seventeen-year-old Liza puts aside her feelings for Annie after the disaster at school, but eventually she allows love to triumph over the ignorance of people.

- Love story
- Gay and Lesbian characters

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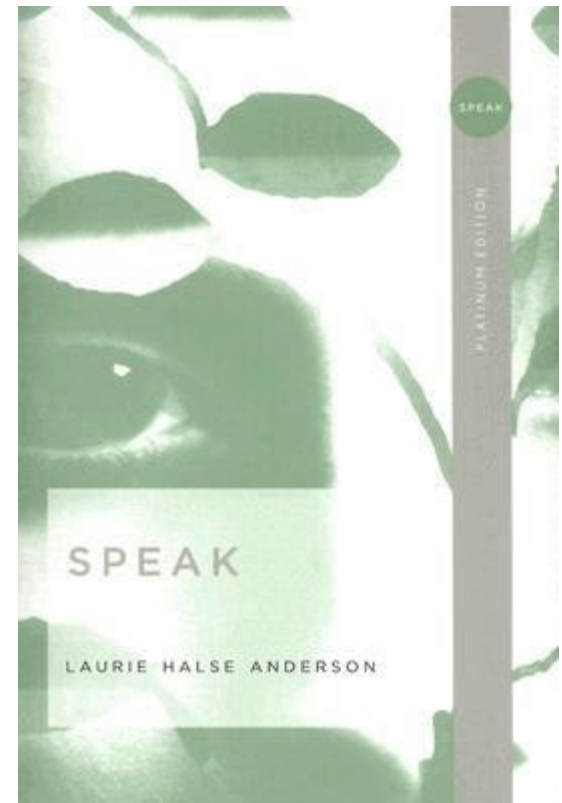
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## Speak

by Laurie Halse Anderson

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

- Rape
- Emotional problems
- High schools



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## Just Listen

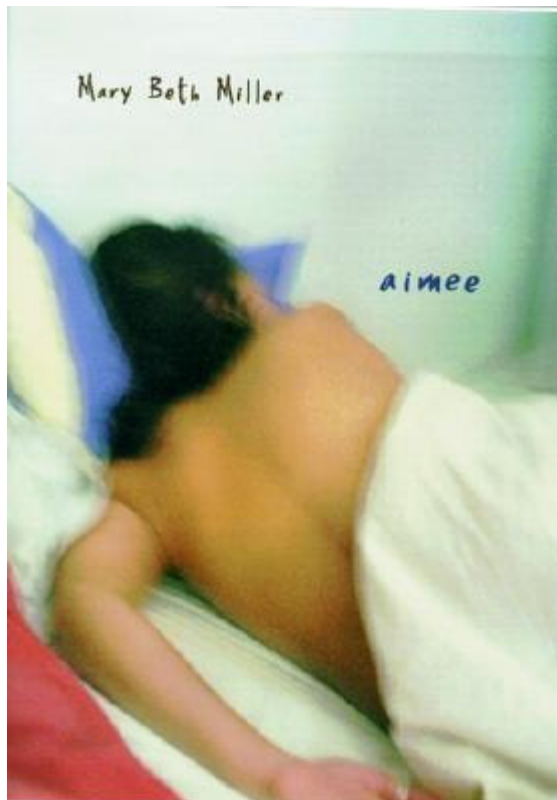
by Sarah Dessen

Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.

- Self-actualization
- Family problems
- Modeling
- Search the OPAC for other titles by Dessen

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## Aimee

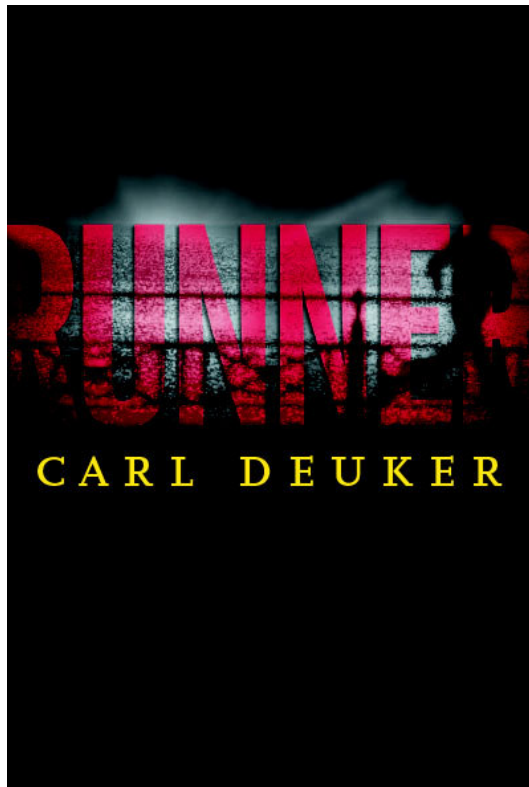
by Mary Beth Miller

Zoe, a high school senior, struggles to survive the aftermath of the suicide of her best friend Aimee, and her own murder trial for her role in the incident, by writing about her feelings in a journal.

- Friendship
- Psychology
- Suicide

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## Runner

by Carl Deuker

Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.

- Smuggling
- Poverty
- Terrorism

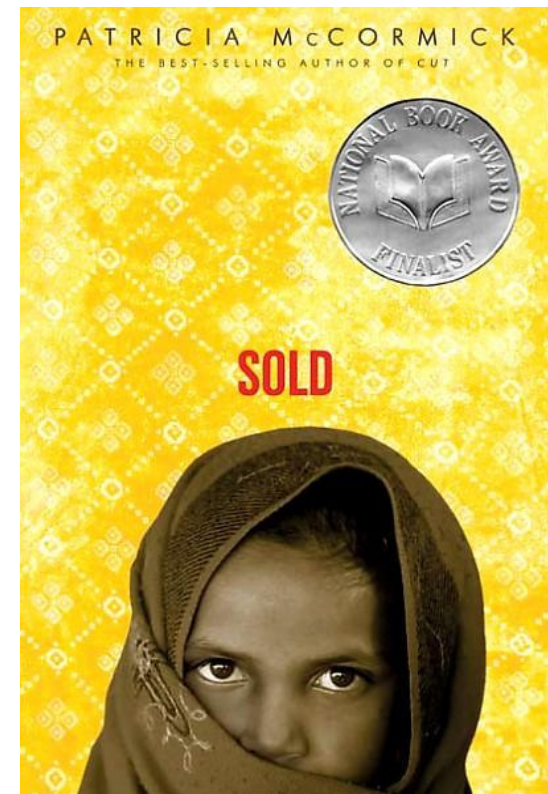
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**Sold** by Patricia McCormick

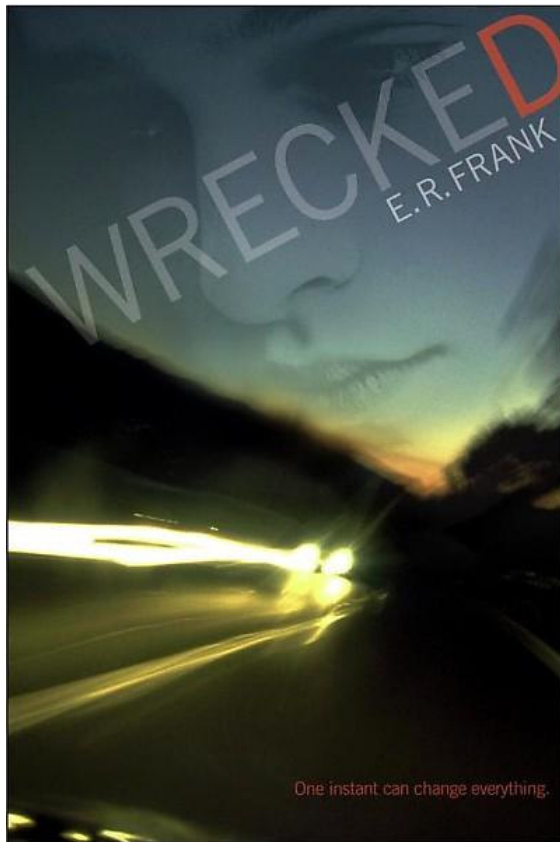
McCormick's searing novel, told in a series of poetic vignettes, gives voice to Lakshmi, a thirteen-year-old girl from Nepal who is forced into prostitution in India.

- Human trafficking
  - Calcutta (India)
  - Child prostitution
- This well researched story was a National Book Award finalist.



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## Wrecked

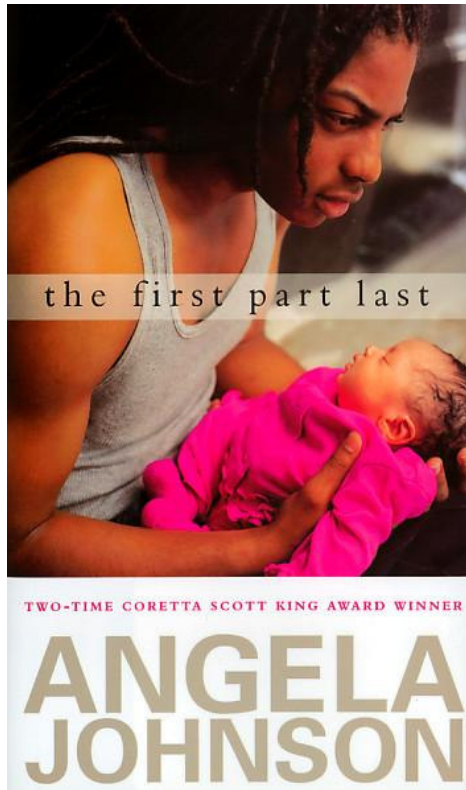
by E.R. Frank

After a car accident seriously injures her best friend and kills her brother's girlfriend, sixteen-year-old Anna tries to cope with her guilt and grief, while learning some truths about her family and herself.

- Traffic accidents
- Death; grief
- Family problems
- Self--acceptance

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## The First Part Last

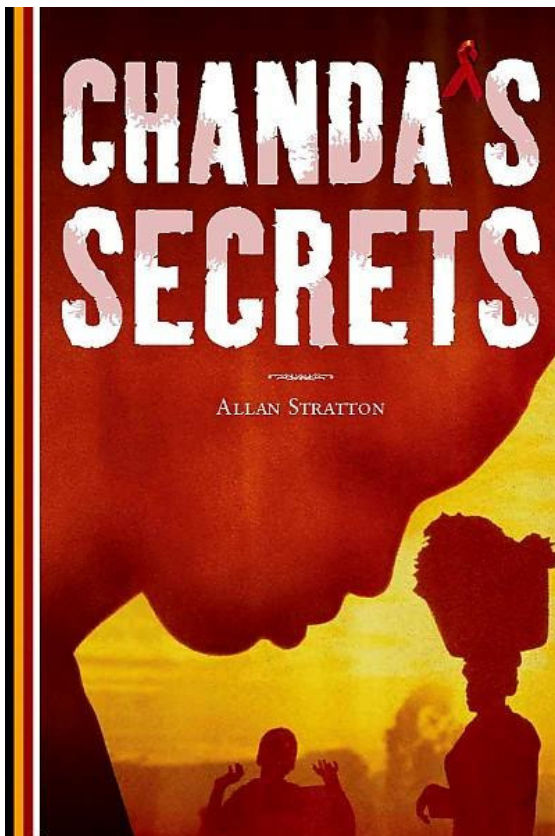
by Angela Johnson

Brief, poetic, and absolutely riveting, this gem of a novel tells the story of a young father struggling to raise an infant.

- Teenage parents
- Father and child
- Winner – Printz Award for YA Lit

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## Chanda's Secrets

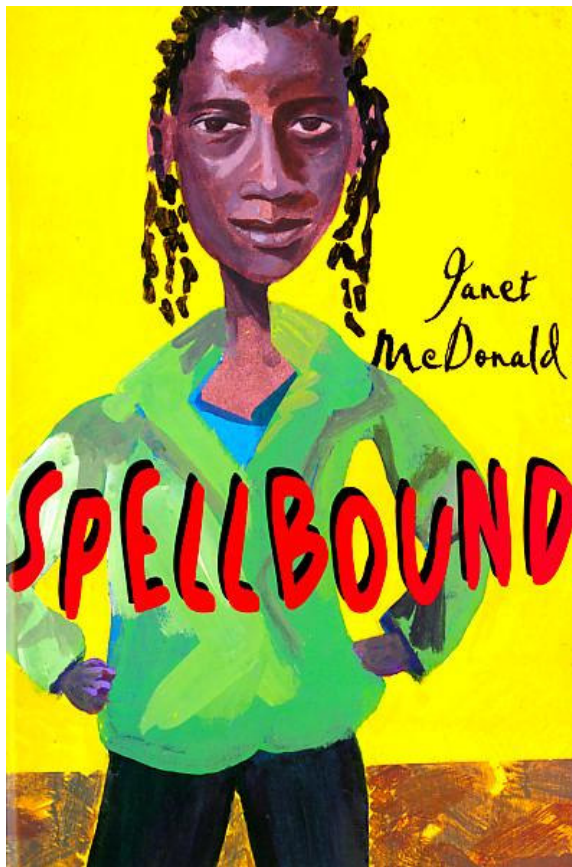
by Allan Stratton

Chandra Kabelo, a sixteen-year-old in a small South African town, faces down shame and stigma in her efforts to help friends and family members who are dying of AIDS.

- South Africa – fiction
- AIDS (disease) - fiction
- Winner: Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature

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## Spellbound

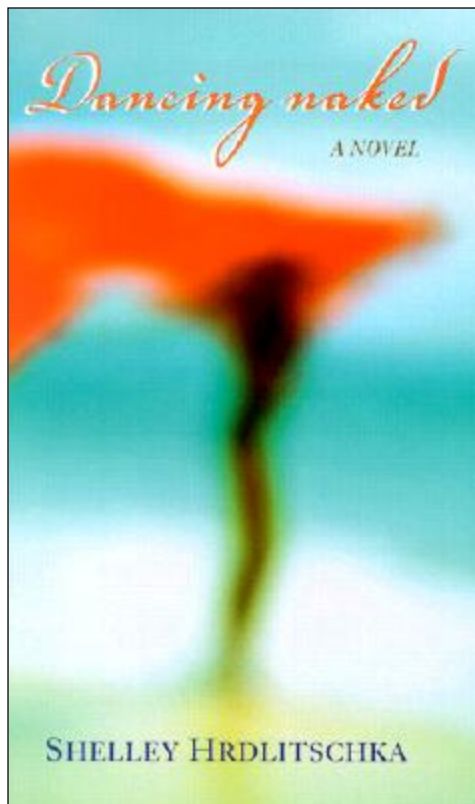
by Janet McDonald

Raven, a teenage mother and high school dropout living in a housing project, decides, with the help and sometime interference of her best friend Aisha, to study for a spelling bee which could lead to a college preparatory program and four-year scholarship.

- Teenage mothers
- High school dropouts

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## Dancing Naked

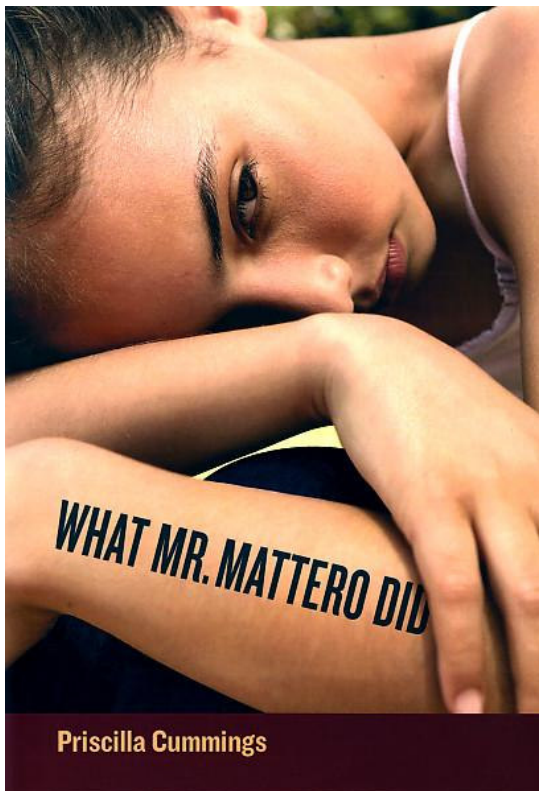
by Shelley Hrdlitschka

A heart-wrenching story about 16-year-old Kia, whose life is about to change forever as she learns she is pregnant.

- Teenage pregnancy
- Adoption

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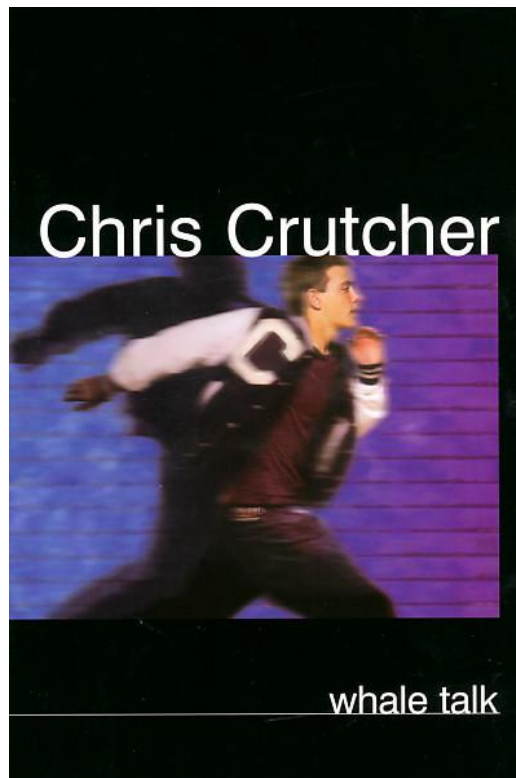
## What Mr. Mattero Did by Priscilla Cummings

Three seventh-grade girls accuse their music teacher of having touched them inappropriately and sexually.

- Schools
- Honesty
- Family life

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## Whale Talk

by Chris Crutcher

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students..

- Realistic fiction
- Swimming