

Healthy Reading Grades 9-12

Annotated Book List



The annotated book list contains titles from past **Battle of the Books (BOTB)** lists for grades 9-12, and some older titles that may already be in your library that relate to health issues but have never appeared on the BOTB lists. We've labeled these **Other Recommended Books**. The third category, **Books On Our Shelf**, has recent titles that may be new to some Alaska school libraries.

The books in each category are listed here in alphabetical order by title. In the Chart of Alignment the titles are grouped alphabetically. As always, the reading ability of the individual student or group should dictate the reading selection level. Teachers will want to read the books before assigning sections.

H.S. Battle of the Books- Annotated Book List

Into the Wild -Krakauer, Jon ISBN: 0385486804 (224 pages)

A young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. His name was Christopher Johnson McCandless. He had given \$25,000 to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, a moose hunter found his decomposed body...

Tangerine - Bloor, Edward ISBN: 0152057803 (304 pages)

Paul Fisher's older brother is a high school football star, but to Paul he is no hero. Paul's own game is soccer, which he plays even though he has to wear thick glasses because of a mysterious eye injury. When the Fishers move to Tangerine, Florida, Paul tries to make sense of things. But it's not easy. In Tangerine, underground fires burn for years and lightning strikes the same practice field every day. Strange things happen here all the time, but nothing is stranger than the secrets Paul discovers about his brother, his new group of friends, and his own dangerous past.

Walk to Remember, A - Sparks, Nicholas ISBN: 0446608955 (256 pages)

Every April, when the wind smells of both the sea and lilacs, Landon Carter remembers 1958, his last year at Beaufort High. Landon had dated a girl or two, and even once sworn he'd been in love. Certainly the last person he thought he would fall for was Jamie, the shy, almost ethereal daughter of the town's Baptist minister...Jamie, who was destined to show him the depths of the human heart and joy and pain of living.

Winter Walk: A Century-Old Survival Story from the Arctic, The - Outwater Cox, Loretta ISBN: 0882405748 (222 pages)

The year is 1892. An Iñupiat Eskimo mother finds herself far from the village at winter camp. And now her husband has died. Although Qutuuq (coo-took) is far along in pregnancy, and her children are only seven and nine, the little family sets out toward the Bering Sea coast. Weak from effort and starvation, they plod along each bend in the frozen river until Qutuuq goes into labor. Certain that her own death is imminent, the woman makes a decision that will haunt her forever. Likewise, this powerful narrative will haunt readers long after they close the book.

Other Recommended Books- Annotated Book List

Annie's Baby: The Diary of Anonymous, a Pregnant Teenager –

Anonymous, Beatrice Sparks ISBN: 0-380-79141-2 (231 pages)



When Annie discovers she's pregnant by her boyfriend, she's devastated. She has never felt so alone. With no one she can talk to, she pours her heart out to her diary, confiding her feelings of panic, self-doubt, and the desperate hope that some day she can turn her life around. She decides she wants to keep her baby and dreams of loving and caring for this little person. But after the baby is born, it's in her diary that she faces the agonizing question: Can she really raise this child on her own?

Catalyst – Anderson, Laurie Halse ISBN: 0-670-03566-1 (232 pages)

Chemistry honors student and cross-country runner Kate Malone is driven. Eschewing sleep, she runs endlessly every night waiting for the sacred college acceptance letter. Then two disasters occur: Sullen classmate Teri and her younger brother, Mikey, take over Kate's room when their own

house burns down, and a too-thin letter comes from MIT, signifying denial. And so the experiment begins. Can crude Teri and sweet Mikey, combined with the rejection letter, form the catalyst that will shake Kate out of her selfish tunnel vision and force her to deal with the suppressed pain of her mom's death? "If I could run all the time, life would be fine. As long as I keep moving, I'm in control." But for Kate, it's time to stop running and face the feelings she's spent her whole life racing away from.

Comfort – Dean, Carolee ISBN: 0618138463 (240 pages)

Fifteen-year-old Kenny Wilson wants nothing more than to get out of Comfort, Texas-fast. Only three things stand in his way: getting enough money together, convincing Cindy Blackwell to go with him, and escaping the clawlike grip of his mother.

Amidst these problems, Kenny must also contend with tumultuous feelings about his alcoholic father and his growing guilt over leaving his baby brother behind in a wake of dysfunction. But as life at home becomes even more unbearable and threatens to destroy his plans, he is determined not to lose his dreams to a lifetime of waiting tables in his mama's rundown cafe. Propelled by desire and despair, Kenny discovers the power of words and how they can change lives in ways he never dared to hope for. He comes to realize that there's a time to stop running and take a stand.

Dancing Naked – Hrdlitschka, Shelley ISBN: 1551432102 (249 pages)

A few months before her seventeenth birthday, Kia discovers that she is pregnant and decides that she can't go along with her boyfriend's desire to abort. Throughout the book, the teen matures and begins to understand that giving birth and raising a baby are two different things. She struggles with the decision of whether to keep the baby or to choose loving parents who can give the infant a life he/she deserves.

First Part Last, The – Johnson, Angela ISBN: 0689849230 (144 pages)

Bobby is your classic urban teenage boy-impulsive, eager, restless. On his sixteenth birthday he gets some news from his girlfriend, Nia, which changes his life forever. She is pregnant. Bobby is going to be a father. Suddenly things like school and house parties and hanging with friends no longer seem important as they are replaced by visits to Nia's obstetrician and a social worker who says that the only way for Nia and Bobby to lead a normal life is to put their baby up for adoption.



Forged by Fire - Draper, Sharon M. ISBN: 0689818513 (160 pages)

When his loving aunt dies, Gerald suddenly is thrust into a new home filled with anger and abuse. A brutal stepfather with a flaming temper and an evil secret makes Gerald miserable, and the only light in his grim life is Angel, his young stepsister. Gerald and Angel grow close as he strives to protect her from Jordan, his abusive stepfather, and from their substance addicted mother. But Gerald learns, painfully, that his past can't be extinguished, and that he must be strong enough to face Jordan in a final confrontation, once and for all...

Keesha's House – Frost, Helen ISBN: 0-374-34064-1 (128 pages)

Keesha has found a safe place to live, and other kids gravitate to her house when they just can't make it on their own. They are Stephie – pregnant, trying to make the right decisions for herself and those she cares about; Jason – Stephie's boyfriend, torn between his responsibility to Stephie and the baby and the promise of a college basketball career; Dontay – in foster care while his parents are in prison, feeling unwanted both inside and outside the system; Carmen – arrested on a DUI charge, waiting in a juvenile detention center for a judge to hear her case; Harris – disowned by his father after disclosing that he's gay, living in his car, and taking care of himself; Katie – angry at her mother's loyalty to an abusive stepfather, losing herself in long hours of work and school.

Kissing Doorknobs- Spencer Hesser, Terry ISBN: 0440413141 (149 pages)

From early on, Tara Sullivan had her worries. As a kindergartner, she lived in terror that something bad would happen to her mother while she was away at school. In grade school, Tara cried and panicked during fire drills. For years she was plagued by anxieties, but she managed to behave like an almost normal girl. Then, when she was eleven, it happened. Tara heard the phrase that changed her life: Step on a crack, break your mother's back. Before Tara knew what was happening, she was counting the cracks in the sidewalk everywhere she went.

Over time, Tara's "quirks" changed and multiplied. To calm herself, she arranged her meals carefully, chatted with troll dolls, and recited prayers over and over. She didn't like behaving so oddly; she only knew she had to if she wanted to feel better.

Tara's troubles only got worse when, one day, she developed a new ritual: She kissed her fingers and touched a doorknob...

Learning to Swim- Turner, Ann ISBN: 0439528313 (113 pages)

Ann Turner's memories of a family summer vacation keep coming back "like a skunk dog / on the porch / whining to get in." For Turner, telling her story to the world is what sets that skunk dog running. Divided into three sections, "sailing," "sinking," and "swimming," the book chronicles a holiday trip through the eyes of a very young girl--small enough to use a pink swimming ring in Dresser's Pond, play dress-up, and run races. It's Kevin, an older boy from down the street, with the "hands that grab," who takes her upstairs under the pretense of reading to her ("a secret time for us / and never, ever tell"), and she doesn't even know she can say no. In seemingly simple language, Turner walks us through the little girl's forever-altered world, past the place where the truth comes out and healing can begin.

My Sister's Keeper - Picoult, Jodi ISBN: 0743454537 (448 pages)

Anna is not sick, but she might as well be. By age thirteen, she has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots so that her older sister, Kate, can somehow fight the leukemia that has plagued her since childhood. The product of preimplantation genetic diagnosis, Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate a life and a role she has never challenged... until now. Like most teenagers, Anna is beginning to question who she truly is. But unlike most teenagers, she has always been defined in terms of her sister-and so Anna makes a decision that for most would be unthinkable, a decision that will tear her family apart and perhaps have fatal consequences for the sister she loves.

Secret Life of Bees, The - Kidd, Sue ISBN: 0142001740 (336 pages)

Set in South Carolina in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees* tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped by the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted black "stand-in mother," Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily decides to spring them both free. They escape to Tiburon, South Carolina- a town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters, Lily is introduced to their mesmerizing world of bees and honey, and the Black Madonna.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants - Brashares, Ann ISBN: 0385730586 (336 pages)

As four lifelong friends prepare to split up for the summer, they discover that the second-hand jeans look good on all of them, despite their different physiques. They promise to rotate the jeans among them and, upon their reunion at summer's end, record their favorite adventures on the pant legs. These magical pants serve as a substitute friend for each girl as she is tested that summer, from Carmen, who goes to visit her father only to find out he's engaged to a woman with two teenage kids, to Tibby, who befriends a precocious 12-year-old cancer victim. Even though they are separated for most of the summer, the friends communicate their love and understanding for one another.

Skin I'm In, The - Flake, Sharon G. ISBN: 0786813075 (176 pages)

So begins the story of Maleeka Madison, a child burdened with the low self-esteem that many black girls face when they are darker skinned. When Maleeka lays eyes on her new teacher, Miss Saunders, she encounters someone who, she feels, is worse off than she is. Miss Saunders's skin, which is blotched with a rare skin condition, comes to serve as a mirror to Maleeka's struggle. Miss Saunders is tough-she doesn't stand for the snickers and the shouts that her students hurl at her. But can Maleeka stand up to tough-talking Charlese? Will she ever accept Caleb's friendship, the unconditional acceptance he's been showing her from the get go? And how can she ever learn to love the skin she's in?

Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy – Sones, Sonya ISBN: 0064462188 (160 pages)

It happens just like that, in the blink of an eye. An older sister has a mental breakdown and has to be hospitalized. A younger sister is left behind to cope with a family torn apart by grief and friends who turn their backs on her. But worst of all is the loss of her big sister, her confidante, her best friend, who has gone someplace no one can reach.

In the tradition of *The Bell Jar*, *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*, and *Lisa, Bright and Dark* comes this haunting first book told in poems, and based on the true story of the author's life.

Stuck in Neutral- Trueman, Terry ISBN: 0064472132 (128 pages)

Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel loves the taste of smoked oysters and his mother's gentle hugs. Unfortunately, it's impossible for Shawn to feed himself or to hug his mom back. Shawn has cerebral palsy, a condition he has had since birth that has robbed him of all muscle control. He can't walk, talk, or even focus his eyes on his own. But despite all these handicaps, despite the frustration of not being able to communicate, Shawn is still happy to be alive: "Somehow all the things I think about and remember turn to joy... favorite movies... pinecones... chocolate pudding... the scent of Comet in a stainless steel sink.... Life can be great, even for me. Even for me." That is why he panics when he begins to suspect that his father is thinking of killing him. Shawn knows that his father is trying to be kind; he imagines that his son's life is an endless torment. His dad has no idea of the rich life that Shawn lives inside his head. And Shawn, helpless and mute, has no way of telling him.

Books On Our Shelf - Annotated Book List

Bottled Up- Murray, Jaye ISBN: 0-14-240240-0 (220 pages)



Pip's desperate to escape his life-he's been skipping classes, drinking, getting high...anything and everything to avoid his smug teachers, his sweet but needy little brother, and his home life. Now he's been busted by Principal Giraldi, and given an ultimatum: either he shows up for all his classes and sees a counselor after school, or he's expelled. Pip's freaked out; not because he might get kicked out of school but by the thought that Giraldi might call his father. Pip will do anything to avoid his father.

Breathing Under Water - Flinn, Alex ISBN: 0-06-029198-2 (263 pages)

Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend, Caitlin, and ordered to keep a journal, sixteen-year-old Nick recounts his relationship with Caitlin, examines his controlling behavior and anger, and describes living with his abusive father.

Cut - McCormick, Patricia ISBN: 0-439-32459-9 (151 pages)

Callie cuts herself. Never too deep, never to die, but enough to feel the pain, enough to feel the scream inside. Now she is at Sea Pines, a

“residential treatment facility” filled with girls struggling with problems of their own. Callie doesn’t want to have anything to do with them. She doesn’t want to have anything to do with anyone. She won’t even speak. But Callie can only stay silent for so long...

Fat Kid Rules the World – Going, K.L. ISBN: 0399239901 (187 pages)

Troy Billings is seventeen, 296 pounds, friendless, utterly miserable, and about to step off the subway platform in front of an oncoming train. Until he meets Curt MacCrae, an emaciated, semi-homeless, high school dropout guitar genius, the stuff of which Lower East Side punk rock legends are made. Never mind that Troy’s dad thinks Curt’s a drug addict, and Troy’s brother thinks Troy’s the biggest (literally) loser in Manhattan. Soon, Curt’s recruited Troy as his new drummer-despite the fact that Troy can’t play the drums. Together, Curt and Troy will change the world of punk, and Troy’s own life, forever.

Ghost Boy- Hossack, Sylvie ISBN: 0-440-41668-X (326 Pages)

Harold Kline is an albino-an outcast. Folks stare and taunt, calling him Ghost Boy. So when the circus comes to town, Harold runs off to join it.

Full of colorful performers, the circus seems like the answer to Harold’s loneliness. He’s eager to meet the Cannibal King, a sideshow attraction who’s an albino too. Harold is touched that Princess Minikin and the Fossil Man, two other sideshow curiosities, embrace him like a son. He’s in love with Flip, the beguiling horse trainer, and awed by the all-knowing Gypsy Magda. Most of all, Harold is proud of training the elephants, and of earning respect and a sense of normalcy. Even at the circus, though, two groups exist- the freaks and everyone else.

Harold straddles the two groups. But before he can find a place to call home, Harold must recognize the truth beneath what seem apparent... Also see the Walt Disney Video title: Powder (1995, PG-13)

Give a Boy a Gun - Strasser, Todd ISBN: 0-689-84893-5 (208 pages)

For as long as they can remember, Brendan and Gary have been mercilessly teased and harassed by the jocks who rule Middletown High. But not anymore. Stealing a small arsenal of guns from a neighbor, they take their classmates hostage at a school dance. In the panic of this desperate situation, it soon becomes clear that only one thing matters to Brendan and Gary: revenge.

Hanging on to Max- Bechard, Margaret ISBN: 0-689-86268-7 (204 pages)

It's Sam Pettigrew's last year of high school. And he's spending it figuring out how, at age seventeen, he is supposed to care for his baby son, Max. Max wasn't part of the plan. But he's here now, and Sam is attending an alternative high school with other teen parents like himself. Talk about a wake-up call. But Sam is determined to make it work, to show everyone-his dad, his new girlfriend, himself-that he has what it takes to be a good dad. Trading footballs for diaper bags and college brochures for feeding schedules, Sam gives fatherhood his best shot. Only no one told him it would be this hard. What if his best isn't good enough?

Hope Was Here - Bauer, Joan ISBN: 0142404241 (186 pages)

Hope is a 16-year-old girl who has taken a strong name because "hope is just about the best thing a person can have." When you've finished this book you'll be able to run a first-rate diner and a small town campaign for mayor. Optimism and humor abound in this book, one of the many strong characters to admire has leukemia and demonstrates great courage in the way he lives and makes a difference in Hope's life and his community.

Joey Pigza Loses Control - Gantos, Jack ISBN: 0064410226 (196 pages)

Joey, an ADHD special ed student, is about to spend six weeks with his dad, a recovering alcoholic, and grandma, a heavy smoker with emphysema. Mom has mixed feelings since her ex-husband is just like Joey, only bigger. Baseball may be the path to bring Joey and his dad together until Joey's dad starts drinking heavily again and flushes Joey's meds down the toilet. Joey is a character many students will recognize.

Mick Harte Was Here - Park, Barbara ISBN: 0679882030 (89 pages)

Usually when you make a poor decision, you luck out. Once in a while, something changes forever. Mick never fell off his bike, so he refused to wear a bike helmet. Now the lives of Phoebe and her family and friends have been turned upside down. Unit companion: Taste of Blackberries Smith, Doris Buchanan (FIC SMI)

Monster- Myers, Dean ISBN: 0-8037-2897-2 (281 pages)

"Monster" is what the prosecutor called 16-year-old Steve Harmon for his supposed role in the fatal shooting of a convenience store owner. But was Steve really the lookout who gave the "all clear" to the murderer, or was he just in the wrong place at the wrong time? In this innovative novel by Walter Dean Myers, the reader becomes both juror and witness during the trial of Steve's life. To calm his nerves as he sits in the courtroom, aspiring filmmaker Steve chronicles the proceedings in movie script format. Interspersed throughout his screenplay are journal writings that provide insight into Steve's life before the murder and his feelings about being held in prison during the trial. "They take away your shoelaces and your belt so you can't kill yourself no matter how bad it is. I guess making you live is part of the punishment."

Prep - Coburn, Jake ISBN: 0-525-47135-9 (182 pages)

Nick, Prep's protagonist, is trying to leave his former self— a prep-school hoodlum intent on reputation racing— behind for a future less vicious and more meaningful. When the younger brother of his sole confidant, Kris— a girl whose love he aspires for but as yet has not sought— becomes the target of one of the most vicious gangs in the area, Nick gets pulled back into his old culture of reckless partying and gangland posturing to protect him. The society he had left behind was dangerous but exciting as well; the portrayal of the fast and furious lifestyles is presented with a certain allure, and as Nick is tempted to return to his old ways, so might some readers view them in a flattering light.

Prep features an unexpected world of upper-crust prep-school teenagers whose hedonistic lives are fueled by the quest for street credentials, a reputation built upon substance use excess, sexual conquest, and a proclivity for physical violence. The siren song that threatens to pull Nick away from a more healthy future can be heard in our own halls and streets; for some students this will be an engaging way to face the music and judge it on its merits.

Running Out of Time - Haddix, Margaret Peterson ISBN: 0-689-80084-3 (184 pages)

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

Sang Spell - Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds **ISBN:** 0689820062 (176 pages)

Josh is hitchhiking through Appalachia when he finds himself a prisoner in a village of people known as Melungeons. Can he survive and can he escape? Or does he really want to? This fantasy has mystery and adventure as well as a strong historical fiction element that is further explained in the afterword. The title refers to ginseng, called 'sang, the major cash crop for the community.

Silent to the Bone - Konigsburg, E.L. **ISBN:** 0-6898-3602-3 (269 pages)

Thirteen-year-old Branwell Zamborska falls mute in the middle of a 911 phone call made after his baby sister is discovered to be unresponsive. Branwell's friend Connor is the only person who can communicate with Branwell to uncover the secret of what really happened to baby Nikki. Branwell's inability to speak makes Connor's search for the truth much more difficult.

Skin Game - Kettlewell, Caroline **ISBN:** 0-312-20011-0 (178 pages)

This poignant and powerful memoir tracks the history of a 12 year-old girl as she begins her 20+-year struggle with cutting, anorexia, and sexual promiscuity. It contains poetic, seductive, and graphic descriptions of self-mutilation with razor blades, knives, and glass. By the end of this story Kettlewell has conquered some of her demons and is on the road to recovery.

Someone Like You – Dessen, Sarah **ISBN:** 0142401773 (281 pages)

Halley and Scarlett have been friends for years. People know Scarlett as the popular, flamboyant one; Halley's just the quiet sidekick, but she doesn't mind. The two of them balance each other perfectly – until the beginning of their junior year. Then, Scarlett's boyfriend Michael is killed in a motorcycle accident; soon afterward, she learns that she is carrying his baby. For the first time, Scarlett really needs Halley. Their friendship may bend under the weight, but it'll never break – because a true friendship is a promise you keep forever.

Speak - Anderson, Laurie Halse **ISBN:** 0-14-131088-X (198 pages)

Melinda starts her first day of high school as an outcast. All her old friends refuse to speak to her or taunt her with names. She is the one who called the cops at a summer party. Melinda moves through the year afraid and refuses to speak to most people. Late in the school year she reveals that she was raped at the party and she finds her voice again.

Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes – Crutcher, Chris **ISBN:** 0-06-009489-3 (295 pages)

Sarah Byrnes and Eric have been friends for years. When they were children, his fat and her terrible scars made them both outcasts. Later, although swimming slimmed Eric, she stayed his closet friend. Now Sarah Byrnes the smartest, toughest person Eric has ever known sits silent in a hospital. Eric must uncover the terrible secret she is hiding, before its dark currents pull them both under.

Turnabout – Haddix, Margaret Peterson **ISBN:** 141693653X (223 pages)

In the year 2000 Melly and Anny Beth were old and ready to die. But when offered the chance to be young again by participating in a top-secret experiment called Project Turnabout, they agreed. They received injections that made them grow younger, and it seemed like a miracle. But when the injections that were supposed to stop the unaging process turned out to be deadly, Melly and Anny Beth decided to run for their lives.

Now it is 2085. Melly and Anny Beth are teenagers. They have no idea what will happen once they are babies again, but they do know they will soon be too young to take care of themselves. They need to find someone to help them before time runs out, once and for all...

Whale Talk – Crutcher, Chris **ISBN:** 0-440-22938-3 (220 pages)

There's bad news and good news about the Cutter High School swim team. The bad news is that they don't have a pool. The good news is that only one of them can swim anyway.

A group of misfits brought together by T.J. Jones, the cutter All Night Mermen struggle to find their places in a school that has no place for them. T.J. is convinced that a varsity letter jacket – unattainable for most, exclusive, revered, the symbol (as far as T.J. is concerned) of all that is screwed up at Cutter High – will be an effective tool. He's right. He's also

wrong. Still, it's always the quest that counts. And the bus on which the Mermen travel to swim meets soon becomes the space where they gradually allow themselves to talk, to fit, to grow.

Together they'll fight for dignity in a world where tragedy and comedy dance side by side, where a moment's inattention can bring lifelong heartache, and where true acceptance is the only prescription for what ails us.

Whirligig - Fleischman, Paul ISBN:0-440-22835-2 (133 pages)

New to town, Brent Bishop longs to stroll around school with the popular Brianna on his arm. But when Brianna begs him at a party full of schoolmates to stop hounding her, Brent's hopes are shattered. Trying to escape his humiliation, he attempts to destroy himself in a car crash and ends up killing Lea, an innocent teen unfortunate enough to cross his path.

Lea's mother asks one thing of Brent: that he create four whirligigs from a picture of Lea and set them up at the four corners of the United States. Lea's mother believes that by spreading the joy that whirligigs gave Lea as a child, Brent will keep Lea's spirit alive.

And so Brent goes off with an unlimited bus ticket and the tools he needs to memorialize Lea. On his journey, he rediscovers his own love of life, and begins to realize how- like the pieces that form the intricate whirligigs- people come together to affect each other in surprising ways.

You Remind Me of You - Corrigan, Eireann ISBN: 0-439-29771-0 (123 pages)

You Remind Me of You is a compelling memoir offering a dark window into the anatomy the author's afflicted adolescence. Corrigan's evocative and conversational free-verse poems, 63 of them tied into 123 pages, project the insecurity that fed her anorexia and the co-dependent relationship she embarked upon; these two topics provide the defining elements of her adolescence and this volume. The focus on her vulnerable and self-destructive mindset threatens to anchor the reader in melancholy or despair, but periodic glimpses of glee and contentment pulls the reader through to the end, when it becomes apparent that despite all the damage, Eireann Corrigan has faced her demons, lived to tell about it, and is on to better things.

Book Recommendations		State Standards																				Comprehensive Health Topics																
		A: Core Knowledge											B: Well -Being				C: Relationships			D: Family & Community																		
		Eating Habits	Physical Fitness	Personal Hygiene	Harmful Substances	Safety	Environmental Conditions	Addictions	Patterns of Abuse	Diseases	Disorders	Injuries	Consumer Health	Career Choices	Sexual Development	Life Span	Responsible Decision Making	Communication Skills	Culture, Heritage, Traditions	Self Image	Resolving Conflict	Similarities & Differences	Respect	Attitude & Behavior	Responsible Actions	Public Policy	Public/Private Organizations	Volunteer Service	Drug Prevention	Community Health	Consumer Health	Environmental Health	Injury Prevention	Nutrition	Physical Activity	Personal Health	Family living & Sexuality	Tobacco Prevention
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