

Speak: A Must-Read for Young Adults and Adults Alike

Laurie Halse Anderson's groundbreaking novel *Speak* is a powerful and unforgettable story about the serious and often unspoken issues of sexual assault and its aftermath. This beautifully written and emotionally resonant book gives a voice to victims and survivors, and offers a message of hope and healing.



Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

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Speak tells the story of Melinda Sordino, a 14-year-old girl who was raped at the end of the summer. Melinda is traumatized by the experience, and she withdraws from her friends and family, unable to speak about what happened. As the new school year begins, Melinda begins to isolate herself, skipping classes and avoiding social situations. She develops an eating disorder, and she starts to self-harm.

But Melinda is not alone. There are people who care about her, and who want to help her heal. Her therapist, Dr. Kleinfelter, helps Melinda to understand the complex emotions she is experiencing. Her art teacher, Mr. Freeman, encourages her to express herself through her artwork. And her best friend, Heather, stands by her side, offering unwavering support.

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About the Author

Laurie Halse Anderson is an award-winning author of young adult fiction. She is best known for her novel *Speak*, which won the National Book Award for Young People's Literature in 1999. Anderson has also written several other novels for young adults, including *Wintergirls*, *Chains*, and *The Impossible Knife of Memory*.

Reviews

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