

Thirteen Reasons Why

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Clay Jensen returns home from school one day to find a mysterious box with his name on it lying on his porch. Inside, he discovers thirteen cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker, his crush who just committed suicide two weeks earlier. On tape, Hannah explains that there are thirteen reasons why she decided to end her life. Clay is one of them. If he listens, he'll find out why he made the list. There is nothing forcing him to do it, but he can't help wondering about those thirteen reasons why...

This was a beauty and heartbreaking story. I liked almost everything about this book. The author made me grieve over a girl I never knew, while also intriguing me as to the reason behind her death. The mystery keeps the book going, while never losing sight of the fact that this is about a girl ending her life. These topics should never be written about lightly, and Jay Asher does a good job avoiding that. There's not much else to say except that the story tugs at your heart and the writing is beautiful.

I would recommend this book for ages 14+ since this story deals with mature topics like suicide. This book would be a great gift to anybody interested in realistic fiction and stories that tug at your heart.

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