



[Death Wind](#) by William Bell

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*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 8 Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Allie's life has just taken a turn for the worse; not only do her parents fight all the time, but she is failing more classes than not and now she thinks she might be pregnant. Unable to face up to her parents she decides to run away. She hooks up with her old friend Razz, a professional skateboarder, and goes on the road. Razz is ranked number one but constant confrontations with the challenger Slash put Allie in some dangerous situations. With the rivalry heating up, Razz and Allie head toward home--right into the path of a fierce tornado. To survive in the horror and destruction that follow the storm, Allie has to call on an inner strength she didn't know she had.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A fast-paced, exciting work...readers are kept enough on edge to see the story through to the end."--*School Library Journal*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) Our Choice, **Commended, 2003**
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Quick Picks, **Commended, 2003**

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

Death Wind [Teacher Guide](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

ACLU of Texas [Response to North East Independent School District Book Removals](#)

ACLU of Texas [Response to Granbury Independent School District Book Removals](#)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.