



***Someone I Used to Know* by Patty Blount**

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*Age Range: 14-17 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 9 Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

From the award-winning author of *Some Boys* comes an unflinching examination of rape culture that delves into a family torn apart by sexual assault.

It's been two years since the night that changed Ashley's life. Two years since she was raped by her brother's teammate. And a year since she sat in a court and watched as he was given a slap on the wrist sentence. But the years have done nothing to stop the pain.

It's been two years of hell for Derek. His family is totally messed up and he and his sister are barely speaking. He knows he handled it all wrong. Now at college, he has to come to terms with what happened, and the rape culture that he was inadvertently a part of that destroyed his sister's life.

When it all comes to head at Thanksgiving, Derek and Ashley have to decide if their relationship is able to be saved. And if their family can ever be whole again.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Blount has written a heartrending but much-needed view on this subject. This book provides a nuanced look at the toxicity of rape culture and the long-lasting and harming aftermath of sexual assault." —[School Library Journal](#)

"The book clearly emphasizes that rape culture's pervasiveness can only be mitigated by reexamining society at large. Realistic and relevant." —[Booklist](#)

"There are readers who want this story and some who need it." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2018 Junior Library Guild Selection
- 2019 Rise: A Feminist Book Project
- 2019 Amelia Bloomer List
- 2019 The Best Children's Books of the Year

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- 2019 Athena Award (YA Contemporary and Best of the Best)
- 2020-2021 Gateway Award Nominee

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Discussion Guide](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

[TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT](#): Hundreds of books pulled from Florida schools listed in new DOE release. Here are the titles

- Clark County, Indian River County, Florida

[ACLU SOUTH CAROLINA](#): Dorchester 2 schools face the biggest book purge yet. The school board should fight back.

- Dorchester School District 2, South Carolina
- “School board members should take courage in the fact that copy-and-paste book ban requests like this one are both immensely unpopular and clearly prohibited under existing district policy. We encourage the district to throw this book challenge in the recycling bin and continue the vital work of education,” said ACLU-SC Executive Director Jace Woodrum.

[ALA JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM & PRIVACY](#): Reported in: Houston Chronicle, December 8, 2021, April 6, 2022; KTRK, February 28, 2022.

- Prosper Independent School District, Texas
- The National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) sent a letter to Prosper ISD’s board of trustees on March 23, stating that “it is entirely improper for district employees to ignore duly adopted district regulations.” NCAC informed them that “ignoring book challenge procedures exposes the district to potential legal liability.”

AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

***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.

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