



***Thunderbowl* by Lesley Choyce**

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*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 12+ (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Jeremy's band is hot--really hot. Thunderbowl is on the way up and they have had their first big break--a long-term gig at a local bar. The only problem is that while Jeremy should be doing his homework and keeping up in school, he is spending most nights in a rowdy club, trying to keep the band together while his life is falling apart. Trying to balance his dreams of success with the hard realities of the music business, Jeremy is forced to make some tough choices.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"The story line is well peppered with tension and action. The subject matter and brusque style of presentation may also help to invite teen readers to turn off the rock music and pick up the book. Recommended."—*Canadian Book Review Annual*

"Choyce creates a book in which the plot starts quickly and the reader is instantly attached to the main character...Any teacher or librarian who works with reluctant readers should definitely include this book."—*VOYA*

"This book would certainly appeal to teenagers. The language is inviting without being intimidating. Jeremy's voice rings true as it highlights his passion for music...The story deals with teenage angst without being corny or superficial."—*Resource Links*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Quick Picks | 2005 | Short-listed
- Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) Our Choice, starred selection | 2005 | Commended
- Resource Links, The Year's Best Books | 2004 | Commended

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AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

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***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.