



Dime by E.R. Frank

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*Age Range: 14+ (Suggested by Publisher)

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

BOOK SYNOPSIS

As a teen girl in Newark, New Jersey, lost in the foster care system, Dime just wants someone to care about her, to love her. A family. And that is exactly what she gets—a daddy and two “wifeys.” So what if she has to go out and earn some coins to keep her place? It seems a fair enough exchange for love.

Dime never meant to become a prostitute. It happened so gradually, she pretty much didn't realize it was happening until it was too late.

But when a new “wifey” joins the family and Dime finds out that Daddy doesn't love her the way she thought he did, will Dime have the strength to leave? And will Daddy let her?

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ “This book is gritty, graphic, and shatteringly painful to read. It's also a masterfully told, unforgettable tale of what hope looks like in desperate circumstances, and of the struggle to find power in one's voice.”—[Booklist](#), starred review

“Dime's desire to save her friend transcends artifice and approaches heroism, making for a tremendously affecting novel.” —[Kirkus](#)

★ “Written from the perspective of Dime, who is anxious to compose a “note” that could save at least one innocent victim, the novel frankly depicts the physical abuse and emotional manipulation that tie young girls to their keepers.” —[Publishers Weekly](#), starred review

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers Nominee
- Kansas NEA Reading Circle List High School Title
- NYPL Best Books for Teens
- Amelia Bloomer List

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- ALA/YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults - Top Ten
- TAYSHAS Reading List Top Ten Title (TX)
- In the Margins Top Ten List

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Tampa Bay Times: An Interview with E.R. Frank](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [Up In Flames Essay by E.R. Frank](#)

AUTHOR STATEMENT

“If you read any challenged titles and feel your child isn’t ready for them, you have every right to forbid her those books. But if you *ban* books, you’re forbidding other people’s children from reading them, too,” –E.R. Frank

***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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