



[Crank](#) by Ellen Hopkins

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*Age Range: 14+ (Suggested by Publisher)

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

BOOK SYNOPSIS

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling tale of addiction—the first in the Crank trilogy—from master poet Ellen Hopkins.

*Life was good
before I
met
the monster.*

*After,
life
was great,
At
least*

for a little while.

Kristina Snow is the perfect daughter: gifted high school junior, quiet, never any trouble. Then, Kristina meets the monster: crank. And what begins as a wild, ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul—her life.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Hypnotic and jagged free verse wrenchingly chronicles 16-year-old Kristina’s addiction to crank . . . Powerful and unsettling.”—[Kirkus](#)

“Nonfiction author Hopkins pens her first novel, written in verse, introducing 15-year-old narrator Kristina, who reveals how she became addicted to crank, and how the stimulant turned her from straight-A student to drug dealer, and eventually a teen mom.”—[Publishers Weekly](#)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- ALA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults - Top Ten
- ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
- ALA/YALSA Teens' Top Ten - NOMINEE
- Charlotte Award Suggested Reading List (NY)
- Gateway Readers Award (MO)
- Gateway Readers Award Final Nominee (MO)
- Green Mountain Book Award (VT)
- Green Mountain Book Award Master List (VT)
- ILA Young Adults' Choices
- Joan F. Kaywell Book Award - Honoree (FL)
- Kentucky Bluegrass Award Master List
- Lincoln Award (IL)
- Lincoln Award: Illinois Teen Readers' Choice Master List
- *New York Times* Bestseller
- NYPL Best Books for Teens
- Pennsylvania School Librarian Association (PSLA) "Top Ten (Or So)" Young Adult Books
- Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults
- PSLA Fiction List
- Soaring Eagle Book Award (WY)
- SSLI Book Award Honor Book
- YALSA Teens Top Ten (TTT) Nominee

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Reading Group Guide](#)
- [The Salt Lake Tribune Interviews Ellen Hopkins](#)
- [The Daily Beast article](#)
- [Huffington Post article](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

[KIDS' RIGHT TO READ PROTESTS EFFORTS TO CENSOR YA AUTHOR ELLEN HOPKINS](#)

[NCAC DEMANDS RETURN OF 13 BOOKS BY ELLEN HOPKINS TO HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARIES](#)

[NCAC PROTESTS CANCELLATION OF ELLEN HOPKINS APPEARANCE AT TEEN LIT FEST IN TEXAS](#)

AUTHOR STATEMENT

"My daughter went to church; she was a straight-A kid. She had everything going for her. She met a guy and her life, her dreams, were gone at 18 years old . . . So, if I could turn one kid off from that path, I would be happy." —Ellen Hopkins

"Censorship comes from a place of fear. We fear that which is different, what we cannot comprehend. Books gift us with understanding, empower us with knowledge. So, obviously, would-be censors have it all wrong." —Ellen Hopkins

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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.

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