



***Glass* by Ellen Hopkins**

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*Age Range: 14+ (Suggested by Publisher)

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

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Crank. Glass. Ice. Crystal. Whatever you call it, it's all the same: a monster. And once it's got hold of you, this monster will never let you go.

Kristina thinks she can control the urge, the addiction, the monster trying to drag her down. Now with a baby to care for, she's determined to be the one deciding when and how much, the one calling the shots. But the monster is too strong, and before she knows it, Kristina is back in its grips. She needs the monster to keep going, to face the pressures of day-to-day life. She needs it to feel alive.

Once again the monster takes over Kristina's life and she will do anything for it, including giving up the one person who gives her the unconditional love she craves—her baby.

A vivid portrait of a victim to addiction, this sequel to *Crank* is the continuing story of Kristina and her descent back to hell. Told in verse, it's a harrowing and disturbing look at addiction and the damage that it inflicts.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Heartrending and intimately honest, Hopkins' novel, based on her own daughter's experiences, reveals addiction's brutality but also honors a young person's capacity to face injurious, life-altering choices with courage." —[Booklist](#)

"Hopkins's minimalist verse perfectly demonstrates Kristina's dissociation and muddled despair. Hypnotically sad, with a realistic lack of closure." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"Hopkins's hard-hitting free-verse novel, a sequel, picks up where *Crank* left off . . . [R]eaders will be amazed at how quickly they work their way through this thick book—and by how much they learn about crystal meth and the toll it takes, both on addicts and their families." —*Publishers Weekly*

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
- Children's Sequoyah Book Award Master List (OK)
- High School Sequoyah Book award Master List (OK)
- ALA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
- The Flume: New Hampshire Teen Reader's Choice Award Nominee
- Joan F. Kaywell Book Award - Honoree (FL)
- WY Soaring Eagle Book Award - 1st Runner Up

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Reading Group Guide](#)
- [Ellen Hopkins: Sculpting the Words Behind Glass](#)

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

“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

*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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