



### **Smoke by Ellen Hopkins**

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\*Age Range: 14+ (Suggested by Publisher)

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

## **BOOK SYNOPSIS**

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Pattyn Von Stratten's father is dead, and Pattyn is on the run. After far too many years of abuse at the hands of her father, and after the tragic loss of her beloved Ethan and their unborn child, Pattyn is desperate for peace. Only her sister Jackie knows what happened that fatal night, but she is stuck at home with their mother, who clings to normalcy by allowing the truth to be covered up by their domineering community leaders. Her father might be finally gone, but without Pattyn, Jackie is desperately isolated.

Alone and in disguise, Pattyn starts a new life as a migrant worker on a California ranch. But is it even possible to rebuild a life when everything you've known has burned to ash and lies seem far safer than the truth?

Bestselling author Ellen Hopkins continues the riveting story of Pattyn Von Stratten she began in *Burned* to explore what it takes to rise from the ashes, put ghosts to rest, and step into a future.

## **REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

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"In her poetic sequel to [Burned](#) (2006), Hopkins pays homage to the old adage "The truth shall set you free." Hopkins also tackles issues of immigration, homosexuality, bullying, Mormon extremism, and America's shadowy antigovernment militia, making for a compelling and thought-provoking read." —[Booklist](#)

"A strong, painful and tender piece about wresting hope from the depths of despair." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

## **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

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- ILA Young Adults' Choices
- Garden State Teen Book Award Nominee (NJ)
- Blue Spruce YA Book Award Nominee (CO)
- CBC Children's Choice Book Award Finalist
- Joan F. Kaywell Book Award - Honoree (FL)
- MSTA Reading Circle List

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## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [Reading Group Guide](#)
- [ACLU Article: Here's What You Lose When You Ban My Books](#)
- [EW: Ellen Hopkins Talks 'Smoke', the much-anticipated sequel to 'Burned'](#)

## RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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[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

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"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

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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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