



**Tilt** by Ellen Hopkins

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

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

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## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Three teens, three stories—all interconnected through their parents' family relationships. As the adults pull away, caught up in their own dilemmas, the lives of the teens begin to tilt...

Mikayla, almost eighteen, is over-the-top in love with Dylan, who loves her back. But what happens to that love when Mikayla gets pregnant the summer before their senior year—and decides to keep the baby?

Shane turns sixteen that same summer and falls hard in love with his first boyfriend, Alex, who happens to be HIV positive. Shane has lived for four years with his little sister's impending death. Can he accept Alex's love, knowing that his life, too, will be shortened?

Harley is fourteen—a good girl searching for new experiences, especially love from an older boy. She never expects to hurdle toward self-destructive extremes in order to define who she is and who she wants to be.

Love, in all its forms, has crucial consequences in this standalone novel.

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## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"As a cautionary tale, it offers helpful insights into the continuing presence of HIV in teen lives and the urgency of making better choices in matters involving sex." —[Booklist](#)

"In Hopkins's usual style, the characters' lives are described in graphic, biting honest, and voluminous verse, all attributes her fans have come to expect and love." —[School Library Journal](#)

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## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers
- ILA Young Adults' Choices
- Joan F. Kaywell Book Award - Honoree (FL)
- MSTA Reading Circle List
- ALA/YALSA Teens' Top Ten - NOMINEE

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## **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

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- [Reading Group Guide](#)
- [Tilt Book Trailer](#)
- [Teen Librarian Toolbox Blog Post](#)
- [Los Angeles Times Interview: Ellen Hopkins talks about 'Tilt' and the power of books...](#)
- [Entertainment Weekly Interview: Ellen Hopkins discusses new YA novel, 'Tilt'](#)

## **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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