



Trail of Crumbs by Lisa J. Lawrence

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*Age Range: 12+ (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 12+ (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

After moving into a dank and drafty basement suite in West Edmonton with her truck-driving father, nasty stepmother, and Ash, her taciturn twin brother, seventeen-year-old Greta doesn't have high expectations for her last year of high school.

When she blacks out at a party and is told the next day that she's had sex, she thinks things can't get any worse. She's wrong. While Greta deals with the confusion and shame of that night, her stepmother and father choose that moment to disappear, abandoning Ash and Greta to the mercy of their peculiar landlord, Elgin, who lives upstairs. Even as Greta struggles to make sense of what happened to her, she finds herself enjoying her new and very eccentric family, who provide the shelter and support that has long been absent from her life. Much to Greta's surprise, she realizes there is still kindness in the world—and hope.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Lawrence has an admirable relationship with the written word, and after many chapters of sharp edges and dark corners, readers will discover reason for hope."—*Kirkus Reviews*

"With realistic and appealing characters and a delicately constructed plot, this is a well-told story of strength, grace, and growth."—*Booklist*

"Fans of slow and serious emotional journeys of survival, like Laurie Halse Anderson's *Speak*, Sara Zarr's *Story of a Girl*, or Ashley Herring Blake's *Girl Made of Stars*, will find Greta's story especially moving" —*School Library Journal*

"This book offers a grand slam of excellent writing, well-developed characters, a compelling plot and a universal theme."—*Must Read Literature: K thru YA*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Junior Library Guild (JLG) Gold Standard Selection | 2019 | Commended

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- CCBC Best Books for Kids & Teens, starred selection | 2019 | Commended
- Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice Awards - Snow Willow | 2020 | Nominated

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