



***This is Where It Ends* by Marieke Nijkamp**

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\*Age Range: 14-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: Gr 7 Up (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

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## BOOK SYNOPSIS

**Go inside a heartbreaking fictional school shooting, minute-by-terrifying-minute. Everyone has a reason to fear the boy with the gun...**

**10:00 a.m.:** The principal of Opportunity, Alabama's high school finishes her speech, welcoming the entire student body to a new semester and encouraging them to excel and achieve.

**10:02 a.m.:** The students get up to leave the auditorium for their next class.

**10:03 a.m.:** The auditorium doors won't open.

**10:05 a.m.:** Someone starts shooting.

Over the course of 54 minutes, four students must confront their greatest hopes, and darkest fears, as they come face-to-face with the boy with the gun. In a world where violence in schools is at an all-time high and school shootings are a horrifyingly common reality for teenagers, *This Is Where It Ends* is a rallying cry to end the gun violence epidemic for good.

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## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"[A] compelling story of terror, betrayal, and heroism... This brutal, emotionally charged novel will grip readers and leave them brokenhearted." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"Love, loyalty, bravery, and loss meld into a chaotic, heart-wrenching mélange of issues that unite some and divide others. A highly diverse cast of characters, paired with vivid imagery and close attention to detail, set the stage for an engrossing, unrelenting tale." —[Publishers Weekly](#)

"With a thrilling narrative, topical subject matter, and diverse characters, this is a first purchase for libraries serving teens." —[School Library Journal](#)

"With narration firmly rooted in the moment and smooth transitions in and out of flashbacks, each first-person account reveals an intricate web of betrayal and pain that connects the four to Tyler and the horror he has unleashed." —*The Horn Book Magazine*

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## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- 2017 YALSA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers Readers
- 2017 YALSA Teens' Top Ten Choice List
- 2017 ILA Young Adults' Choices Reading List
- 2017 Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award Nominee
- 2017 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults (BFYA) Nominee
- 2019 Buckeye Teen Book Award Nominee
- 2016 Cybils Award Finalist
- 2017 CBC Teen Choice Book Award Finalist

## **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

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*Add link to discussion guide, author interviews, blog posts, or any additional resources that provide useful context about the book.*

- [Book Discussion Guide](#)
- [Marieke Nijkamp Horn Book Talks with Roger Interview](#)
- [Marieke Nijkamp interview in Shelf Awareness](#)
- [Publishers Weekly article on Marieke Nijkamp](#)
- [OverDrive Big Library Read Interview with Marieke Nijkamp](#)
  - [OverDrive Big Library Read page for \*This is Where It Ends\*](#)
- [Barnes & Noble interview with Marieke Nijkamp](#)
- [School Library Journal interview with Marieke Nijkamp](#)
- [School Library Journal Teen Librarian Toolbox YA Book Club Discussion of \*This is Where it Ends\*](#)
- [OverDrive Professional Book Nerds Podcast Interview](#)

## **RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES**

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**Ohio State Superintendent Jill Underly on [Elkhorn Area School District's book challenges](#):** Our school libraries are welcoming, exciting places for kids, where they can experience great stories, important histories and engage with big ideas and where they can be their full authentic selves without judgment.

## **AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)**

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### **\*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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