



BOOK RESUME: RAGE: A LOVE STORY

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Johanna is steadfast, patient, reliable; the go-to girl, the one everyone can count on. But always being there for others can't give Johanna everything she needs—it can't give her Reeve Hartt.

Reeve is fierce, beautiful, wounded, elusive; a flame that draws Johanna's fluttering moth. Johanna is determined to get her, against all advice, and to help her, against all reason. But love isn't always reasonable, right?

In the precarious place where attraction and need collide, a teenager experiences the dark side of a first love, and struggles to find her way into a new light.

Title: Rage: A Love Story

Author: Julie Ann Peters

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Age Range*: 14 and up

Grade Range: 9 and up

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Peters' descriptions of events, emotions, and points of view are vivid and her plotting . . . is airtight. . . . This book may feature her best writing yet and will make her many new fans." —*Booklist*

"A deeply human story of abuse and redemption." —*The Horn Book*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- National Book Award Finalist
- American Library Association Rainbow Project Bibliography, WINNER 2010
- Amelia Bloomer List Recommended Title, NOMINEE

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

The main character comes out as a lesbian and has a LGBTQ+ relationship. Author Julie Ann Peters writes acclaimed young adult novels that feature the universal truths and particular challenges of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender teens. The spark for *Rage* was ignited via a "why don't you write a story about . . ." request from a devoted teen reader struggling with an abusive relationship. After repeatedly turning down this inquiry, Julie Anne began to feel drawn to the challenge of portraying a relationship in which both parties contribute to the dysfunction, but where redemption could seem possible and authentic.

- The book presents readers with themes and content that are relevant and meaningful to their lives.
- Students should have the opportunity for access to the material as they work with their parents and the library media specialist to determine if the material is appropriate for them.

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