



[Nineteen Minutes](#) by Jodi Picoult

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*Age/Grade Range: High School & Up (Suggested by Publisher)

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

Jodi Picoult, bestselling author of *My Sister's Keeper* and *Small Great Things* pens her most riveting book yet, with a startling and poignant story about the devastating aftermath of a small-town tragedy.

Sterling is an ordinary New Hampshire town where nothing ever happens--until the day its complacency is shattered by a school shooting. Josie Cormier, the daughter of the judge sitting on the case, should be the state's best witness, but she can't remember what happened before her very own eyes--or can she? As the trial progresses, fault lines between the high school and the adult community begin to show--destroying the closest of friendships and families. *Nineteen Minutes* asks what it means to be different in our society, who has the right to judge someone else, and whether anyone is ever really who they seem to be.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ Bestseller Picoult takes on another contemporary hot-button issue in her brilliantly told new thriller. . . the author's insights into her characters' deep-seated emotions brings this ripped-from-the-headlines read chillingly alive."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Popular and prolific Picoult now tackles the troubling topic of a school shooting . . . Every bit as gripping and moving as Picoult's previous novels, *Nineteen Minutes* will no doubt garner considerable attention for its controversial subject and twist ending." —*Booklist*

"(*Nineteen Minutes* is) absorbing and expertly made. On one level, it's a thriller, complete with dismaying carnage, urgent discoveries and 11th-hour revelations, but it also asks serious moral questions about the relationship between the weak and the strong, questions that provide what school people call 'teachable moments.' If compassion can be taught, Picoult may be just the one to teach it." —*Washington Post*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Lincoln Award: Illinois Teen Readers' Choice Master List
- Texas Tayshas High School Reading List
- Iowa High School Book Award Nominee
- The Flume: New Hampshire Teen Reader's Choice Award Nominee

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MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Reading Group Guide](#)
- [Author Jodi Picoult's website resources](#)
- [Jodi Picoult Talks About Writing *Nineteen Minutes*](#)
- [Velshi Banned Book Club: Jodi Picoult urges readers to be louder than book banners](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [Five Publishers Join Penguin Random House in Iowa Censorship Lawsuit](#)
- [Best-selling author Jodi Picoult says Menomonee Falls School District won't discuss book ban](#)
- [Nearly 200 Percent Surge in School Book Bans During 2023-2024 School Year](#)
- [Jodi Picoult Says 'Books Are On The Ballot' After Her Book *Nineteen Minutes* Was the Most-Banned Book Last Year](#)
- [PEN America collaborated with Jodi Picoult on a video about her book *Nineteen Minutes* topping the list of banned books:
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AUTHOR STATEMENT

"Books bridge divides between people. Book bans create them." —Jodi Picoult

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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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